

The best answer is (B) because it is parallel with the other items in the sequence: *boosts* immunity and *helps* maintain good vision. Answer choices (A), (C), and (D) are not in the simple present tense and therefore are not parallel.

In the Written Expression section, sentences have the same errors in parallel structure as in the Structure section. Sentences have a sequence of three or more items, but here one of the items in the sequence is not grammatically parallel with the other items in the sequence.

Example: Symptoms of mild vitamin C deficiency may be weakness,
irritability, losing weight, and apathy.
A
B C D

The best answer choice is (C) because it is not parallel with the other items in the series: *losing* is a gerund whereas the other items are nouns.

EXERCISES ON PARALLEL STRUCTURE

From the four underlined words or phrases (A), (B), (C), or (D), identify the one that is not correct.

- In the human body, phosphorus compounds are found chiefly in
A
the bones, brain, and nervous.
B C D
- Pipelines are continually inspected for leaks and for damage caused by
A
such conditions as freezing temperatures, heavy rain, and soil erode.
B C D
- The sounds produced by a musical instrument, to whistle, or a siren
A B C
have seven frequencies at the same time.
D
- Plastics used to make textiles can be drawn into fine threads, then
A B
woven or knit into fabrics.
C D
- Insufficient protein in the diet may cause a lack of energy,
A B
stunted growth, and lowering resistance to disease.
C D

7. To qualify as a language, a communication system must have the features of meaningfulness, _____, and productivity.

8. Many mental disorders are believed to result from a combination of emotional, _____, and biological factors.

9. A neuron cell can not only receive messages from sense organs, but it can also

10. Morse invented a code in which letters, numbers, and _____ are changed into short and long signals called dots and dashes.

11. Hormones have many jobs, from promoting bodily growth to _____ to regulating metabolism.

12. Thomas Malthus claimed that disease, war, famine, and _____ act as checks on population growth.

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