

ACT Seccion English (Answer Key)

- 1) **For beginning climbers, that is any who have not already scaled several major mountains, Mount Everest seems too difficult to tackle.**

What correction should be made to this sentence?

- change the spelling of several to sevaral
- change seems to seem
- insert a comma after is**
- change Mount Everest to mount everest
- no correction is necessary

Explanation of Answer:

The phrase "that is" represents a parenthetical thought, which requires commas on each side of it.

- 2) **Last Fall, Congressman Smith from Nebraska had five relatives arrive for Easter, with no notice at all.**

What correction should be made to this sentence?

- change Fall to fall**
- change Congressman to congressman
- change Nebraska to nebraska
- change arrive to arrives
- change Easter to easter

Explanation of Answer:

Seasons are never capitalized

- 3) **Small companies offer a new employee more responsibility, and there health benefits are generous.**

What correction should be made to this sentence?

- change companies to companys
- change responsibility to responsability
- change there to their**
- change change are to is
- no correction is necessary

Explanation of Answer:

The sentence is describing the benefits belonging to the small companies.

- 4) (1) People who live in the city often wonders what it would be like to live in the country. (2) Some believed that they would get bored and lonely. (3) Others think that they would breathe fresh air and get lots of rest and relaxation. (4) No one ever says that life in the country is unfulfilling. (5) You can spend your time doing gardening. (6) Life in the country is relaxing and enjoyable. (7) Its nice to get away from the busy city life.

People who live in the city often wonders what it would be like to live in the country.

Which of the following is the best way to write the underlined portion of this sentence?

- wonders
- is wondering
- wonder
- wondering
- can wonders

Explanation of Answer:

The subject of the sentence is "people." The verb must be the singular "wonder."

- 5) (1) People who live in the city often wonders what it would be like to live in the country. (2) Some believed that they would get bored and lonely. (3) Others think that they would breathe fresh air and get lots of rest and relaxation. (4) No one ever says that life in the country is unfulfilling. (5) You can spend your time doing gardening. (6) Life in the country is relaxing and enjoyable. (7) Its nice to get away from the busy city life.

Some believed that they would get bored and lonely.

Which of the following is the best way to write the underlined portion of this sentence?

- believed
- believe
- believing
- are believed
- still believed

Explanation of Answer:

The tense should be in the present tense so the correct answer is "believe."

- 6) During a family crisis, it is often a member of the immediate family whom calls the Police Department.

Which one of the following is correct?

- NO CHANGE
- who
- whoever
- whomever

Explanation of Answer:

This is pronoun error. The correct answer is who.

- 7) A parent must decide weather to buy his child a new or used car.
Which of the following is correct?

- NO CHANGE
- when
- if
- whether
- how

Explanation of Answer:

This is a spelling error. The correct spelling is whether.

- 8) Bob hopes that his car will last at least until the end of the month.
Which of the following is correct?

- NO CHANGE
- would
- could
- shall

Explanation of Answer:

The sentence is correct.

- 9) The City Council, Tuesday night, approved the 450-acre North Mudville annexation by a 5 to 0 vote over the loud denouncements of area residents that the council was "shogunning in" the measure.

Protesting residents filled the Council Chambers. But their verbal attacks and threatening an injunction could not alter the fact that the two petitions they submitted at the council's Feb. 20 meeting did not have the punch to call for an election.

The protesters needed signatures from at least 25 percent of the registered voters in the

area or signatures from 25 percent of the property owning at least 25 percent of the assessed value to require an election.

- No Change
- renunciation
- announcements
- retractions

Explanation of Answer:

Denouncements is correct, meaning here accusations.

10) The City Council, Tuesday night, approved the 450-acre North Mudville annexation by a 5 to 0 vote over the loud denouncements of area residents that the council was "shogunning in" the measure.

Protesting residents filled the Council Chambers. But their verbal attacks and threatening an injunction could not alter the fact that the two petitions they submitted at the council's Feb. 20 meeting did not have the punch to call for an election.

The protesters needed signatures from at least 25 percent of the registered voters in the area or signatures from 25 percent of the property owning at least 25 percent of the assessed value to require an election.

- No Change
- threats of
- also threats of
- threatening of

Explanation of Answer:

This is an error in parallelism. To be parallel with "verbal attacks" it should be threat of.

11) The City Council, Tuesday night, approved the 450-acre North Mudville annexation by a 5 to 0 vote over the loud denouncements of area residents that the council was "shogunning in" the measure.

Protesting residents filled the Council Chambers. But their verbal attacks and threatening an injunction could not alter the fact that the two petitions they submitted at the council's Feb. 20 meeting did not have the punch to call for an election.

The protesters needed signatures from at least 25 percent of the registered voters in the area or signatures from 25 percent of the property owning at least 25 percent of the assessed value to require an election.

- No Change
- power
- verve

wherewithal

Explanation of Answer:

This is a diction error. Punch implies a violent and quick effect.

12) The City Council, Tuesday night, approved the 450-acre North Mudville annexation by a 5 to 0 vote over the loud denouncements of area residents that the council was "shogunning in" the measure.

Protesting residents filled the Council Chambers. But their verbal attacks and threatening an injunction could not alter the fact that the two petitions they submitted at the council's Feb. 20 meeting did not have the punch to call for an election.

The protesters needed signatures from at least 25 percent of the registered voters in the area or signatures from 25 percent of the property owning at least 25 percent of the assessed value to require an election.

No Change

owners

leasing

owners owning

Explanation of Answer:

This is a sentence structure error.

13) The Treasury Department is taking a new look at regulations limiting the number of interest that bank and savings, and loan associations can pay on deposits. And a likely beneficiary of changes under study was the small depositor who is now cut off from the higher interest rates that attract wealthier investors.

The stultifying weight of government regulation keeping interest rates down for the small saver is surely the main reason the rate of saving is so lowly in this country, less than 5 percent of personal income. The saving rate is by far the lower of any modern industrialized country and is a major factor to causing our high rate of inflation.

No Change

amount

numerosity

numbering

Explanation of Answer:

This is a diction error.

14) The Treasury Department is taking a new look at regulations limiting the number of interest that bank and savings, and loan associations can pay on deposits. And a likely beneficiary of changes under study was the small depositor who is now cut off from the higher interest rates that attract wealthier investors.

The stultifying weight of government regulation keeping interest rates down for the small saver is surely the main reason the rate of saving is so lowly in this country, less than 5 percent of personal income. The saving rate is by far the lower of any modern industrialized country and is a major factor to causing our high rate of inflation.

- No Change
- savings
- saving
- saving,

Explanation of Answer:

This is a punctuation error. There should not be a comma after the word savings.

- 15) The Treasury Department is taking a new look at regulations limiting the number of interest that bank and savings, and loan associations can pay on deposits. And a likely beneficiary of changes under study was the small depositor who is now cut off from the higher interest rates that attract wealthier investors.

The stultifying weight of government regulation keeping interest rates down for the small saver is surely the main reason the rate of saving is so lowly in this country, less than 5 percent of personal income. The saving rate is by far the lower of any modern industrialized country and is a major factor to causing our high rate of inflation.

- No Change
- beneficiary
- beneficent
- beneficence

Explanation of Answer:

This is a spelling error.

- 16) The Treasury Department is taking a new look at regulations limiting the number of interest that bank and savings, and loan associations can pay on deposits. And a likely beneficiary of changes under study was the small depositor who is now cut off from the higher interest rates that attract wealthier investors.

The stultifying weight of government regulation keeping interest rates down for the small saver is surely the main reason the rate of saving is so lowly in this country, less than 5 percent of personal income. The saving rate is by far the lower of any modern industrialized country and is a major factor to causing our high rate of inflation.

- No Change
- would be
- whoever
- whomever

Explanation of Answer:
This is a grammar error

- 17) The Treasury Department is taking a new look at regulations limiting the number of interest that bank and savings, and loan associations can pay on deposits. And a likely beneficiary of changes under study was the small depositor who is now cut off from the higher interest rates that attract wealthier investors.

The stultifying weight of government regulation keeping interest rates down for the small saver is surely the main reason the rate of saving is so lowly in this country, less than 5 percent of personal income. The saving rate is by far the lower of any modern industrialized country and is a major factor to causing our high rate of inflation.

- No Change
- whom
- whoever
- whomever

- 18) The Treasury Department is taking a new look at regulations limiting the number of interest that bank and savings, and loan associations can pay on deposits. And a likely beneficiary of changes under study was the small depositor who is now cut off from the higher interest rates that attract wealthier investors.

The stultifying weight of government regulation keeping interest rates down for the small saver is surely the main reason the rate of saving is so lowly in this country, less than 5 percent of personal income. The saving rate is by far the lower of any modern industrialized country and is a major factor to causing our high rate of inflation.

- No Change
- Stunting
- stuntifying
- fructifying

- 19) The Treasury Department is taking a new look at regulations limiting the number of interest that bank and savings, and loan associations can pay on deposits. And a likely beneficiary of changes under study was the small depositor who is now cut off from the higher interest rates that attract wealthier investors.

The stultifying weight of government regulation keeping interest rates down for the small saver is surely the main reason the rate of saving is so lowly in this country, less than 5 percent of personal income. The saving rate is by far the lower of any modern industrialized country and is a major factor to causing our high rate of inflation.

- No Change
- lowesome

- lower
- low

Explanation of Answer:

This is a grammar error

- 20) **The Treasury Department is taking a new look at regulations limiting the number of interest that bank and savings, and loan associations can pay on deposits. And a likely beneficiary of changes under study was the small depositor who is now cut off from the higher interest rates that attract wealthier investors.**

The stultifying weight of government regulation keeping interest rates down for the small saver is surely the main reason the rate of saving is so lowly in this country, less than 5 percent of personal income. The saving rate is by far the lower of any modern industrialized country and is a major factor to causing our high rate of inflation.

- No Change
- lowest
- lower
- lowsome

Explanation of Answer:

This is a grammar error

- 21) **The Treasury Department is taking a new look at regulations limiting the number of interest that bank and savings, and loan associations can pay on deposits. And a likely beneficiary of changes under study was the small depositor who is now cut off from the higher interest rates that attract wealthier investors.**

The stultifying weight of government regulation keeping interest rates down for the small saver is surely the main reason the rate of saving is so lowly in this country, less than 5 percent of personal income. The saving rate is by far the lower of any modern industrialized country and is a major factor to causing our high rate of inflation.

- No Change
- in
- on
- for

Explanation of Answer:

This is a diction error

- 22) **The number of local armed robberies in the past week jumped two more Tuesday night, but a suspect by Mudville police in an earlier holdup was arrested this morning they reported.**

At custody in county jail is Monroe Spaulding, 21, of 7648 Mountain View Drive. He

was arrested for investigating the February 20 robbery of the Mor-Gas Filling station at 871 Lowpoint Boulevard.

- No Change
- and jumped
- jumping
- to jump

23) The number of local armed robberies in the past week jumped two more Tuesday night, but a suspect by Mudville police in an earlier holdup was arrested this morning they reported.

At custody in county jail is Monroe Spaulding, 21, of 7648 Mountain View Drive. He was arrested for investigating the February 20 robbery of the Mor-Gas Filling station at 871 Lowpoint Boulevard.

- No Change
- but a suspect in an earlier holdup by Mudville police was arrested this morning.
- but a suspect in an earlier holdup was arrested by Mudville police this morning they reported.
- but a suspect in an earlier holdup was arrested this morning by Mudville police, they reported.

Explanation of Answer:

This is a sentence structure error

24) The number of local armed robberies in the past week jumped two more Tuesday night, but a suspect by Mudville police in an earlier holdup was arrested this morning they reported.

At custody in county jail is Monroe Spaulding, 21, of 7648 Mountain View Drive. He was arrested for investigating the February 20 robbery of the Mor-Gas Filling station at 871 Lowpoint Boulevard.

- No Change
- At custody at county jail
- In custody at county jail
- In county jail custody

25) The number of local armed robberies in the past week jumped two more Tuesday night, but a suspect by Mudville police in an earlier holdup was arrested this morning they reported.

At custody in county jail is Monroe Spaulding, 21, of 7648 Mountain View Drive. He was arrested for investigating the February 20 robbery of the Mor-Gas Filling station at 871 Lowpoint Boulevard.

- No Change
- investigating
- for investigation of
- after investigating