

USE YOUR OWN PAPER TO WRITE ALL ANSWERS

Part I: Eliminating Redundancy (Unnecessary Repetition)

10 points

Rewrite each sentence and underline the redundant expression.

1. In my opinion, I think the study of Sociology is very fascinating.
2. He was happy and joyful about the great gift.
3. I think smoking in public places should be banned.
4. The stegosaurus was huge in size.
5. Believe it or not, the trumpet, which is a popular musical instrument, is a part of the brass family of instruments.

Part II: Using Appropriate Word choice – Avoiding Slang, Clichés, Colloquialisms, and Redundant Language

40 points

Read each of the sentences below carefully and choose the item that is worded effectively.

1.
 - A. Old Mrs. Williams, my mother's distant great aunt, had kicked the bucket.
 - B. Old Mrs. Williams, my mother's distant great aunt, had passed away.
 - C. Old Mrs. Williams, my mother's distant and faraway great aunt, had passed away.
 - D. Old Mrs. Williams, my mother's distant great aunt, had popped off the face of the planet.
2.
 - A. I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams since I was a child.
 - B. I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams since I was knee-high to a caterpillar.
 - C. I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams since whenever.
 - D. I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams since in a million years.
3.
 - A. I attended the funeral only because my mother can't cut driving long distances anymore.
 - B. I attended the funeral only because of the fact that my mother isn't able to drive long distances anymore.
 - C. I attended the funeral only because my mother isn't able to drive long distances anymore.
 - D. I attended the funeral only because my mother isn't able to drive the extra mile anymore.
4.
 - A. The funeral was held a few hours away in a lame town near Montgomery, Alabama.
 - B. The funeral was held a few hours away in a hick town near Montgomery, Alabama.
 - C. The funeral was a few hours away in a small town not at all far from Montgomery, Alabama.
5.
 - A. Even though I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams in years, I was knocked for a loop when I saw her lying in the casket.
 - B. Even though I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams in years, I was dazed and amazed when I saw her lying in the casket.

- C. Even though I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams in years, I was extremely taken aback and disturbed when I saw her lying in the casket.
- D. Even though I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams in years, I was shocked when I saw her lying in the casket.
6. A. When I saw Mrs. Williams' face, my reaction was like, "Huh?"
- B. Mrs. Williams' facial features did not evoke in me any expected or familiar recollection or reminiscences.
- C. Mrs. Williams' facial features looked totally out there.
- D. Mrs. Williams' face did not look familiar.
7. A. I knew, however, that Mrs. Williams had been in an unhealthful state for a long time.
- B. I knew, however, that Mrs. Williams had been in a sad state of affairs for a long time.
- C. I knew, however, that Mrs. Williams had been as sick as a dog for a long time.
- D. I knew, however, that Mrs. Williams had been in poor health for a long time.
8. A.. One by one, the mourners began to whisper to each other, and then there was a disturbance. "This woman is not Mrs. Williams!" someone shouted.
- B. One by one, the mourners began to whisper to each other, and then there was a hullabaloo. "This woman is not Mrs. Williams!" someone shouted.
- C. One by one, the mourners began to act weird. "This woman is not Mrs. Williams!" someone shouted.
- D. One by one, the mourners began to whisper to each other, and then there was a disturbance. "This woman is not Mrs. Williams!" someone shouted.
9. A. The funeral director suddenly looked as white as a ghost. He had picked up the wrong body from the morgue.
- B. The funeral director suddenly turned pale. He had picked up the wrong body from the morgue.
- C. The funeral director suddenly turned pale. He had picked up the wrong body from the establishment that had stored the body.
- D. The funeral director suddenly looked wishy-washy. He had picked up the wrong body from the establishment that had stored the body.
10. A. Although we were upset about the incident, I must admit that I could see the humor in the situation.
- B. Although we were teed off about the incident, I must admit that I could see the humor in the situation.
- C. Although we were upset about the incident, I must come clean and say that I could see the humor in the situation.
- D. Although we were ticked off about the incident, I must come clean and say that I could see the humor in the situation.