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**Week - 10**  
**Lecture – 45**  
**Grammar – Part I**  
**Subject – Verb Agreement & Sentence Correction**

Good morning friends. So, as we approach the end of this course English language for competitive exams, I am starting with what we had already promised at the beginning what we are going to do; we are going to do grammar, substantial portion from grammar and to begin with we are going to start with subject verb agreement. As you know this is a higher order course we are assuming that most of you at least are familiar with the basics of grammar; you are familiar with the, at least you have rudimentary knowledge of grammar, and you are all applying or you are all applying rather for competitive exams that require the test your advanced English.

So, in this particular module on grammar, you are not going to get the basics please do their in mind. I have already recommended with there are number of books that will created to your needs if you are looking to improve your basic grammar. The best example of the best recommendation is always rhyme martin high school grammar, which is a standard text yeah and it covers almost every portion or every element every item that is record in grammar. It has the parts of speeches right from beginning from parts of speeches, till the variety of the kinds of; different kinds of sentences; simple, complex, compound and the various aspects of those kinds of activity.

So, you have to brush up your basic grammars, if basic grammar if you feel that you are on a rather shaky ground. For this particular course I recommend that you look at advance English grammar which is a book written by Martin Hewins and if you have if you are going diligently through your dictionaries as well both Oxford and Cambridge advance learner dictionaries, you will find that there are certain special certain additional pages there completely devoted to explaining grammar, but if you more. So, that should cover your requirements and of course, you have to read a lot do other kinds of readings as well; if you are appearing for knish or specific kinds of exams, competitive exams.

So, do look up the model question papers the model hand books that that appear so periodically, and train you on about those, so that is the way to prepare. But here we are going to focus on only certain specific components of grammar, let me repeat I am not going to start from the scratch. You must have notice we have been doing higher order reading and writing not the basics, we have an extremely advanced level of vocabulary also. In fact, vocabulary has been a very strong aspect of this course.

We handle almost every aspect of or every kind of vocabulary that anyone can aspect to encounter in a any competitive exam. And that should support you and that should be great you of course, you have to supplement and compliment your readings and your learning's with other materials as well. So, please let me repeat this is not definitive course, we do not claim that after going through this course you are going to you can appear for any kind of exam and crack it, I do not think any teacher can be that kind of claim all readings is or all learning should be consistent over a period of time and also it as there as to be lot of other additional material are also.

This material this course can be one of those materials. So, as we move as we move on to our subject verb agreement I am going to do some sentence correction, let me repeat that in sentence correction like in everywhere else. You will have to read the sentence very carefully. So, this is something that I have been emphasizing and stressing on throughout read the sentence correctly, do not be in a hurry; many a time we find students are in such a tearing hurry to complete the paper, that they tick the first question that the first answer the first choice that is remotely that they think is associated or is the correct answer, which is just perhaps you know remotely related to the exact answer.

You have to look at the question twice at least in order to understand what the examiner is asking it? What the question is asking you to do. Remember in this particular kind of sentence correction exercise, you will have to replace the underline section in the question with one of the options. So, it is not to replacing just one word, but replacing the underline section. I will give you some example soon and explain what I mean. Now here the text is of grammar; the underline portion is inaccurate could be any part it could be a problem error of proposition or article, most often subject verb agreement. It could also be using incorrect plurals or wrong confusable word.

So, remember all these things. Your task is to replace here the underline portion with the best possible option you will be given a set of four or five, this might not always correspond with your perception of the right answer you think ideally this should be the right answer, but best possible option is our choice. So, choose the best possible choice from the answer. Remember what are the things to focus on subject verb agreement, subject of the sentence must agree with the verb used. The boy is playing outside the boy is going to the school, the boys are going to the school where elementary sentences. So, boys are, girls are, boy is, the girl is.

Now, you cannot say my mother like to read the newspaper early in the morning. My mother likes to read the newspaper. So, you should be able to understand that the subject; my mother as to agree with the verb like, there can also be problems of redundancy and meanings. So, sentences can be two word e; they can have too many unnecessary words you have to choose options which are to the point. Always pay attention to the placement of words, sometimes you find awkward sentences they have to be reordered. For instance you may often find on the door there was a colorful poster, on the door there was a colorful poster; better thing is to say there was a green poster on the there was a colorful poster on the door.

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1. Although William Pereira first gained national recognition for his movie set designs, including those for the 1942 film "Reap the Wild Wind," future generations remember him as the architect of the Transamerica Tower, the Malibu campus of Pepperdine University, and the city of Irvine.

- A. including those for the 1942 film "Reap the Wild Wind," future generations
- B. like that for the 1942 film "Reap the Wild Wind," future generations will
- C. like those for the 1942 film "Reap the Wild Wind," future generations
- D. including ,that for the 1942 film "Reap the Wild Wind," future generations will
- E. including those for the 1942 film "Reap the Wild Wind," future generations will

We will start with the exercises and let us look at the first slide. Although William Pereira first gained national recognition for his movie set designs, including those for the 1942 film “Reap the wild wind,” future generations remember him as the architect of the Transamerica Tower the Malibu campus of Pepperdine University, and the city of Irvine. Sentence underlined look at the portion underline, and how you should replace it. Including those for the 1942 film “Reap the Wild Wind,” future generations; like that for the in 1942 film, like those for the 1942 film; including that for the 1942 film, including those for the 1942 film; look at the settle differences. At first glance if you just look at the paragraph or look at the choices there is very it is very confusing, what should what is wrong basically I get the meaning meanings is absolutely clearly. So, what is the problem here? That in spite of that you are suppose to do the exercise and the best option is option e including those for the 1942 film Reap the Wild Wind future generations will right future generations will remember him for constructing all those wonderful structures.

Remember every part of the sentence was right until future generations; adding will after this term makes a sentence grammatically correct. As the authors or author is talking about the future. So, will is the word because of that you have to use the option e.

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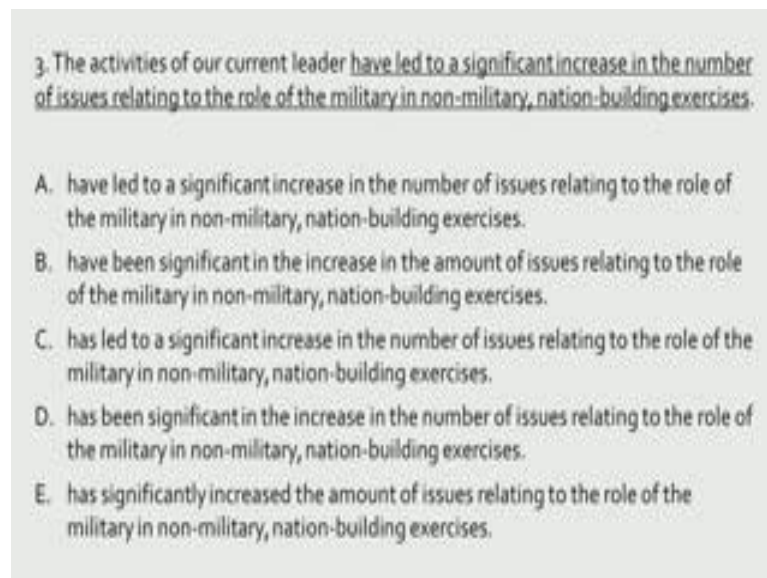
2. Neither Martha or her sisters are going on vacation.

- A) Neither Martha or her sisters are going on vacation.
- B) Neither Martha or her sisters is going on vacation.
- C) Neither any of her sisters nor Martha are going on vacation.
- D) Neither Martha nor her sisters are going on vacation.
- E) Neither Martha nor her sisters is going on vacation.

Look at the second set: Neither Martha or her sisters are going on vacation. The entire sentence as been underline please note that neither Martha or her sisters are going on vacation neither Martha or her sisters is going on vacation, neither any of her sisters nor Martha are going on vacation neither Martha nor her sisters are going on vacation, neither Martha nor her sisters is going on vacation. There is a thing called either or, neither nor, and although, yet and though something. So, these are called connectors connectives higher order connectives, they are not like his a sorry they are not connectors like and, and, but because like here they are more complicated and they require an understanding of subject verb agreement. The best option is option d here; neither Martha nor her sisters are going on vacation. The consistent appearance of neither indicates a neither nor relationship remember, we can eliminate choices a and b outright the correct verb is set to match what comes after the word nor.

Since a sisters in d is plural; the plural verb are is something that agrees with. So, I repeat the correct verb should match what comes after the word nor.

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3. The activities of our current leader have led to a significant increase in the number of issues relating to the role of the military in non-military, nation-building exercises.

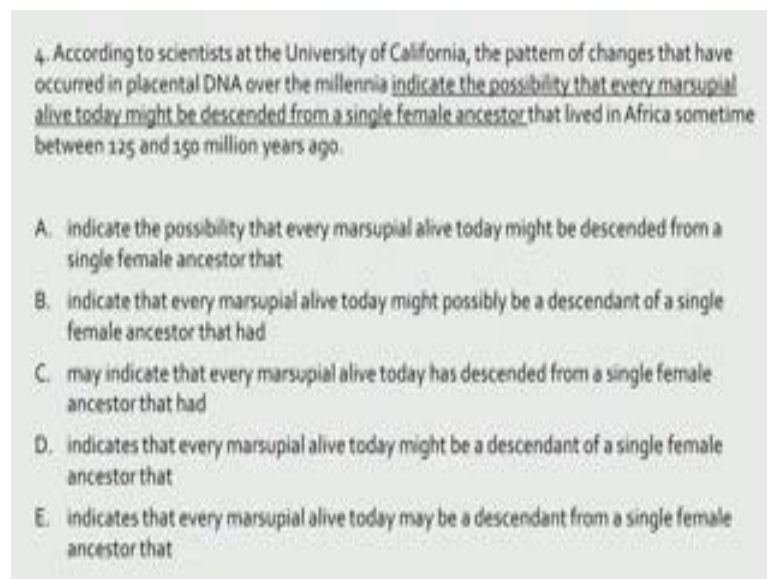
- A. have led to a significant increase in the number of issues relating to the role of the military in non-military, nation-building exercises.
- B. have been significant in the increase in the amount of issues relating to the role of the military in non-military, nation-building exercises.
- C. has led to a significant increase in the number of issues relating to the role of the military in non-military, nation-building exercises.
- D. has been significant in the increase in the number of issues relating to the role of the military in non-military, nation-building exercises.
- E. has significantly increased the amount of issues relating to the role of the military in non-military, nation-building exercises.

Next slide please; please look at the slide, the activities of our current leader have led to a significant increase in the number of issues relating to the role of the military in non-military, nation building exercises. A have led to a significant increase in the number of

issues relating to the role of the military in non-military nation building exercises. Have been significant in the increase in the amount of issues relating to the role of the military in non-military etcetera; has led to a significant increase in the number of issues relating to the role of the military in non-military.

Has been significant in the increase in the number of issues relating to the role of the military; has significantly increased the amount of issues relating to the role of the military. Best answer is option A: have led to a significant increase in the number of issues relating to the role of the military in non-military nation building exercises. Activities remember is a plural; please note that refer have is more at than has you have activities it is a plural therefore, have option B is quite clunky; choose the most to the point economical option that you get.

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4. According to scientists at the University of California, the pattern of changes that have occurred in placental DNA over the millennia indicate the possibility that every marsupial alive today might be descended from a single female ancestor that lived in Africa sometime between 125 and 150 million years ago.

- A. indicate the possibility that every marsupial alive today might be descended from a single female ancestor that
- B. indicate that every marsupial alive today might possibly be a descendant of a single female ancestor that had
- C. may indicate that every marsupial alive today has descended from a single female ancestor that had
- D. indicates that every marsupial alive today might be a descendant of a single female ancestor that
- E. indicates that every marsupial alive today may be a descendant from a single female ancestor that

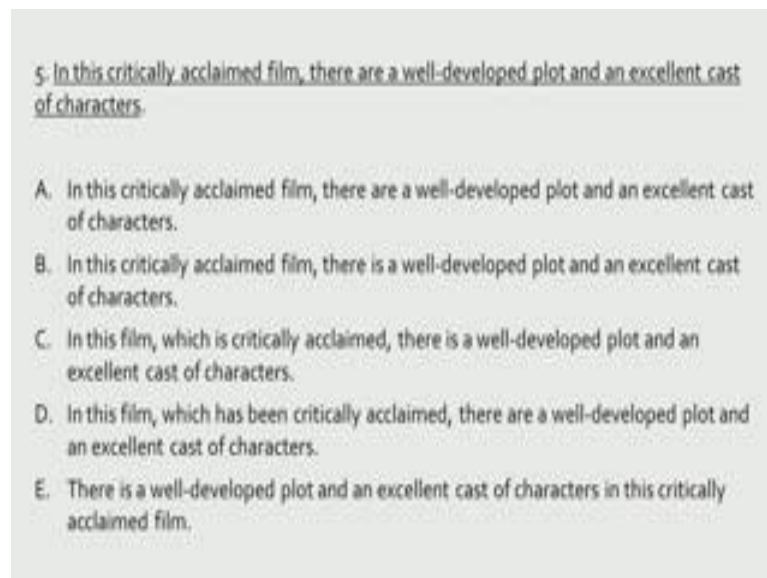
Please look at the next exercise 4; according to scientists at the at the University of California, the pattern of changes that have occurred in place placental DNA over the millennia indicate the possibility that every marsupial alive today might be descended from a single female ancestor that lived in Africa sometime between 125 and 150 million years ago. This option A indicate the possibility that every marsupial alive today, might

be descended from a single female ancestor that indicate that every marsupial alive today; might possibly be a descendant of a single female ancestor that had.

Many in may indicate that every marsupial alive today has descended from a single female ancestor that had. Indicates that every marsupial alive today might be a descendant of a single female ancestor that indicates that; every marsupial alive today may be a descendant from a single female ancestor that. Answer is option D indicates that every marsupial alive today might be a descendant of a single female ancestor that subject verb agreement remember, it dictates that pattern can agree with indicates not indicate.

So, pattern being a plural singular and patterns plural. So, singular with singular verb; so therefore, indicates not indicate. Also reduce redundancy by or reputation by eliminating options that include possibly etcetera they make the sentence longer than necessary.

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5. In this critically acclaimed film, there are a well-developed plot and an excellent cast of characters.

- A. In this critically acclaimed film, there are a well-developed plot and an excellent cast of characters.
- B. In this critically acclaimed film, there is a well-developed plot and an excellent cast of characters.
- C. In this film, which is critically acclaimed, there is a well-developed plot and an excellent cast of characters.
- D. In this film, which has been critically acclaimed, there are a well-developed plot and an excellent cast of characters.
- E. There is a well-developed plot and an excellent cast of characters in this critically acclaimed film.

We will move on to the fifth exercise; in this critically acclaimed film, there are a well-developed plot and an excellent cast of characters. In this critically acclaimed film, there are a well-developed plot and an excellent cast of. In this critically acclaimed film, there is a well-developed plot and an excellent cast of characters. In this film, which is

critically acclaimed, there is a well-developed plot and an excellent cast of. In this film which has been critically acclaimed there are a well-developed plot etcetera, There is a well-developed plot option E and an excellent cast of characters in this critically acclaimed film. So, changing the order here, the best option is a, in this critically acclaimed film there are a well-developed plot, and an excellent cast of characters; yes. Remember the compound subject includes both plot and the cast, its and we are talking of plot and the cast therefore plural; it has a plot and it as a it as characters therefore, plural; option A is the right answer do not get confused here, there is a well-developed plot, but then what do you do with the excellent cast of characters it as to take that along as well.

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6. Implementing the consultants' recommendations is expected to result in both increased productivity and decreased costs.

- A. Implementing the consultants' recommendations is expected to result in
- B. Implementing the consultants' recommendations are expected to result in
- C. The expected result of enacting the consultants' recommendations are
- D. The expected results of enacting the consultants' recommendations is
- E. It is expected that enactment of the consultants' recommendations are to result in

So, therefore, a plural there are a well-developed plot and an excellent cast of characters. Look at the sixth problem; implementing the consultant's recommendations is expected to result in both increased productivity and decreased costs. Option A, implementing the consultants recommendations is expected to result in. Implementing the consultants recommendations are expected to result in. The expected result of enacting the consultants recommendations are. The expected result of enacting the consultant's recommendations is. It is expected that enactment of the consultants recommendations are to result in and the best option is option A; implementing the consultants



recommendations is expected to result in, what is the subject and what is agree?  
remember under subject verb agreement is i s is more act hence A is the correct answer C  
D E are not simple sentences; choose the option which is not only grammatically correct,  
but also simply corrected simply constructed.

So, implementing the construction the consultants and it should be is, we are the subject  
the verb is not agreeing with consultants, it is agreeing with implementing the act of  
implementing.

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7. The Inland Taipan or Fierce Snake of central Australia is widely regarded to be the world's most venomous snake; the poison from its bite can kill human victims unless treated within thirty minutes of an incident.

- A. regarded to be the world's most venomous snake; the poison from its bite can kill human victims unless treated
- B. regarded as the world's most venomous snake; the poison from its bite can kill human victims unless treated
- C. regarded to be the world's most venomous snake; the poison from its bite can kill human victims unless it is treated
- D. regarded as the world's most venomous snake; the poison from its bite can kill human victims unless they are treated
- E. regarded to be the world's most venomous snake; the poison from its bite can kill human victims unless they are treated

Look at the next slide 7; the Inland Taipan or Fierce Snake of central Australia is widely regarded to be the world's most venomous snake; the poison from its bite can kill human victims unless treated within thirty minutes of an incident. Look at the underline section and replace it with regarded to be the world's most venomous snake; the poison from its bite can kill human victims unless treated. Regarded as the world's most venomous snake the poison from its bite etcetera regarded to be the world's most venomous snake; the poison from its bite etcetera; regarded as the world's most venomous snake the poison from its bite can kill human victims, unless they are treated and E regarded to be the world's most venomous snake; the poison from its bite can kill human victims unless

they are treated. The best option is option D regarded as the world's most venomous snake; the poison from its bite can kill human victims unless they are treated.

Look how well it treats; always mentally read aloud. In your mind you should be able to read aloud, and if there is any doubt or suspension read it aloud again of course, to yourself; without disturbing the others who that other exam takers, read it out again. Remember the idea is to confuse, they all look and sound so similar; now this is a admittedly a very ambiguous kind of reference, but very subtle, that differences. So subtle, the original sentence is missing they and without the pronoun they the word treated might refer to poison or victims; treated is only supposed to refer to victims. In option C the pronoun it the pronoun it is logically, but incorrectly used to refer to by it. Technically it is not the bite that needs to be treated, but the victims the actual victims and option A C E are wrong, they erroneously employ the idiom regarding regarded to be it should be regarded as.

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8. Although Medicare legislation is being considered by the House of Representatives, they do not expect it to pass without being significantly revised.

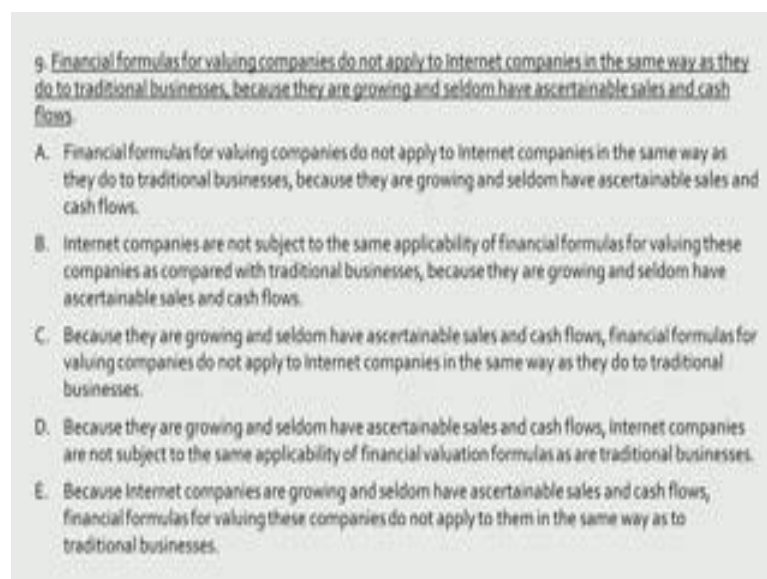
- A. Although Medicare legislation is being considered by the House of Representatives, they do not expect it to pass without being significantly revised.
- B. Although the House of Representatives is considering Medicare legislation, they do not expect it to pass without significant revision.
- C. Although the House of Representatives is considering Medicare legislation, it is not expected to pass without being significantly revised.
- D. If it is to be passed, the House of Representatives must significantly revise Medicare legislation.
- E. Consideration and significant revision is expected if Medicare legislation is to be passed by the House of Representatives.

Let us move on to the next one; although Medicare legislation is being considered by the House of Representatives, they do not expect it to pass without being significantly revised. Options are although Medicare legislation is being considered by the House of

Representatives, they do not expect it to pass without being significantly revised. Although the house of representatives is considering Medicare legislation they do not expect it to pass without significantly revision. Although the house of representatives is considering Medicare legislation, it is not expected to pass without being significantly revised. If it is to be passed, the House of Representatives must significantly revise Medicare legislation. Consideration and significant revision is expected if Medicare legislation is to be passed by the House of Representatives.

The best choice is option C although the house of representatives is considering Medicare legislation; it is not expected to pass without being significantly revised.

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9. Financial formulas for valuing companies do not apply to internet companies in the same way as they do to traditional businesses, because they are growing and seldom have ascertainable sales and cash flows

- A. Financial formulas for valuing companies do not apply to internet companies in the same way as they do to traditional businesses, because they are growing and seldom have ascertainable sales and cash flows.
- B. Internet companies are not subject to the same applicability of financial formulas for valuing these companies as compared with traditional businesses, because they are growing and seldom have ascertainable sales and cash flows.
- C. Because they are growing and seldom have ascertainable sales and cash flows, financial formulas for valuing companies do not apply to internet companies in the same way as they do to traditional businesses.
- D. Because they are growing and seldom have ascertainable sales and cash flows, internet companies are not subject to the same applicability of financial valuation formulas as are traditional businesses.
- E. Because internet companies are growing and seldom have ascertainable sales and cash flows, financial formulas for valuing these companies do not apply to them in the same way as to traditional businesses.

Next slide financial formulas for valuing companies the entire sentence that is a problematic here; do not apply to internet companies in the same way as they do to traditional businesses, because they are growing and seldom have ascertainable sales and cash flows. Your options are right there in front of you, please go through them. The best answer is option A; because internet companies are growing and seldom have ascertainable sales and cash flows, financial formulas for valuing companies do not apply to them in the same way as to traditional businesses. If option E makes the

sentence easier to comprehend remember, it reduces ambiguity when differentiating between internet companies and traditional businesses therefore, best answer option E.

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10. Using a metal detector, old coins and other valuables can be located by hobbyists even though they are buried in the sand and dirt.

- A. Using a metal detector, old coins and other valuables can be located by hobbyists even though they are buried in the sand and dirt.
- B. Old coins and other valuables can be located by hobbyists using a metal detector even though they are buried in the sand and dirt.
- C. Using a metal detector, hobbyists can locate old coins and other valuables even though they are buried in the sand and dirt.
- D. Buried in the sand and dirt, old coins and other valuables can be located by hobbyists using a metal detector.
- E. A metal detector can be used to locate old coins and other valuables that are buried in the sand and dirt by a hobbyist.

Let us move on to number 10; using a metal detector, old coins and other valuables can be located by hobbyists even though they are buried in the sand and dirt. Option A using a metal detector, old coins and other valuables can be located by hobbyists even though they are buried in the sand and dirt. Old coins and other valuables can be located by hobbyists using a metal detector even though they are buried in the sand and dirt. Using a metal detector, hobbyists can locate old coins and other valuables even though they are buried in the sand and dirt. Buried in the sand and dirt, old coins and other valuables can be located by hobbyists using a metal detector. A metal detector can be used to locate old coins and other valuables that are buried in the sand and dirt by a hobbyist.

Best choice is option C using a metal detector hobbyists can locate old coins and other valuables even though they are buried in the sand and dirt. This question remember illustrates the problem of misplace modifier, adjectival modifier in particular an introductory modifying phrase, a phrase that begins the sentence you using all this refers to the first noun or pronoun that follows it and which is in the subjective case. As a

general rule modifying words or phrases should be kept close to the words that they modify.

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11. On the basis of their review of first quarter operating results, management's decision was to forgo expansion plans and pursue a more conservative marketing approach aimed at streamlining product offerings.
- A. On the basis of their review of first quarter operating results, management's decision was
  - B. On the basis of its review of first quarter operating results, management decided
  - C. Based on reviewing first quarter operating results, a decision was made by management
  - D. Based on their review of first quarter operating results, management decided
  - E. Based on first quarter operating results, management decided

Let us move on to eleven; on the basis of their review of the first quarter operating results, management's decision was to forgo expansion plans and pursue a more conservative marketing approach aimed at streamlining product offerings. A on the basis of their review of first quarter operating results, management's decision was. On the basis of its review of first quarter operating results, management decided. Based on reviewing first quarter operating results, a decision was made by management. Based on their review of first quarter operating results management decided. Based on first quarter operating results, management decided. The best option A, option B on the basis of its review of first quarter operating results management decided. Remember management is a singular noun and it is more it presents more appropriate then there, we have already done such kind of in exercise before here.

So, whenever we refer to company it is nothing not there. Option A is not right because the opening clause on the basis of their review of first quarter operating results, it cannot logically modify management's decision, it can only modify managements. So, there is a problem of modifier here what is being referred to. In option C which is incorrect for the

same reason, the clause based on revising or reviewing the first quarter operating results cannot properly modify a decision. Option D is all because a pronoun there does not match the singular antecedent management, the correct noun would be its in option E as well as option D management cannot technically speaking, the based on the first quarter operating results or even a review of the first quarter operating results. Let us look at the next question.

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12. Plastic surgeons who perform surgery for non-medical reasons defend their practice on the basis of the free rights of their patients; many others in the health field, however, contend that plastic surgery degrades natural beauty, which they liken to reconstructing a national park.

- A. which they liken to reconstructing a national park.
- B. which they liken to a national park with reconstruction done to it.
- C. which they liken to reconstruction done on a national park.
- D. likening it to a national park with reconstruction done to it.
- E. likening it to reconstructing a national park.

Plastic surgeons who perform surgery for non-medical reasons defend their practice on the basis of the free rights of their patients; many others in the health field, however, contend that plastic surgery degrades natural beauty, and then this is like this is the problem area which they liken to reconstructing a national park. A which they liken to reconstructing a national park; B which they liken to a national park with reconstruction done to it; C which they liken to reconstruction done on a national park; D likening it to a national park with reconstruction done to it, likening it to reconstructing a national park. Best answer is option E likening it likening here is singular to, reconstructing a national park. So, option E likening it to reconstructing a national park; remember option A B C the relative pronoun which w h i c h refers not to plastic surgery, but to the noun immediately preceding it natural beauty.

As a result natural beauty is compared to reconstructing a national park choice A. So, national park to B and to reconstructing reconstruction choice C; so choice D corrects this problem by eliminating the, which construction and supplying the pronoun it; does it refers where clearly to plastic surgery. Now D could have been correct, but then it illogically compares plastic surgery to a national park, the double use of it is the problem in option D. So, best choice option E; look at it again which they liken to reconstructing a national park, likening it to Reconstructing a national park go through the choices again and you will understand the logic here.

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13. Cannelloni has and always will be my favourite Italian dish.

- A. Cannelloni has and always will be my favourite Italian dish.
- B. Cannelloni was, has, and always will be my favourite Italian dish.
- C. Cannelloni was and always will be my favourite Italian dish.
- D. Cannelloni has been and always will be my favored Italian dish.
- E. Cannelloni is, has, and always will be my favored Italian dish.

Let us move on to the thirteen one: Cannelloni has and always will be my favourite Italian dish, Cannelloni has or will be my favourite Italian dish or may be being it Italian the pronunciation should be cannelloni was has and always will be my favourite Italian dish, cannelloni was and always will be my favourite Italian dish, cannelloni has been and always will be my favored Italian dish, cannelloni is has and always will be my favored Italian dish. Very interesting sentence, the best answer is cannelloni has been and always will be my favored Italian dish has been here remember is more appropriate than was. We suggest that it is no longer away if it is was then it is no longer; many a times students do make this mistake I use to go walking; that means, you are no longer



do doing it use to is walking. So, if you are still walking early morning, so you have to say I walk and not use to.

So, was here is something that so over, which is not it is still continuous to be. So, a question highlights parallelism, we will be doing some exercises and parallelism also usually where a comparison or extend an argument is made and the clause is need to match.

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14. Massage creates a relaxing, therapeutic, and rejuvenating experience both for your body and your well-being.

- A. both for your body and your well-being.
- B. for both your body and your well-being.
- C. both for your body and well-being.
- D. for both your body and well-being.
- E. both for your body as well as your well-being.

Let us look at the next slide; massage creates a relaxing, therapeutic, and rejuvenating experience both for your body and wellbeing; both for your body and your well-being, both for your body and your well-being, A B for both your body and your well-being, C both for your body and wellbeing, D for both your body and well-being, E both for your body as well as your well-being. The best choice is B for both your body and your well-being both as to be there, option B connects both well-being and body in fewer words than the other sentences; again the logic here is depended on parallelism.



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15. Italy is famous for its composers and musicians, France, for its chefs and philosophers, and Poland, for its mathematicians and logicians

- A. Italy is famous for its composers and musicians, France, for its chefs and philosophers, and Poland, for its mathematicians and logicians.
- B. Italy is famous for its composers and musicians, France for its chefs and philosophers, Poland for its mathematicians and logicians.
- C. Italy is famous for its composers and musicians. France for its chefs and philosophers. Poland for its mathematicians and logicians.
- D. Italy is famous for their composers and musicians; France, for their chefs and philosophers; Poland for their mathematicians and logicians.
- E. Italy, France, and Poland are famous for their composers and musicians, chefs and philosophers, and mathematicians and logicians.

Let us move on to the next one fifteenth. Italy is famous for its composers and musicians, France, for its chefs, and philosophers, and Poland, for its mathematicians and logicians. Entire sentence has been underlined. So, we have to rewrite Italy is famous for its composers and musicians, France for its chefs and philosophers, and Poland for its mathematicians and logicians. Look at the use of commas also, punctuation marks are important here. So, hint B Italy is famous for its composers and musicians, France for its chefs and philosophers, Poland for its mathematicians and logicians; C Italy is famous for its composers and musicians France full stop. France for its chefs and philosophers full stop, Poland for its mathematicians and logicians D Italy is famous for their composers and musicians semicolon, France for their chefs and philosophers semicolon, Poland for their mathematicians and logicians. E Italy comma France and Poland are famous for their composers and musicians, chefs and philosophers, mathematicians and logicians; just one look and you should know E can be straight away eliminated.

The best choice; however, is A Italy is famous for its composers and musicians, France for its chefs and philosophers, and Poland for its mathematicians and logicians. Countries remember are a single unit. So, it is a more appropriate then there. Also this question illustrates the problems of comma usage, France should be followed by a

comma as there is no other connector, choice E changes the meanings of the original sentence and it as to be eliminated right away.

We will continue with similar exercises and more discussion on sentence correction in our subsequent classes.