








Sentence Structure and Punctuation Drill

In the drill below, you will find only questions that focus on sentence construction. Before you start, take a few moments to go back over the review material and techniques. If you don't spot an error as you read, remember that the answer choices may help to suggest an error for which you should look. Answers in Part VII.

When you see the gingerbread houses of Roskilde with their neatly thatched roofs, the gardens filled with flowers,¹ blooms, and the happy smiles on the fresh-faced inhabitants, it is difficult to believe that this town was once the home of a ¹ more warlike people—the Vikings. Roskilde's main museum is devoted to those early inhabitants, the Vikings once wandered² throughout Europe, and by some reports, may have travel all³ the way to North America as well. The museum sits on a site at the edge of Roskilde fiord. Where the Viking ships were once⁴ launched on voyages of conquest and plunder. Until 20 years ago used only by the fishermen who still ply their trade in the fiord, tourists now arrive in buses at the craggy shoreline⁵ to watch local artisans build the Viking ships in the traditional⁶ manner.⁶

High above the fiord is Roskilde Cathedral, built by the famous Viking King Harold Blue-tooth in the 1200s the king⁷ is said to have converted to Christianity when a visiting priest was able to cure his toothache.

1. A. NO CHANGE 
B. flowers and blooms,
C. flowers; blooms
D. flowers, blooms
2. F. NO CHANGE
G. inhabitants the Vikings 
H. inhabitants. The Vikings
J. inhabitants, the Vikings,
3. A. NO CHANGE
B. travels 
C. traveled
D. had traveled
4. F. NO CHANGE 
fiord. Where,
H. fiord, where
J. fiord; where
5. A. NO CHANGE 
B. the craggy shoreline must now be shared with tourists who arrive in buses
C. tourists now arrive at the craggy shoreline in buses
D. the craggy shoreline must now share itself with tourists who arrive in buses
6. F. NO CHANGE 
G. (Place after artisans)
H. (Place after build)
J. (Place after watch)
7. A. NO CHANGE 
B. in the 1200s. The king
C. in the 1200s, the king
D. in the 1200s, the king,

In one corner of the cathedral is a column on which the heights of some other famous historical figures who visited the cathedral are recorded. The tallest (more than seven feet tall, if the markings are to be believed) was Peter the Great; the shortest was a king of Siam; who one hopes was only a boy at the time.

My most memorable vacation as a child was a trip I took to the Grand Canyon with my grandfather. I was only eleven at the time; and I'd never been outside the city of Boston. My

grandfather, a true adventurer, decided that it was time for me to discover the great West. My romantic picture of the

West complete with cowboys and Indians was a little out of date, but the incredible scenery took my breath away.

On our first day we decided that the best way to explore the vast beauty of the canyon would be to take a mule-packed trip down one of the trails. As I rode along on my mules back, I noticed that each rock stratum displayed a distinctive

hue; gray and violet in some places, dark brown and green in others. The rock layers of the Grand Canyon are mostly made of limestone, freshwater shale and sandstone. The Grand Canyon was truly magnificent. As I looked up from the floor of the canyon, it's imposing peaks made me realize how small I really was.

8. F. NO CHANGE
 G. Siam. Who
 H. Siam, whom
 J. Siam, who

9. A. NO CHANGE
 B. at the time and
 C. at the time, and
 D. at the time. And

10. F. NO CHANGE
 G. grandfather, a true, adventurer,
 H. grandfather: a true adventurer
 J. grandfather, a true adventurer

11. A. NO CHANGE
 B. West—complete with cowboys and Indians—
 C. West—complete with cowboys and Indians
 D. West; complete with cowboys and Indians,

12. F. NO CHANGE
 G. On our first day we,
 H. On our first day, we
 J. On, our first day, we

13. A. NO CHANGE
 B. on my mules' back
 C. on our mules' back
 D. on my mule's back

14. F. NO CHANGE
 G. hue. Gray
 H. ue, gray
 J. hue: gray

15. A. NO CHANGE
 B. limestone, freshwater, shale, and sandstone.
 C. limestone, freshwater shale, and sandstone.
 D. limestone freshwater shale and sandstone.

16. F. NO CHANGE
 G. its imposing
 H. its' imposing
 J. its, imposing