

Vague Pronoun Reference Practice

Directions: Select the option that does not contain errors in vague pronoun reference.

1. A. Marsha convinced Melanie to join the honor society because it would look good on her resume.
B. Marsha convinced Melanie to join the honor society because such a membership would look good on her resume.
C. Marsha convinced Melanie to join the honor society because such a membership would look good on Melanie's resume.
2. A. Tony was auditioning for a part in a new Broadway play when he fell off the stage and fractured his right leg. He had hoped that would be his big break.
B. Tony was auditioning for a part in a new Broadway play when he fell off the stage and fractured his right leg. He had hoped this would be his big break.
C. Tony was auditioning for a part in a new Broadway play when he fell off the stage and fractured his right leg. He had hoped this audition would be his big break.
3. A. On the news this morning, the meteorologist said there is a chance of a severe thunderstorm or two.
B. On the news this morning, they said there is a chance of a severe thunderstorm or two.
C. The news this morning said there is a chance of a severe thunderstorm or two.
4. A. Millions of tiny glowworms make their home in a New Zealand cave that is visited by thousands of people each year. Because they glow in the dark, the cave is always brightly lit.
B. Millions of tiny glowworms make their home in a New Zealand cave that is visited by thousands of people each year. Because of the glow they create, the cave is always brightly lit.
C. Millions of tiny glowworms make their home in a New Zealand cave that is visited by thousands of people each year. Because the worms glow in the dark, the cave is always brightly lit.

5. A. Mary told Sue that she did not pass the quiz.
B. Sue told Mary that she did not pass the quiz.
C. Mary told Sue that Sue did not pass the quiz.
6. A. In today's editorial, it said that the commissioner was a crook.
B. In today's editorial, the editor said that the commissioner was a crook.
C. In today's editorial, the column said that the commissioner was a crook.
7. A. If the cat won't eat its food, feed it to the dog.
B. If the dog won't eat its food, feed it to the cat.
C. If the cat won't eat its food, feed the cat food to the dog.
8. A. Cindy bought some red hair color so she could become a redhead.
B. Cindy bought some red hair color so she could become one.
C. Cindy bought some red hair color so she could become like one.
9. A. Wendy leaves her baby daughter with her mother while she works at Taco Bueno.
B. Wendy leaves her baby daughter with her mother while Wendy works at Taco Bueno.
C. Wendy leaves her baby daughter with her mother while they work at Taco Bueno.
10. A. Before I invest in a Fitness Pro 3000 Muscle Enhancement System, I need to know their price for this miracle machine.
B. Before I invest in a Fitness Pro 3000 Muscle Enhancement System, I need to know the price they are asking for this miracle machine.
C. Before I invest in a Fitness Pro 3000 Muscle Enhancement System, I need to know the price the manufacturer is asking for this miracle machine.

Answers: 1. c, 2. c, 3. a, 4. c, 5. c, 6. b, 7. c, 8. a, 9. b, 10. c

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