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Nonessential Clauses and Phrases Quiz – Part One

For each question, identify whether or not the underlined phrase needs commas/dashes surrounding it.

1. Anthony who won the race became the first one in our class to receive a trophy.
2. The cats sitting in the window are called Romulus and Remus.
3. Joe who is walking in from third base hits and fields well.
4. The player who is walking in from third base hits and fields well.
5. George Clooney himself is in attendance today.
6. Most people think Frankenstein is the name of a monster; it is actually however the name of the scientist who created the monster.
7. Whoever is responsible for this despicable mess know that I will find you.
8. The main part of the long drive across the United States took about forty hours.
9. Some eighty years later people are still remembering the horrific events of the Second World war.
10. Engineer William Barclay accepted responsibility for overseeing the project.

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11. The fresco, *Cleveland Industry*, is a dynamic work that by capturing the energy, humanity, and collective achievement of the Cleveland workers celebrates all working men and women.

12. More importantly though we enjoyed working together.

13. In the mythology of the Tswana people of South Africa, the stars that make up the constellation Orion represent three pigs.

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Nonessential Clauses and Phrases Quiz – Part Two

1. Each component of the heart is vital to the operation of the others and to the organ as a whole.
A) NO CHANGE
B) vital, to the operation, of the others
C) vital, to the operation of the others,
D) vital to the operation of the others-
2. When U.S. astronaut, Neil Armstrong, landed on the moon in 1968, it was a milestone achievement for humanity.
A) NO CHANGE
B) astronaut, Neil Armstrong
C) astronaut Neil Armstrong,
D) astronaut Neil Armstrong
3. The author composed the first verse of his poem, while standing on top of a mountain.
A) NO CHANGE
B) verse of his poem
C) verse, of his poem,
D) verse, of her poem
4. Of course cats who have excellent night vision are nocturnal animals; it is the best time for them to hunt.
A) NO CHANGE
B) Of course, cats, who have excellent night vision,
C) Of course, cats who have excellent night vision
D) Of course cats, who have excellent night vision,
5. A vote by astronomers, who were also members of the International Astronomical Union, they determined that Pluto was not in fact a planet.
A) NO CHANGE
B) Union when they determined
C) Union, determined
D) Union determined
6. After King Louis XVI – along with his wife, Austrian princess Marie Antoinette, fled from the palace at Versailles, the people of France declared, “Off with his head!”
A) NO CHANGE
B) wife Austrian princess Marie Antoinette – fled
C) wife – Austrian princess Marie Antoinette – fled
D) wife, Austrian princess Marie Antoinette – fled

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7. The ruling that changed the fate of the nation was extremely controversial, especially in the bigger cities.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) ruling, that changed the fate of the nation,
 - C) ruling that changed the fate of the nation,
 - D) ruling that changed the fate, of the nation,

8. Elon Musk is considered by most to be a workaholic CEO and pioneering entrepreneur; however he holds some controversial opinions, expressed in the form of unwise Twitter rants, that have gotten him in trouble.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) however, he holds some controversial opinions, expressed
 - C) however he holds some controversial opinions expressed
 - D) however, he holds some controversial opinions expressed

9. In the years that followed. Many came to appreciate Nostradamus’s sayings as literal predictions of future events.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) followed; many
 - C) followed, many
 - D) followed – many

10. Martin Luther King himself in his famous “Letter from Birmingham Jail”, declared that people have a moral responsibility to break laws in defense of the doctrine of nonviolent resistance to authority.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) King himself in his famous “Letter from Birmingham Jail” declared
 - C) King, himself, in his famous “Letter from Birmingham Jail”, declared
 - D) King himself, in his famous “Letter from Birmingham Jail”, declared

11. The mayor, after 35 million dollars had been spent, concluded, ultimately that, the high-speed train had not in fact proven to be a cost-effective investment for the town.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) ultimately that
 - C) ultimately, that,
 - D) ultimately, that

12. However, the man, who was fleeing the country, decided, that it would not be in his best interests to purchase a new Lamborghini.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) However the man, who was fleeing the country, decided
 - C) However, the man, who was fleeing the country – decided
 - D) However, the man who was fleeing the country decided