**Practice Test for Reading and Writing Nonfiction**

**Nonfiction Assessment VI**

Respond to questions about conventions.

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Carefully read each question and possible response before selecting your answer. If the underlined section is already correct, select NO CHANGE.

The morning commute quickly jammed the supposed freeway and a wandering dog along the verge outpaced traffic.

1. In the sentence above, the best punctuation for the underlined section is
2. supposed-freeway and a wandering dog
3. supposed freeway and, a wandering dog
4. supposed freeway, and a wandering dog
5. NO CHANGE

The librarian asked me How much do you already know about French Romantic-era composers

1. The correct punctuation for the sentence above is
2. The librarian asked me, "How much do you already know about French Romantic-era composers"?
3. The librarian asked me, "How much do you already know about French Romantic-era composers?"
4. The librarian asked me: “How much do you already know about French Romantic-era composers?”.
5. NO CHANGE

Thomas Jefferson alocated $3 million to buy the Louisiana Purchase from France under Napoleon, who sought to finance his expansionist wars in Europe.

1. In the sentence above, which of the underlined words is spelled incorrectly?
2. alocated
3. Louisiana
4. expansionist
5. NO CHANGE

When I married, I went from being an only child to a person with a wife and three sisters-in-law.

1. In the sentence above, the correct spelling of the underlined noun is
2. sister-in-laws
3. sisters'-in-law
4. sisters-in-laws
5. NO CHANGE

None of the 135 students in the class were willing to complete the relationship survey.

1. In the sentence above, the correct choice for the underlined word is
2. is
3. was
4. aren’t
5. NO CHANGE

Presenting slide after slide about the Spanish-American war, we listened to the professor's lecture.

1. Which revision best corrects the error in the sentence above?
2. Slide after slide about the Spanish-American war presented the professor to us.
3. Presenting slide after slide about the Spanish-American war, the professor lectured us.
4. We listened, presenting slide after slide about the Spanish-American War, to the professor's lecture.
5. NO CHANGE.

Before the all-important final exam. We crammed all night.

1. What revision would correct the error in the underlined selection above?
2. Before the all-important final exam, we crammed all night.
3. We crammed all night before the all-important final exam.
4. Both A and B correct the error.
5. NO CHANGE.

The cast of the high school play elated to have finished a triumphant opening night screamed for joy when the curtain closed.

1. Which revision corrects the punctuation of the underlined sentence above?
2. The cast of the high school play elated to have finished a triumphant opening night, screamed for joy when the curtain closed.
3. The cast of the high school play, elated to have finished a triumphant opening night, screamed for joy when the curtain closed.
4. The cast, of the high school play, elated to have finished a triumphant opening night screamed for joy when the curtain closed.
5. NO CHANGE

The amplifier is much more powerful.

1. Which revision corrects the error in the sentence above?
2. The amplifier is much less powerful.
3. The amplifier is not much more powerful.
4. The new amplifier is much more powerful than the old amplifier.
5. NO CHANGE

The apartment is small. The apartment has one bathroom. Everything else is one room.

1. Which revision most improves the underlined sentences above?
2. The apartment is small. It has one bathroom. Everything else is one room.
3. The apartment is small, with just one bathroom and everything else in one other room.
4. The apartment is small has one bathroom everything else is one room.
5. NO CHANGE