

Assessment Name:
589. Wordiness

Instructions:

For the following item, select the revision that best edits the original sentence for wordiness. If the original sentence requires no editing, select "No change."

1. The English Channel separates the British isles from the European mainland.
 - A. The English Channel is the point at which the British isles are separated from the European mainland.
 - B. The waterway with the name of the English Channel separates the British isles from the European mainland.
 - C. No change

2. The English Channel has a width of about twenty miles at the spot where it is narrowest.
 - A. The English Channel is about twenty miles wide at the narrowest spot.
 - B. At the spot where it is at its narrowest, the English Channel is about twenty miles wide.
 - C. No change

3. For numerous years, strong swimmers have made attempts to cross the English Channel.
 - A. For many years, strong swimmers have attempted to cross the English Channel.
 - B. For many years, strong swimmers have made attempts to cross the English Channel.
 - C. No change

4. Swimming the English Channel is especially difficult as a result of the fact that the water is cold.
 - A. The feat of swimming the English Channel is especially difficult because of the fact that the water is cold.
 - B. Swimming the English Channel is especially difficult because the water is cold.
 - C. No change

5. Gertrude Ederle had the distinction of being the first person of the female gender to swim the English Channel successfully.
 - A. Gertrude Ederle was the first person of the female gender to swim the English Channel successfully.
 - B. Gertrude Ederle was the first woman to swim the English Channel successfully.
 - C. No change

6. Ederle, an Olympic medalist in 1924, swam from Cap Gris-Nez, France, to Dover, England, in 1926.
 - A. Ederle, a woman who had been an Olympic medalist in 1924, swam from Cap Gris-Nez, France, to Dover, England, in 1926.
 - B. Ederle swam from Cap Gris-Nez, France, to Dover, England, in 1926.
 - C. No change

7. No other previous swimmer had ever before used a crawl stroke to swim the English Channel.

- A. No previous swimmer had ever before used a crawl stroke to swim the English Channel.
- B. No previous swimmer had used a crawl stroke to swim the English Channel.
- C. No change

8. To protect herself against the loss of body heat in the cold water, Ederle covered her body with a coating of grease.

- A. To protect herself, Ederle covered her body with grease.
- B. To protect herself against the loss of body heat in the cold water, Ederle covered her body with grease.
- C. No change

9. Ederle set a new time record of fourteen hours and thirty-one minutes, beating the old record by nearly two hours.

- A. Ederle set a new time record of fourteen hours and thirty-one minutes, a time which was faster than the old record by nearly two hours.
- B. Ederle was able to set a new time record of fourteen hours and thirty-one minutes, beating the old record by nearly two hours.
- C. No change

10. Subsequent to her record-breaking swim of the English Channel, Ederle returned triumphantly back to the United States.

- A. After her record-breaking swim of the English Channel, Ederle returned triumphantly back to the United States.
 - B. After her record-breaking swim of the English Channel, Ederle returned triumphantly to the United States.
 - C. No change
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