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Exit: Wordy Sentences

Practice for 5 Week Exam

Instructions: Read the underlined sentence carefully and select the more concise version of the sentence. If the sentence is acceptable the way it is, select NO CHANGE.

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| <p>1. <u>It seems likely that American parents choose really carefully when naming their children.</u></p> | <p>A. NO CHANGE B. American parents choose carefully when naming their children. C. It seems that American parents choose carefully when naming their children. D. It would appear that American parents choose carefully when naming their children.</p> |
| <p>2. <u>Comparing popular names of today and of the past, shows how much ideas about giving names for children have changed.</u></p> | <p>A. NO CHANGE B. Making comparisons between popular names of today and the names that were popular in the past shows how much ideas about naming children have changed. C. Comparing popular names of today and of the past shows how much ideas about naming children have changed. D. Making comparisons between popular names of today and popular names of the past shows how much ideas about naming children have changed.</p> |
| <p>3. <u>The names chosen for girls have undergone the most changes.</u></p> | <p>A. NO CHANGE B. Girls' names have undergone the most changes. C. Girls' names have changed the most. D. The names chosen for girls have undergone more changes than ever before.</p> |
| <p>4. <u>Forty years ago, most baby girls received traditional names rather than unusual ones.</u></p> | <p>A. NO CHANGE B. Forty years ago, the majority of baby girls received names that sounded traditional rather than being considered unusual. C. Forty years ago, most baby girls received names that sounded traditional rather than those considered unusual. D. Forty years ago, the majority of baby girls received traditional names rather than unusual ones.</p> |
| <p>5. <u>Some of the older names gradually became less popular over a period of time, and newer names like Jennifer, now a perennial favorite year after year, took their place.</u></p> | <p>A. NO CHANGE B. Some of the older names became less popular over a period of time, and newer names like Jennifer, now a favorite year after year, took their place. C. Some of the older names gradually became less popular, and newer names like Jennifer, now a perennial favorite, took their place.</p> |

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| <p>6. <u>Today, parents often give their daughters names that were once considered masculine, like Sidney or Taylor.</u></p> | <p>A. NO CHANGE B. In these times, parents often give their daughters names that were once considered masculine, like Sidney or Taylor. C. In these modern times, parents often give their daughters names that were once considered masculine, like Sidney or Taylor. D. Today, parents often give their daughters names that were once considered masculine –names like Sidney or Taylor.</p> |
| <p>7. <u>It is also true that some parents try to make their daughters' names seem quite unusual by spelling a traditional name in a way that is not considered traditional.</u></p> | <p>A. NO CHANGE B. Some parents try to make their daughters' names seem unusual by spelling a traditional name in a nontraditional way. C. Some parents try to make their daughters' names seem very unusual by spelling a traditional name in a nontraditional way. D. Some parents make their daughters' names unusual by spelling a traditional name in a nontraditional way.</p> |
| <p>8. <u>Boys' names have really not changed as noticeably.</u></p> | <p>A. NO CHANGE B. Boys' names, however, have really changed or altered very little and not as noticeably. C. Boys' names, however, have not changed as noticeably. D. Boys' names have really changed or altered very little and not as noticeably.</p> |
| <p>9. <u>For decades during the past century, the most popular name parents give to boys is Michael.</u></p> | <p>A. NO CHANGE B. For decades, during the past century, the most popular of the names parents give to boys has been Michael. C. For decades, the most popular of the names parents give to boys has been Michael. B. For decades, the most popular boys' name has been Michael.</p> |
| <p>10. <u>It may perhaps be true, as the results of a recent poll suggest, that parents think having an unusual name is helpful to girls and having an unusual name is harmful to boys.</u></p> | <p>A. NO CHANGE B. It may perhaps be factual and true, as the results of a recent poll suggest, that parents think having an unusual name helps girls and harms boys. C. Perhaps, as the results of a recent poll suggest, parents think having an unusual name helps girls and harms boys. D. It may perhaps be true, as the results of a recent poll suggest, that parents think having an unusual name helps girls and harms boys.</p> |