EXERCISE 45: Sentences—Modifiers

In some sentences in the Structure Section on the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify the correct modifier. A modifier can be an adjective or an adjectival phrase that describes a noun or an *-ing* form. A modifier can also be an adverb or an adverbial phrase that adds information about the verb, adjective, or another verb. Adjectives do not change form to agree with the nouns or *-ing* forms that they describe, but some adjectives are used only with count nouns and others are used only with noncount nouns. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. The data on the winter migration patterns of the monarch butterfly is very _____.
   - Ⓐ interested
   - Ⓑ interest
   - Ⓒ interesting
   - Ⓓ of interest

2. There are (Ⓐ) more potatoes cultivated (Ⓑ) than any the other (Ⓒ) vegetable crop (Ⓓ) worldwide.

3. Marian Anderson, recognized both in the U.S. and (Ⓐ) in Europe as a real great (Ⓑ) vocalist, was (Ⓒ) the first (Ⓓ) black singer to appear with the Metropolitan Opera Company.

4. The New England states have had _____ serious earthquakes since the Ice Age.
   - Ⓐ none
   - Ⓑ not any
   - Ⓒ not
   - Ⓓ no

5. _____ orangutans live alone.
   - Ⓐ Near all
   - Ⓑ Almost all
   - Ⓒ The all
   - Ⓓ The most all

6. Some hybrid flowers retain the fragrant scent of the nonhybrid, and _____ are bred without fragrance.
   - Ⓐ anothers
   - Ⓑ the other
   - Ⓒ some other
   - Ⓓ others

7. At the core (Ⓐ) of a star, temperatures and pressures are so great as (Ⓑ) particles collide and connect in a process (Ⓒ) called (Ⓓ) fusion.

8. The Cartwheel Galaxy is (Ⓐ) 500 million light year (Ⓑ) away from (Ⓒ) Earth (Ⓓ).

9. According to a recent survey, _____ doctors do not have a personal physician.
   - Ⓐ a large amount of
   - Ⓑ large amount of
   - Ⓒ a large number of
   - Ⓓ large number of

10. Because none of food (Ⓐ) is as nutritious (Ⓑ) for a baby as its (Ⓒ) mother's milk, many women (Ⓓ) are returning to the practice of breast feeding.

11. John F. Kennedy was the youngest president of the United States, and _____ to be assassinated.
    - Ⓐ the fourth
    - Ⓑ fourth
    - Ⓒ four
    - Ⓓ the four

12. Euthanasia, the practice of assisting the death of a person suffering (Ⓐ) from an incurable disease, is such a controversial issue as (Ⓑ) it is (Ⓒ) illegal in most countries (Ⓓ).

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