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A mentor can change everything.



Wordiness, Redundancy, and Ambiguity

1. It is the duty of the veteran players to show the rookies how they are falling behind and what they should do about it.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) should address their weaknesses.
 - C) ought to deal with their deficiencies and shortcomings.
 - D) need to attempt to figure out what they are not very good at.
2. Planes, when compared with drones, are more expensive, provide worse-quality images, and they can't fly low to the ground, can only take pictures on clear days.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) and
 - C) and therefore
 - D) and, because they
3. It's impossible to predict which people will have fun or if they were to stay silent, and I've stopped trying to guess.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) would have stayed
 - C) stay
 - D) might be staying
4. They met regularly at the mill and Ellicott's home, where they met to discuss debates in agriculture.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) at Ellicott's home, meeting
 - C) Ellicott's home
 - D) Ellicott's home, meeting
5. Unfortunately, the soldiers often faced risky peril from their own side.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) dangerous
 - C) extreme
 - D) OMIT the underlined portion.
6. The document that was later translated into modern English stated that barons had natural rights and could not be taxed by the king without their permission.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) that was the same one that described how taxation in England work
 - C) about natural rights
 - D) DELETE the underlined portion.

7. A team led by Harvard University professor Robert Langdon is studying ancient religious texts in order to discover heretofore unknown secrets.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) in order for discovering
 - C) so that one is discovering
 - D) so to discover

8. Businesses have succeeded in minimizing and keeping down costs.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) minimizing costs associated with employees' coursework.
 - C) being effective at keeping down costs.
 - D) keeping down costs.

9. In 2016, electricians' wages averaged \$27.63 per hour, comparable to solar installers.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) wages earned by a solar installer.
 - C) those of solar installers.
 - D) a solar installer.

10. New practices, new ideas too, and technologies are rapidly transforming the country.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) also new ideas,
 - C) in addition to ideas,
 - D) ideas

11. Representing a Paralympic athlete triumphantly crossing the finish line, the sculpture evocatively fuses athletic and artistic achievement; however, the lack of publicity about the Paralympics consigned the sculpture to virtual obscurity.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) consigned and then relegated the sculpture
 - C) consigned the sculpture—since not many people had heard about it-
 - D) led

12. Advocates of compulsory volunteering who are in favor of it point out that it allows young people to receive the benefits of volunteering.
 - A) NO CHANGE
 - B) volunteering, in favor of it,
 - C) volunteering
 - D) volunteering and its proponents