








Grammar Drill

In the drill below, you will find questions focusing only on grammar. Before you start, take a few moments to go back over the review material and techniques. If you don't see an error as you read, examine the answer choices for clues as to the errors for which you should look.

Have you ever had a day when you realized in retrospect that it would have been better if one had stayed in bed? Yesterday was one of those days. I woke up at 10:30 to find that my alarm clock has failed to go off. I was already an hour and a half late for work. I jumped into my clothes and ran to my car, only to discover that I had left the lights on the previously evening and the car wouldn't start. Each of the first three taxis I saw were too far away to hail. The taxi driver who finally picked me up didn't have change for a ten dollar bill. When I finally arrived at the office, my boss was not only furious that I was late, and she was also mad that I had forgotten to bring the report I had been preparing at home. Of all the bad days I have experienced in my life, this was the worse.

1. A. NO CHANGE
B. if you had
C. if you has 
D. had one
2. F. NO CHANGE
G. have failed 
H. had failed
J. having failed
3. A. NO CHANGE
B. on the evening previously
C. on the evening previous 
D. on the previous evening
4. F. NO CHANGE
G. was 
H. are
J. is
5. A. NO CHANGE
B. whom finally picked me up
C. whom picked me up finally 
D. who finally picks me up
6. F. NO CHANGE
G. and her
H. but her 
J. but she
7. A. NO CHANGE
B. was the more worse
C. was the worst 
D. was the worser