Midterm Exam Sample A

A. 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.)

1. Last year a dangerous wildfire destroyed several mobile homes.
2. Georgina will remain our department secretary for another semester.
3. Maria and her husband recently celebrated their anniversary in Las Vegas.
4. The television crew waited for the lawyer outside the courtroom.
5. In December the Chavez family might go to Canada for a long vacation.
6. Last year Roxanne became a substitute teacher at a local high school.

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

1. The classrooms on the fifth floor of the library (has, have) new computers.
2. An inventory of equipment and supplies (was, were) posted on the wall.
3. Sam (has written, had written, wrote) his paper several weeks ago.
4. Marco (has lived, lived, had lived) in New York for several years now.
5. Mrs. Jeffrey (sprained, had sprained, was spraining) her ankle several hours before she went to the doctor's office.
6. This class (works, has worked, is working) on the midterm exam tonight.
7. Dr. Lopez often tells me that I eat (had eaten, ate) too much sugar.
8. The class (has studied, had studied, was studying) verbs all last month.
9. Ana (washed, was washing, has washed) her car when she slipped and fell.
10. Kendra (publishes, will publish, has published) her article by December 2009.

C. Please write the correct form of the verb in the blank. Spelling counts! (1 point each)

1. Last month Joseph bought (buy) Karen's house.
2. The teacher permitted (permit) the students to leave early yesterday.
3. By 4 p.m. tomorrow Dr. Holt will have read (read) all of the reports.
4. Sara has grown (grow) vegetables for three years now.
5. Ana had applied (apply) for this job months before she was actually interviewed.
6. The police arrested the suspect while he was robbing (rob) the bank on Foothill Boulevard.
7. Karen **worry**ed (worry) whenever her daughter is out late.

   The chef **was fry**ing (fry) the chicken when he burned himself.

9. Samuel **will submit** (submit) his application to the college next month.

10. Several students **misspelled** (misspell) verbs during the quiz last week.

11. Even though he **had admit**ted (admit) his guilt months earlier, the suspect was recently given a trial.

12. While Brenda **was shop**ing (shop) in the mall, a thief stole her purse.

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 firefighters couldn’t find no fire hydrants.

   The firefighters couldn’t find **any** fire...

2. Trina was upset because she didn’t know nobody at the party.

   Trina was upset because she didn’t know **anybody** at the party.
G. Please make the following nouns plural. (1 point each)

1. belief beliefs
2. witch witches
3. family families
4. foot feet
5. child children
6. business businesses
7. hobby hobbies
8. holiday holidays
9. brother-in-law brothers-in-law
10. crisis crises

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

1. Sara Lopez’s house was repaired by Gregory’s company.
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2. The Clark’s have taken their three children to the park.
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3. The two Hamilton’s held a garage sale in the Hamilton’s yard.
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4. Karen’s baby often loses it’s shoes.
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I. The following sentences contain misused modifiers. Please make corrections above the sentence. (1 point each)

1. Paula had a really terrible headache, so she went home.
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2. Lalo hurt his arm badly during the game.
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3. When you leave class today, be sure to drive safely.
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J. Please write the correct comparative or superlative forms of the words in parentheses.

1. Of the two classes, Tom’s is more difficult (difficult).
2. Cora has the meanest (mean) cat in the neighborhood.
3. Lula drives more cautiously (cautiously) than the other driver.
4. Of all the players, Ron is the laziest (lazy).
5. Of the two mechanics, Miguel was more reliable (reliable).
6. This child is more playful (playful) than his brother.
7. The weather was breezier (breezy) today than yesterday.
8. Of the three contestants, Ruth looked most-enthralled (enthralled).
9. Martha is the shorter (short) of Kara’s two daughters.
10. John is the better (good) driver of the two.
K. Please identify the following sentences as active or passive.

1. The students wrote several essays last week.
   - Active

2. The buildings were repainted and repaired.
   - Passive

3. The National Anthem was sung before the baseball game.
   - Passive

L. Please change the following active voice sentences to the passive voice.

1. The road crew replaced the broken pavement on the freeway ramp.
   - The pavement was replaced by the road crew.

2. The vice president will prepare the annual budget for the college.
   - The annual budget will be prepared by the vice president.

M. Please change the following statements into questions. (1 point each)

1. The little boy hid under the bed during the scary movie.
   - Did the little boy hide under...

2. The president of the college visits classrooms every semester.
   - Does the president visit classrooms...

3. Chandra is arguing with her mother about going to a party.
   - Is Chandra arguing...

N. Please use the word "not" to change the following positive statements into negative statements.

1. Mr. Booker left his keys in his desk drawer.
   - Mr. Booker did not leave his keys

2. The witness will speak to reporters after the trial tomorrow.
   - The witness will not speak to reporters.

3. Ms. Aquino watches television every day.
   - Ms. Aquino does not watch television.