English Punctuation & Grammar: Hard Practice Paper 6

The Letter in the Attic

In these sentences there are some **punctuation and grammar** mistakes. The ten numbered lines follow on from one another and make one short passage. On each numbered line there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. The words are split into four groups, **A** to **D**. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter. **If there is no mistake, mark E.**

Q1.

For years the attic door had stayed locked, nobody had the key.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. For years the

B. attic door

C. had stayed locked,

D. nobody had the key.

E. No mistake

Q2.

Last summer, however, my uncle found a small brass key in a drawer.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. Last summer, however,

B. my uncle found

C. a small brass key

D. in a drawer.

E. No mistake

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Q3.

The row of dusty boxes were pushed against the wall under the window.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. The row of dusty boxes were

B. pushed against

C. the wall

D. under the window.

E. No mistake

Q4.

The largest box was full of letters, and every one had it’s own ribbon.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. The largest box

B. was full of letters,

C. and every one had it’s

D. own ribbon.

E. No mistake

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Q5.

One bundle held three things, a ring, a photograph and a folded letter.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. One bundle held

B. three things,

C. a ring, a photograph

D. and a folded letter.

E. No mistake

Q6.

The letter, which my uncle held very carefully had never been opened.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. The letter,

B. which my uncle

C. held very

D. carefully had never been opened.

E. No mistake

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Q7.

He turned it over; the paper was thin and brown at the edges.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. He turned it over;

B. the paper was thin

C. and brown

D. at the edges.

E. No mistake

Q8.

My great-grandfathers name was written across the front in faded ink.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. My great-grandfathers name

B. was written

C. across the front

D. in faded ink.

E. No mistake

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Q9.

My uncle wondered aloud whether we ought to open it at all?

A **B** **C** **D**

A. My uncle wondered

B. aloud whether

C. we ought to

D. open it at all?

E. No mistake

Q10.

There were far less answers in that letter than either of us had hoped.

A **B** **C** **D**

A. There were far

B. less answers

C. in that letter

D. than either of us had hoped.

E. No mistake

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