

## **SAT Grammar Exercises #4**

**The following exercises contain  
both SAT Error-Identification and  
Fixing Sentences questions**

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1. Shakespeare's Shylock is both hero and villain, a flawed human being so consumed with anger, and this causes him to deny his own sense of morality in order to obtain revenge.

- (A) anger, and this causes him to deny his own sense of morality
- (B) anger, which causes his denying his own sense of morality
- (C) anger, therefore he denies his own sense of morality
- (D) anger and denying his own sense of morality
- (E) anger that he denies his own sense of morality

Answer to #1: E  
Word Pair (So...That)

2. According to education professor Christina Schwarz, childhood is an important state of development in its own right, but many parents once thought it was a mere springboard to adulthood.

- (A) but many parents once thought it was a mere springboard to adulthood
- (B) despite many parents' once thinking that it was a mere springboard to adulthood
- (C) and it is not a mere springboard to adulthood, as many parents once thought
- (D) although the idea that it is a springboard to adulthood was once shared by many parents
- (E) not, as many parents once thought, a mere springboard to adulthood

Answer to #2: E  
Shortest and Clearest

3. Shortly after James Caine's novel *Mildred Pierce* was  
A  
published in 1941, its protagonist has become an icon of  
B C  
female resilience. No error  
D E

Answer to #3: B

Verb Tense (Present Perfect vs. Simple Past)

4. After dealing with a spider infestation, leaky ceilings, and numerous electrical problems, the house was abandoned by its owners.

- (A) the house was abandoned by its owners
- (B) the house being abandoned by its owners
- (C) the house's abandonment by its owners occurred
- (D) the owners of the house abandoned it
- (E) the owners of the house, who abandoned it

Answer to #4: D  
Dangling Modifier

5. Although the company's executives regularly affirm their  
support over regular wage increases, employee  
compensation has remained unchanged for several years.

A

B

C

D

No error

E

Answer to #5: C  
Preposition

6. While some dinosaur fossils belong to either museums  
A B  
and university laboratories, others are owned by private  
C D  
collectors. No error  
E

Answer to #6: C  
Word Pair (Either...Or)

7. Surgeons initially rejected the possibility of performing a full-face transplant because of being concerned that the psychological effects on the recipient would be devastating.

- (A) because of being concerned that the psychological effects
- (B) because of their concern, the psychological effects
- (C) because they were concerned that the psychological effects
- (D) because the psychological effects, they were concerned,
- (E) because the psychological effects concerned them

Answer to #7: C  
Unnecessary use of gerund

8. After the keynote speaker had finished her lecture, audience members given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

- (A) given the opportunity to ask
- (B) were given the opportunity to ask
- (C) were given the opportunity for asking
- (D) having been given the opportunity to ask
- (E) being given the opportunity for asking

Answer to #8: B  
Passive Voice Required/Gerund vs. Infinitive



Answer to #9: D  
Antecedent-Pronoun

10. The clash between the natural world with human  
A  
settlement calls for a careful analysis that involves  
B C  
disciplines ranging from biology to economics. No error  
D E

Answer to #10: A  
Word Pair (Between...And)