
Key: Answer, Page, Type, Learning Objective, Level

Type

A=Applied

C=Conceptual

F=Factual

Level

(1)=Easy; (2)=Moderate; (3)=Difficult

LO=Learning Objective

SG=Used in Study Guide

p=page

Multiple Choice Single Select

M/C Question 1

Words are the basic building blocks of English language. _____ are systems that deal with these building blocks.

- a) Lexicons
- b) Grammar

Consider This: Standard dictionaries are the chief source of our knowledge of the rules of this system of English language.

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- c) Semantics

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- d) Phonology

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ANS: a

Skill=Understand the Concepts, Objective=LO 2.1: Define lexicon, grammar, semantics and phonology, Topic=Words, Words, Words, Difficulty=Easy

M/C Question 2

_____ refers to the meanings of words that change over time, sometimes leading to the same word having multiple meanings.

- a) Semantics
- b) Grammar

Consider This: Media professionals should pay particular attention to this system of the English language because much of their work depends on a common understanding of the meanings of words.

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- c) Lexicon

Consider This: Media professionals should pay particular attention to this system of the English language because much of their work depends on a common understanding of the meanings of words.

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- d) Phonology

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Skill=Understand the Concepts, Objective=LO 2.1: Define lexicon, grammar, semantics and phonology, Topic=Words, Words, Words, Difficulty=Easy

M/C Question 3

What is a sentence called that has two independent clauses separated by a coordinating conjunction and a comma?

- a) Compound
- b) Simple

Consider This: Sometimes in this kind of sentence, a semicolon substitutes for the comma and the coordinating conjunction.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

- c) Complex

Consider This: Sometimes in this kind of sentence, a semicolon substitutes for the comma and the coordinating conjunction.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

- d) Compound-complex

Consider This: Sometimes in this kind of sentence, a semicolon substitutes for the comma and the coordinating conjunction.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

ANS: a

Skill=Understand the Concepts, Objective=LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it, Topic=Grammar, Difficulty=Easy

M/C Question 4

When a pronoun refers to a noun, the noun is called a(n)

- a) antecedent.

- b) dangling participle.

Consider This: The pronouns of these nouns should always agree with them.

LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

- c) appositive phrase.

Consider This: The pronouns of these nouns should always agree with them.

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- d) apostrophe.

Consider This: The pronouns of these nouns should always agree with them.

LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

ANS: a

Topic=Common grammar problems, Difficulty=Easy, Skill=Understand the Concepts, Objective=LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

M/C Question 5

Which punctuation mark's main use is to form possessives?

- a) Apostrophe
- b) Semicolon

Consider This: This punctuation mark is not used when the possessives of a pronoun have to be formed.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

- c) Colon

Consider This: This punctuation mark is not used when the possessives of a pronoun have to be formed.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

d) Period

Consider This: This punctuation mark is not used when the possessives of a pronoun have to be formed.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

ANS: a

Skill=Understand the Concepts, **Objective=**LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation, **Topic=**Punctuation, **Difficulty=**Easy

M/C Question 6

What kind of a sentence has two independent clauses and a dependent clause?

a) Compound-complex sentence

b) Simple sentence

Consider This: In such a sentence, the independent clauses should be separated by a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

c) Complex sentence

Consider This: In such a sentence, the independent clauses should be separated by a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

d) Compound sentence

Consider This: In such a sentence, the independent clauses should be separated by a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

ANS: a

Skill=Understand the Concepts, **Objective=**LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it, **Topic=**Grammar, **Difficulty=**Easy

M/C Question 7

Which punctuation mark can be used to separate two sentences, where the first sentence is clarified by the second?

a) Colon

b) Semicolon

Consider This: This punctuation mark can also be used to introduce lists.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

c) Comma

Consider This: This punctuation mark can also be used to introduce lists.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

d) Period

Consider This: This punctuation mark can also be used to introduce lists.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

ANS: a

Skill=Understand the Concepts, **Objective=**LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation, **Topic=**Punctuation, **Difficulty=**Easy

M/C Question 8

What words accompany nouns or pronouns for the purpose of modifying other nouns, pronouns, or verbs?

a) Prepositions

b) Verbs

Consider This: Some examples of such words are *in, at, from, to, on,* and *with.*

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

c) Conjunctions

Consider This: Some examples of such words are *in, at, from, to, on,* and *with*.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

d) Adjectives

Consider This: Some examples of such words are *in, at, from, to, on,* and *with*.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

ANS: a

Skill=Understand the Concepts, **Objective=**LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it,

Topic=Grammar, **Difficulty=**Easy

M/C Question 9

What kind of word is used as a substitute for noun?

a) Pronoun

b) Adverb

Consider This: There are two ways of looking at these words: decide what “person” they refer to and examine their “case.”

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

c) Adjective

Consider This: There are two ways of looking at these words: decide what “person” they refer to and examine their “case.”

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

d) Preposition

Consider This: There are two ways of looking at these words: decide what “person” they refer to and examine their “case.”

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

ANS: a

Skill=Understand the Concepts, **Objective=**LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it,

Topic=Grammar, **Difficulty=**Easy

M/C Question 10

What is a group of words that do not express a complete thought?

a) Sentence fragment

b) Dangling participle

Consider This: As a general practice, mass media writers avoid this.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

c) Appositive phrase

Consider This: As a general practice mass media writers avoid this.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

d) Active voice

Consider This: As a general practice mass media writers avoid this.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

ANS: a

Topic=Grammar, **Difficulty=**Easy, **Skill=**Understand the Concepts, **Objective=**LO 2.2:

Define grammar and explain it

M/C Question 11

Jai wrote the following sentence in his article, “The man’s legs were hurt, he could not walk anymore.”

What error did Jai make in this sentence?

a) Comma splice

b) Usage of comma between subject and verb

Consider This: When two independent clauses are contained in a sentence, they must be connected by two things: a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

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c) Comma used to set off items

Consider This: When two independent clauses are contained in a sentence, they must be connected by two things: a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

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d) Comma used to separate items

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Skill=Apply What You Know, Objective=LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation, Topic=Punctuation, Difficulty=Moderate

M/C Question 12

A writer wants to study the system that explains how a language is spoken along with its sounds. Which system of language would best suit the writer's needs?

a) Phonology

b) Sentences

Consider This: This allows a language to develop a standard way of being spoken so we can understand one another.

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c) Sentence fragments

Consider This: This allows a language to develop a standard way of being spoken so we can understand one another.

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d) Parts of speech

Consider This: This allows a language to develop a standard way of being spoken so we can understand one another.

LO 2.1: Define lexicon, grammar, semantics and phonology

ANS: a

Skill=Analyze It, Objective=LO 2.1: Define lexicon, grammar, semantics and phonology, Topic=Words, Words, Words, Difficulty=Moderate

M/C Question 13

While writing an article, Lenora wrote, "The new government will be fulfilling all the promises after it has filled its pockets." What kind of a sentence has Lenora used here?

a) Complex

b) Simple

Consider This: Lenora's sentence has an independent clause and a dependent clause.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

c) Compound

Consider This: Lenora's sentence has an independent clause and a dependent clause.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

d) Compound-complex

Consider This: Lenora's sentence has an independent clause and a dependent clause.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

ANS: a

Skill=Apply What You Know, Objective=LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it, Topic=Grammar, Difficulty=Moderate

M/C Question 14

A mass media writer wants to use a part of speech in a sentence that will convey strong emotions to the readers. Which part of speech can the writer use?

a) Interjection

b) Agreement

Consider This: This part of speech should be set off by a comma whenever used in a sentence.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

c) Punctuation

Consider This: This part of speech should be set off by a comma whenever used in a sentence.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

d) Dangling participle

Consider This: This part of speech should be set off by a comma whenever used in a sentence.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

ANS: a

Difficulty=Moderate, Skill=Analyze It, Objective=LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it, Topic=Grammar

M/C Question 15

Consider the statement, “Glenn was asked to cook clean and walk the dog as part of his punishment.” Which rule for using commas is the sentence violating?

a) Comma used to separate items

b) Comma used between subjects and verbs

Consider This: This rule also states that commas differentiate between parts of a compound sentence.

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c) Comma splices

Consider This: This rule also states that commas differentiate between parts of a compound sentence.

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d) Comma used in run-on sentences

Consider This: This rule also states that commas differentiate between parts of a compound sentence.

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Objective=LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation, Topic=Punctuation, Difficulty=Moderate, Skill=Apply What You Know

M/C Question 16

“I bought a white shirt, he bought a blue shirt.” Which rule of comma usage is the statement violating, and why?

a) Comma splice and run-on sentences; because the two independent clauses can be separated by a comma only if accompanied by a coordinating conjunction

b) Comma used to separate parts of a compound statement; because the sentence is not a compound sentence as the two clauses are interdependent

Consider This: This comma usage will be correct if the two clauses in the sentence can be joined by using the correct part of speech.

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c) Comma between subjects and verbs; because the comma should be after “I” and not “shirt”

Consider This: This comma usage will be correct if the two clauses in the sentence can be joined by using the correct part of speech.

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d) Comma used to set off items; because the comma can be used in this sense only when there are transitional words in a sentence, which is not the case here

Consider This: This comma usage will be correct if the two clauses in the sentence can be joined by using the correct part of speech.

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ANS: a

Skill=Evaluate It, Objective=LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation, Topic=Punctuation, Difficulty=Difficult

M/C Question 17

“The freedom of expression in this country gives the right to anybody to openly express his or her anti-American views if they have any.” The use of “anti” in the statement is an example of which system in the English language?

- a) Lexicon
- b) Semantics

Consider This: This system constitutes the vocabulary or the words of a language.

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- c) Grammar

Consider This: This system constitutes the vocabulary or the words of a language.

LO 2.1: Define lexicon, grammar, semantics and phonology

- d) Phonology

Consider This: This system constitutes the vocabulary or the words of a language.

LO 2.1: Define lexicon, grammar, semantics and phonology

ANS: a

Skill=Apply What You Know, Objective=LO 2.1: Define lexicon, grammar, semantics and phonology, Topic=Words, Words, Words, Difficulty=Moderate

M/C Question 18

“Brett, *the man who is known for his Mohawk*, was admitted in the hospital yesterday.” According to English grammar, what is the italicized segment of the statement called, and why?

- a) Appositive phrase, as it renames the noun “Brett”
- b) Dangling participle, as it modifies the sentence’s subject “Brett”

Consider This: Commas should be used to set off such a segment in a sentence unless it is necessary for the meaning of the sentence.

LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

- c) Passive voice, as the helping verb “was” is used before in front of the past tense of the verb “admitted”

Consider This: Commas should be used to set off such a segment in a sentence unless it is necessary for the meaning of the sentence.

LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

- d) Agreement, as the subject and the verb used in the sentence are both in singular form

Consider This: Commas should be used to set off such a segment in a sentence unless it is necessary for the meaning of the sentence.

LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

ANS: a

Skill=Evaluate It, Objective=LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems, Topic=Common Grammar Problems, Difficulty=Difficult

M/C Question 19

Consider the statement that appeared in an article on an online news site: “Consent of both the parties are needed before we can record anything that is said in our presence.” Which grammar rule does this statement violate?

- a) Agreement
- b) Voice

Consider This: A singular subject takes a singular verb; plural subjects take plural verbs.

LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

- c) Preposition

Consider This: A singular subject takes a singular verb; plural subjects take plural verbs.

LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

- d) Punctuation

Consider This: A singular subject takes a singular verb; plural subjects take plural verbs.

LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

ANS: a

Skill=Apply What You Know, Objective=LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems, Topic=Common Grammar Problems, Difficulty=Moderate

M/C Question 20

“Beth was going to the market, _____ was near her office.” Which word best suits the blank keeping with the rules of grammar?

- a) which
- b) that

Consider This: The second part of the sentence is a nonessential clause.

LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

- c) it

Consider This: The second part of the sentence is a nonessential clause.

LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

- d) she

Consider This: The second part of the sentence is a nonessential clause.

LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems

ANS: a

Skill=Apply What You Know, Objective=LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems, Topic=Common Grammar Problems, Difficulty=Moderate

M/C Question 21

A writer is tasked with writing a story on the new space mission and the reactions of people present at the launch of the space shuttle. The writer wanted to convey the excitement of the crowd in his writing. Which punctuation mark can help him achieve this?

- a) Exclamation point
- b) Apostrophe

Consider This: For the most part, this punctuation is not necessary if the proper words are used to convey the information or idea.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

- c) Period

Consider This: For the most part, this punctuation is not necessary if the proper words are used to convey the information or idea.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

- d) Semicolon

Consider This: For the most part, this punctuation is not necessary if the proper words are used to convey the information or idea.

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ANS: a

Topic=Punctuation, Difficulty=Moderate, Skill=Analyze It, Objective=LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

M/C Question 22

In a story on the demise of an ex-congressman of the city, a local reporter wrote, “The congressman was very fit, considering his age, and was often spotted jogging.” What kind of a sentence has the writer used here?

- a) Compound-complex sentence
- b) Simple sentence

Consider This: Notice the sentence has two independent clauses and a dependent clause.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

- c) Complex sentence

Consider This: Notice the sentence has two independent clauses and a dependent clause.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

d) Compound sentence

Consider This: Notice the sentence has two independent clauses and a dependent clause.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

ANS: a

Objective=LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it, **Topic=**Grammar, **Skill=**Apply What You Know, **Difficulty=**Moderate

M/C Question 23

What kind of sentence is, “The street was empty, but it was wet”?

a) Compound sentence

b) Compound-complex sentence

Consider This: Notice the sentence has two independent clauses separated by a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

c) Simple sentence

Consider This: Notice the sentence has two independent clauses separated by a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

d) Complex sentence

Consider This: Notice the sentence has two independent clauses separated by a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it

ANS: a

Difficulty=Moderate, **Skill=**Analyze It, **Objective=**LO 2.2: Define grammar and explain it, **Topic=**Grammar

M/C Question 24

“Richard’s friends include the following people; Ryan, Beckett, and Espo.” Which punctuation mark should have been used instead of the semicolon in the sentence?

a) Colon

b) Comma

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate two sentences when the second explains or clarifies the first.

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c) Apostrophe

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate two sentences when the second explains or clarifies the first.

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d) Period

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate two sentences when the second explains or clarifies the first.

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ANS: a

Skill=Apply What You Know, **Objective=**LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation, **Topic=**Punctuation, **Difficulty=**Moderate

M/C Question 25

“Danny was an intelligent boy; his IQ was five points above average.” Which punctuation mark should have been used instead of the colon in the sentence?

a) Semicolon

b) Comma

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

c) Apostrophe

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

d) Period

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

ANS: a

Difficulty=Moderate, Skill=Apply What You Know, Objective=LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation, Topic=Punctuation

Essay

SA Question 26

Discuss, with examples, the different types of sentences that can be used in writing.

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

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SA Question 27

Examine the active and passive voices used in writing. Explain which form is better to use in what situation.

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

Skill=Analyze It, Objective=LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems, Topic=Common Grammar Problems, Difficulty=Moderate

SA Question 28

When is it appropriate to use “that” and “which”? Discuss using examples.

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

Skill=Analyze It, Objective=LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems, Topic=Common Grammar Problems, Difficulty=Moderate

SA Question 29

Explain the difference in using “who” and “whom.” Give examples.

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

Skill=Analyze It, Objective=LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems, Topic=Common Grammar Problems, Difficulty=Moderate

SA Question 30

Discuss the problems in comma usage.

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

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Objective=LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation,
Topic=Punctuation, Difficulty=Moderate, Skill=Analyze It

Essay Question 31

Discuss the general rules or instances for comma usage.

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

Skill=Analyze It, Topic=Punctuation, Difficulty=Moderate, Objective=LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

Essay Question 32

Compare and contrast the use of colons and semicolons. Describe multiple situations when each can be used and provide examples.

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

Skill=Analyze It, Objective=LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation, Topic=Punctuation, Difficulty=Moderate

Essay Question 33

Discuss the various systems that help the English language work.

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

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Skill=Analyze It, Objective=LO 2.1: Define lexicon, grammar, semantics and phonology,
Topic=Words, Words, Words, Difficulty=Moderate

Essay Question 34

What are the basic rules of forming plurals in English? Explain each rule with examples.

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

Skill=Analyze It, Objective=LO 2.5: List some of the major rules of modern spelling,
Topic=Spelling, Difficulty=Moderate

Essay Question 35

Discuss the common grammar problems of agreement, dangling participles, and appositive phrases, and provide examples.

Consider This: This punctuation mark is also used to separate items in a series that contains commas.

LO 2.4: Describe some of the most common types of punctuation

Skill=Analyze It, Objective=LO 2.3: List the common grammar problems,
Topic=Common Grammar Problems, Difficulty=Moderate