Midterm Exam Sample B

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. Yesterday the soccer team traveled to Bakersfield for a game.

2. Professor Jefferson is a famous political journalist.

3. The manager and her assistant will promote several employees next month.

4. The union representative sent a letter to the lawyer.

5. The Calloways went to the Bahamas for their anniversary.

6. Last September Maxine Jimenez became a registered nurse.

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

1. The manager of those apartment buildings was in the office yesterday.

2. A list of the students in the classes are ready to be posted tomorrow.

3. Sam (works, has worked, was working) on his project for weeks now.

4. Marsha (has lived, lived, had lived) in France for several years before she enrolled at Mission College.

5. Mrs. Jeffrey (broke, was breaking, had broken) her leg last week.

6. Our class (takes, was taking, is taking) the midterm right now.

7. Dr. Jones often says that Sylvia (drinks, had drunk, drank) too much coffee.

8. The class (works, has worked, had worked) on verbs all this month.

9. Mark (shopped, had shopped, was shopping) at the mall when the power went out.

10. Paola (is completing, will complete, will have completed) her degree by June 2009.

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

1. Yesterday Hugo accidentally slammed (slam) the door on his finger.

2. The witness will testify or is testifying (testify) at the trial today.

3. By 4 p.m. tomorrow Susan will have reviewed (review) all of the midterms.

4. Sara has studied (study) the piano for several years now.

5. The upset customer had complained (complain) several times about his defective tire before the store finally agreed to replace it.

6. The children spilled (spill) juice all over the table last night.
7. Last week the manager **permitted** (permit) the employees to leave early.

8. The chef **was chopping** (chop) the meat when he cut himself.

9. Samuel **is writing** (write) a letter to his daughter right now.

10. Several runners **fell** (fall) during the marathon last week.

11. The suspect **had committed** (commit) the crime months before he was arrested.

12. The students **will choose** (choose) a new representative next week.

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. Sandy wasn't well enough to do nothing while she was sick.
   **Sandy wasn't well enough to do anything**

2. Marsha couldn't seem to remember none of the math rules during the test.
   **Marsha couldn't seem to remember any of the math rules**
G. Please make the following nouns plural. (1 point each)

1. wife ______________ 6. community ______________
2. beach ______________ 7. trophy ______________
3. tooth ______________ 8. monkey ______________
4. foot ______________ 9. mother-in-law ______________
5. cupful ______________ 10. thesis ______________

3. "Johnson's  Lopez's"

5. "Jordan's  their"

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 Johnson's house was painted by Mr. Lopez's company.
   Correct: Sara Johnson's house was painted by Mr. Lopez's company.

2. The Jordan's have moved to their new home.
   Correct: The Jordan's have moved to their new home.

3. Lupe Garcia's sister works for the Marshalls.
   Correct: Lupe Garcia's sister works for the Marshalls.

4. Three company's complained about they're incorrect bills.
   Correct: Three company's complained about their incorrect bills.

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

1. Sara has always been a real good friend.
   Correct: Sara has always been a really good friend.

2. Ted hurt his leg bad during the game last week.
   Correct: Ted hurt his leg badly during the game last week.

3. Jerri talks louder than anyone else in her class.
   Correct: Jerri talks louder than anyone else in her class.

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

1. Of the two students, Terry was more reliable (of all the dogs).
   Correct: Of the two students, Terry was the most reliable (of all the students).

2. Jack has the most vicious (dog) in the neighborhood.
   Correct: Jack has the most vicious dog in the neighborhood.

3. Sara types more carefully (carefully) than the other manager.
   Correct: Sara types more carefully than the other manager.

4. Of all the employees, Ron is the busiest (busy).
   Correct: Of all the employees, Ron is the busiest employee.

5. Of the two winners, Tom was more enthusiastic (enthusiastic).
   Correct: Of the two winners, Tom was the most enthusiastic winner.

6. This book was more useful (useful) than the old one.
   Correct: This book was the most useful book.

7. The weather was warmer (this year than last).
   Correct: The weather was warmer this year than last year.

8. Of the three contestants, Ruth looked prettiest (pretty).
   Correct: Of the three contestants, Ruth looked the prettiest.

9. Martha is the younger (young) of Kara's two daughters.
   Correct: Martha is the younger of Kara's two daughters.

10. John is the worse (bad) driver of the two.
    Correct: John is the worst driver of the two.

K. Please identify the following sentences as active or passive.

1. Theo Norris was given a huge bouquet of roses. Passive
   Correct: A huge bouquet of roses was given to Theo Norris.

2. John's sister will be elected class president next week. Passive
   Correct: Class president will be elected to John's sister.

3. The ugly cat chased the mouse across the room. Active
   Correct: The ugly cat chased the mouse across the room.
L. Please change the following active voice sentences to the passive voice.

1. A road crew repaired the broken pavement late last night.
   The broken pavement was repaired by a road crew.

2. The team leader presented the report to the company president.
   The report was presented by the team leader.

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

1. Jackie Hastings went to Las Vegas for a convention last week.
   Who went to Las Vegas? Where did Jackie go?

2. Sara sometimes forgets to clean her room.
   Who sometimes forgets ... What does Sara sometimes forget to do?

3. Billy and his girlfriend went to a theme park last night.
   Where did Billy and his girlfriend go ...
   Who went to the theme park ...

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

1. Mr. Chang found the missing documents.
   Mr. Chang did not find the missing documents.

2. Mr. Johnson writes all of the contracts.
   Mr. Johnson does not write all of the contracts.

3. The students enjoyed taking this midterm.
   The students did not enjoy taking this midterm.