Marie's Dev. Com. 1 Midterm Exam--Fall 2010

Please label the words in the sentences to identify the following patterns. In addition, label each adverb and adjective word or phrase. (Each element is worth one point.)

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1. Lalo and Ginger have been friends for two years.

2. My mother's friend recently opened her own restaurant.

3. Our pediatric specialist is treating children in Haiti this month.

4. After his workout Jared drove to the store to buy some ice cream.


6. While in the army Tonya lived in the Philippines for a couple of years.

B. Choose the proper verb to complete each sentence. Read carefully! (1 point each)

Singular 1. The owner of the two cars is (are) working on the transmissions today.

Plural 2. The steps of the new library were vandalized during the night.

3. Jeremy broke, has broken, the garage window last month.

4. Devin played, had played, is playing in the band for five years before he was finally offered a contract by the record company executive.

5. By this time next week my boss will finish, will have finished, all of her reports.

6. He answers, is answering, an important question right now.

7. While Raquel cooked, was cooking, dinner, she dropped a frying pan on her toe.

Because Jodie lost, had lost, her license last month, she could not drive to the party.

9. Joe is helping, was helping, had helped his brother to study for the test for several hours yesterday.

10. Kate hates, is hating, had hated to practice the piano. FACT = PRESENT TENSE
C. Please write the correct form of the verb in the blank. (Spelling counts!) (1 point each)

1. My sister lent me her car last night. (lend)

2. Because the dance instructor taught his students so thoroughly, they won the competition last week.

3. At this moment several doctors are traveling to Haiti to help earthquake victims.

4. I wrote to the governor last year to complain about taxes.

5. The Learning Center will schedule more grammar workshops next fall.

6. Last month Tim denied (deny) he was dating Jenny, but his girlfriend caught them together at the movies yesterday.

7. Because they are painting the restroom right now, no one can use it.

8. Clancy never accompanies his boss when she goes to corporate meetings.

9. Donna skipped rope with her friends for hours last night so lost five pounds.

10. The soothing voice of her mother pacifies the cranky child.

11. Doug lived with his mother for years before he saved enough for his own apartment.

12. I hit the tree because a rabbit had hopped in front of my car suddenly.

D. Please fill in the correct verb forms. (Spelling counts!) (1 point each)

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E. Please write the correct contraction of the following two words. (1 point each)

1. does + not = doesn't

2. were + not = weren't

3. they + are = they're

4. have + not = haven't

5. will + not = won't

6. you + are = you're
F. These sentences have double negatives. Please revise them. (1 point each)

1. The repairmen weren't able to fix no leaks in the pipes yesterday.  
   The repairmen weren't able to fix any leaks.

2. Patty never helps none of her friends when they ask her.  
   Patty never helps any of her friends.

G. Please make the following nouns plural. (1 point each)

1. actress actresses
2. family families
3. spoonful spoonfuls
4. sheep sheep
5. wife wives
6. story stories
7. child children
8. alley alleys
9. mother-in-law mothers-in-law
10. thesis theses

H. Please review the following sentences for correct use of the apostrophe and correct word use. Make corrections above the sentence. (2 mistakes in each sentence—two points)

1. The Ramirezes left their car at the airport yesterday.  
   The Ramirez’s left their car at the airport yesterday.

2. Karen’s husband never remembers her birthday.  
   Karen’s husband never remembers her birthday.

3. The girls who were sick with the flu were sent home by the school’s nurse.  
   The girls who were sick with the flu were sent home by the school’s nurse.

4. A number of families are attending the Zaiens’ block party.  
   A number of families are attending the Zaiens’ block party.

I. The following sentences contain misused modifiers. Please make corrections above the sentence. (1 point each)

1. Edward has always been a real dedicated student.  
   Edward has always been a really dedicated student.

2. Amazingly, Penelope was not hurt bad when she hit the telephone pole and knocked it down.  
   Amazingly, Penelope was not hurt badly when she hit the telephone pole and knocked it down.

3. Children should be raised to answer polite when asked questions.  
   Children should be raised to answer politely when asked questions.

J. Please write the correct comparative or superlative forms of the words in parentheses.

1. Of all my vacations, the trip to Tahiti was most enjoyable (enjoyable).
2. Lily’s jokes are always funnier (funny) than mine.
3. Our old couch was bigger (big) than this new one.
4. His essay was the best (good) in the class.
5. Your teacher seems nicer (nice) than mine.
6. Yesterday the freeway was foggier (foggy) than today.
J. (continued) Please write the correct comparative or superlative forms of the words in parentheses.
7. No one is more affectionate (affectionate) than my little sister.
8. Jeremy does his homework more quietly (quietly) than his brother does.
9. She wears the classiest (classy) clothes to work. Of all other people
10. My brother is a better (good) singer than I.

K. Please identify the following sentences as active or passive voice.
1. Ryan Seacrest [presented] an award on the MTV Music Video Awards show. **Active**
2. The award was given to Lady Gaga for her *Alejandro* video. **Passive**
3. A lot of people felt she shouldn’t have been given that award. **Passive**

L. Please change the following active voice sentences to the passive voice.
1. After the MTV Awards, several reporters interviewed Lady Gaga.
   **Begin w/ NDO -> Lady Gaga was interviewed by several reporters.**
2. By this time tomorrow, MTV Europe will have shown the controversial video.
   **Begin w/ NDO -> The controversial video will have been shown by MTV Europe.**

M. Please change the following statements into questions. (1 point each)
1. My parents flew to Guadalajara last month.
   **Did my parents fly to Guadalajara last month?**
2. Our instructor taught us many useful tricks for remembering grammar points.
   **Did our instructor teach us many useful tricks for remembering grammar points?**
3. Tonya completes her assignment on time for every class.
   **Does Tonya complete her assignment on time for every class?**

N. Please use the word “not” to change the following positive statements into negative statements.
1. Jedi Mind Tricks played at The Stone Pony last year.
   **Jedi Mind Tricks did not play at The…**
2. My husband always remembers my birthday.
   **My husband does not always remember…**
3. The Zaiens have lived in New Jersey for many years.
   **The Zaiens have not lived in NJ…**