

SECTION 2 – ERROR IDENTIFICATION

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correcting in each of the following questions. Then, give the correction in the space provided.

Exercise 1

1. Mary was determined to leave (A) the office by (B) 4:30 for catching (C) early train home (D).
2. I often look into (A) new words in (B) the dictionary whenever (C) I don't know their (D) meanings.
3. Even (A) on the most careful (B) prepared trip (C), problems will sometimes (D) develop.
4. The existence (A) of many stars in the sky lead (B) us to suspect that there may be (C) life on another (D) planet.
5. It is believed (A) that in the near future (B) robots will be used to doing (C) things such as (D) cooking.
6. My father used to give (A) me a good advice (B) whenever (C) I had a problem (D).
7. The teacher asked him why (A) hadn't he done (B) his homework, but (C) he said nothing (D).
8. Although his family is (A) poor, but (B) he studies (C) very well (D).
9. The package (A) must be wrapped (B) carefully before (C) it is post (D).
10. I am (A) very interesting (B) in problems caused (C) by pollution (D).

Exercise 2

1. No one would have attended (A) the lecture if you told (B) the truth about (C) the guest speaker (D).
2. Because (A) his sickness (B), he didn't take (C) part in the English competition (D).
3. A galaxy, where (A) may include billions of (B) stars, is (C) held together (D) by gravitation attraction.
4. The tongue is the principal (A) organ of taste (B), and is (C) crucial for chewing, swallowed (D), and speaking.
5. Each of the members(A) of the group were (B) made to write (C) a report every week (D).
6. Why don't (A) you congratulate our son about (B) passing (C) his final (D) exam?
7. Neither of the girls (A) have (B) turned in the term papers to the (C) instructor yet (D).
8. The secretary told (A) me that an important file had left (B) in the lunch room just (C) the other (D) day.
9. The (A) little boy's mother bought him (B) a five-speeds (C) racing bicycle for (D) his birthday.
10. Since (A) fireworks are dangerous (B), many countries have laws to prevent (C) businesses to sell (D) them.

Exercise 3

1. Dams are used to control flooding (A), provide water for irrigation (B) and generating (C) electricity for the surrounding area (D).
2. The closer it gets to (A) December 21, the first day (B) of winter, the short (C) the days become (D).
3. Either (A) Mr Anderson or (B) Ms Wiggins are (C) going to teach our class today (D).
4. My parents (A) often take careful (B) of me when (C) I am ill (D).
5. Have you (A) ever read (B) any (C) novels writing (D) by Jack London?
6. Publishing in the UK (A), the book has won (B) a number of awards in (C) recent regional book fairs (D).
7. Perhaps the most (A) unique thing about (B) carbon atoms are (C) their ability to combine (D) with themselves.
8. Her family had great difficulty (A) to get (B) her transferred (C) to another (D) hospital.
9. Hardly he had (A) entered the office (B) when he realized (C) that he had forgotten (D) his wallet.
10. The economy is heavy (A) dependent on industry (B), and economic growth has always been (C) of greater concern than (D) environmental preservation.