

Parallelism Practice

Directions: Choose the sentence that expresses the thought most clearly and effectively and that has no errors in structure.

1. A. To pass the General Knowledge Test, I attended workshops, completed exercises, and I took a practice test.
B. To pass the General Knowledge Test, I attended workshops, completing exercises, and taking a practice test.
C. To pass the General Knowledge Test, I attended workshops, completed exercises, and took a practice test.
2. A. The professor advised his students on how to be successful: show up; pay attention; ask questions; don't quit.
B. The professor advised his students on how to be successful: they should show up; pay attention; ask questions; don't quit.
C. The professor advised his students on how to be successful: show up; pay attention; questions should be asked; don't quit.
3. A. The puppy not only chewed on the upholstered couch, but he also tinkled on the Karastan rug.
B. The puppy not only was chewing on the upholstered couch, but also tinkled on the Karastan rug.
C. The puppy not only chewed on the upholstered couch, but also tinkled on the Karastan rug.
4. A. The Presidential candidate who kept to the issues, who related to the common citizen, and who declined help from special interest groups handily won the election.
B. The Presidential candidate who continued to keep to the issues, related to the common citizen, and who declined help from special interest groups handily won the election.
C. The Presidential candidate who kept to the issues, who related to the common citizen, and declined help from special interest groups handily won the election.

5.
 - A. My grandmother loves living in Whispering Pines Retirement Home, playing Bingo on Tuesday nights, and she can care for her pet Chihuahua, Pablo.
 - B. My grandmother loves living in Whispering Pines Retirement Home, playing Bingo on Tuesday nights, and caring for her pet Chihuahua, Pablo.
 - C. My grandmother loves where she lives in Whispering Pines Retirement Home, playing Bingo on Tuesday nights, and caring for her pet Chihuahua, Pablo.

6.
 - A. The Publisher's Clearinghouse Prize Patrol arrived at my front door, presenting me with a million-dollar check, and they advised me that the IRS would be in touch soon.
 - B. The Publisher's Clearinghouse Prize Patrol arrived at my front door, presenting me with a million-dollar check and advising me that the IRS would be in touch soon.
 - C. The Publisher's Clearinghouse Prize Patrol arrived at my front door, presenting me with a million-dollar check, and the IRS, they advised me, would be in touch soon.

Answers: 1. c, 2. a, 3. c, 4. a, 5. b, 6. b

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