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Grammar and Style Midterm – Practice Exam

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Use the corresponding answer sheet to fill in the correct answer for each question. Some questions have one error, some have more than one and some are correct as they are. Answer D is identical for all questions.

Write the exam version in the Special Codes section of the answer sheet.

Exam Version: A1

1

“Prison was an experience too rough and too humbling to be described”, Adler said.

- A. “Prison was an experience to rough and to humbling to be described,” Adler said.
- B. “Prison was an experience too rough, and too humbling, to be described”, Adler said.
- C. “Prison was an experience too rough and too humbling to be described,” Adler said.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

2

Connex Telecom stock increased in value by 32% over the decade.

- A. Connex Telecom stock increased in value by 32% over the decade
- B. Connex Telecom stock increased in value by 32 percent over the decade.
- C. Connex Telecom stock increased in value by 32 % over the decade.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

3

He sat quietly in the room as he pondered the loss of his seven-year-old niece.

- A. He sat quietly in the room as he pondered the loss of his 7 year old niece.
- B. He sat quietly in the room as he pondered the loss of his seven year old niece.
- C. He sat quietly in the room as he pondered the loss of his 7-year-old niece.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

4

“I’m going to help you as best I can, said Assistant District Attorney Brad Sherman.

- A. “I’m going to help you as best I can” said assistant district attorney Brad Sherman.
- B. “I’m going to help you as best I can,” said Assistant District Attorney Brad Sherman.
- C. “I’m going to help you as best I can,” said Assistant District Attorney, Brad Sherman.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

5

The governor will arrive at noon with a new proposal to increase out of state tuition.

- A. The governor will arrive at noon with a new proposal to increase out-of-state tuition.
- B. The governor will arrive at noon with a new proposal, to increase out-of-state tuition.
- C. The Governor will arrive at noon with a new proposal to increase out-of-state tuition.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

6

The media see celebrities in trouble and salivate at the thought of increased sales.

- A. The media sees celebrities in trouble and salivates at the thought of increased sales.
- B. The media sees celebrities in trouble, and salivate at the thought of increased sales.
- C. The media sees celebrities in trouble and salivate, at the thought of increased sales.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

7

AdWorks recommends aiming the media buy at sweeps week, from November 1-8.

- A. AdWorks recommends aiming the media buy at sweeps week, from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8.
- B. AdWorks recommends aiming the media buy at sweeps week, from Nov. 1-8.
- C. AdWorks recommends aiming the media buy at sweeps week, from Nov. 1st to 8th.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

8

The debt counselor in Bingham, IL, told the couple to concentrate on lowering their payments.

- A. The debt counselor in Bingham, IL, told the couple to concentrate on lowering their payments.
- B. The debt counselor in Bingham, Ill., told the couple to concentrate on lowering their payments.
- C. The debt counselor, in Bingham, Ill, told the couple to concentrate on lowering their payments.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

9

25 of the country's leading scholars tried to compute the problem but failed.

- A. Twenty-five of the countries leading scholars tried to compute the problem but failed.
- B. Twenty-five of the country's leading scholars tried to compute the problem, but failed.
- C. Twenty-five of the country's leading scholars tried to compute the problem but failed.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

10

Everywhere I go, planes, trains, restaurants, meetings.

- A. Everywhere I go, I'm stuck in planes, trains, restaurants, meetings.
- B. Everywhere I go, Im stuck in planes, trains, restaurants, meetings.
- C. Everywhere I go, I'm stuck in planes; trains; restaurants; meetings.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

11

The investigator found no evidence of conspiracy in the police force of Seattle, Wash.

- A. The investigator found no evidence of conspiracy in the police force of Seatle, Wash.
- B. The investigator found no evidence of conspiracy in the police force of Seattle.
- C. The investigator found no evidence of conspiracy in the police force of Seattle, WA.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

12

The bill would ensure voting rights for underprivileged women.

- A. The bill would ensure voting rights for under-privileged women.
- B. The bill will ensure voting rights for under-privileged women.
- C. The bill would insure voting rights for underprivileged women.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

13

The salesman persuaded her to take the newly arrived S.U.V. out for an off-road test.

- A. The salesman persuaded her to take the newly-arrived SUV out for an off-road test.
- B. The salesman persuaded her to take the newly arrived SUV out for an off road test.
- C. The salesman persuaded her to take the newly arrived SUV out for an off-road test.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

14

She was at least fourteen inches taller than her dance partner.

- A. She was at least 14 inches taller than her dance partner.
- B. She was at least 14 inches taller than her dance partner.
- C. She was at least 14-inches taller than her dance partner.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

15

When she saw its efficiency, she knew she had to own the software.

- A. When she saw it's efficiency, she knew she had to own the software.
- B. When she saw it's efficiency she knew she had to own the software.
- C. When she saw its efficiency she knew she had to own the software.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

16

He'll return to the briefing when their ready to compromise.

- A. He'll return to the briefing when there ready to compromise.
- B. He'll return to the briefing when they're ready to compromise.
- C. He'll return to the briefing, when they are ready to compromise.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

17

"I don't know anything about this testimony", the attorney said. "What's going on?"

- A. "I don't know anything about this testimony," the attorney said. "What's going on?"
- B. "I don't know anything about this testimony," the attorney said, "What's going on"?
- C. "I don't know anything about this testimony". The attorney said, "What's going on?"
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

18

Keep talking to your kid about not smoking because they'll listen.

- A. Keep talking to your kid about not smoking, because they'll listen.
- B. Keep talking to your kid about not smoking because he'll or she'll listen.
- C. Keep talking to your kids about not smoking because they'll listen.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

19

The bell was scheduled to ring at 3 p.m.

- A. The bell was scheduled to ring at 3:00 p.m.
- B. The bell was scheduled to ring at 3 PM.
- C. The bell was scheduled to ring at 3 o'clock.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

20

Gibson blasted Brown for the criticism, saying his tax cut is feasible.

- A. Gibson blasted Brown for the criticism saying his tax cut is feasible.
- B. Gibson said his tax cut is feasible and blasted Brown for the criticism.
- C. Gibson blasted Brown for the criticism because his tax cut is feasible.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

21

The Federal Bureau of Investigation agent said his actions were legal.

- A. The FBI agent said his actions were legal.
- B. The F.B.I. agent said his actions were legal.
- C. The Federal Bureau of Investigation agent said his actions was legal.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

22

She was the key spokesperson for the education reform movement.

- A. She was the key spokesman for the education reform movement.
- B. She was the key spokesperson for the education-reform movement.
- C. She was the key spokeswoman for the education reform movement.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

23

On the day after Thanksgiving, millions hit Target to shop for deals and steals.

- A. On the day after Thanksgiving millions hit Target to shop for deals and steals.
- B. On the day after thanksgiving, millions hit Target to shop for deals and steals.
- C. On the day after Thanksgiving, millions hit Target to shop for deals, and steals.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

24

U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld visited the shattered region.

- A. United States Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld visited the shattered region.
- B. United States' Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld visited the shattered region.
- C. U.S. secretary of defense Donald Rumsfeld visited the shattered region.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

25

About three fourths of the voters said they were swayed by the soft-spoken commercials.

- A. About three fourths of the voters said they was swayed by the soft-spoken commercials.
- B. About three-fourths of the voters said they were swayed by the soft-spoken commercials.
- C. About three fourths of the voters said they were swayed by the soft, spoken commercials.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

26

I grew up in a brick house at 3266 South Heathcliff Avenue.

- A. I grew up in a brick house at 3266 S. Heathcliff Avenue.
- B. I grew up in a brick house at 3266 S. Heathcliff Ave.
- C. I grew up in a brick house at 3266 South Heathcliff Ave.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

27

“The delay in the game was annoying...No one understood it,” the coach said.

- A. “The delay in the game was annoying ... No one understood it”, the coach said.
- B. “The delay in the game was annoying...No one understood it.” the coach said.
- C. “The delay in the game was annoying ... No one understood it,” the coach said.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

28

While it was in development, Newton said the plan would solve urban sprawl.

- A. While the plan was in development, Newton said it would solve urban sprawl.
- B. While urban sprawl was in development Newton said it would solve the plan.
- C. While it was in development Newton said, the plan would solve urban sprawl.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

29

Senator Russ Feingold said the Representative misled congress on the case for war.

- A. Senator Russ Feingold said the representative misled congress on the case for war.
- B. Sen. Russ Feingold said the Representative misled Congress on the case for war.
- C. Sen. Russ Feingold said the representative misled Congress on the case for war.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

30

Dr. Harriet Rust performed the surgery. “She came through like a trooper,” Dr. Rust said.

- A. Dr. Harriet Rust performed the surgery. “She came through like a trooper”, Dr. Rust said.
- B. Dr. Harriet Rust performed the surgery. “She came through like a trooper,” Rust said.
- C. Dr. Harriet Rust performed the surgery. “She came through like a trooper”, Rust said.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

31

The mayor proposed a massive comprehensive budget for the city.

- A. The mayor proposed a massive comprehensive budget for the city
- B. The mayor proposed a massive, comprehensive, budget for the city.
- C. The mayor proposed a massive, comprehensive budget for the city
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

32

The Cook County Grand Jury indicted the judge and lawyer on 10 counts of conspiracy.

- A. The Cook County grand jury indicted the judge and lawyer on 10 counts of conspiracy.
- B. The Cook County Grand Jury indited the judge and lawyer on 10 counts of conspiracy.
- C. The Cook County Grand Jury indited the judge and lawyer on ten counts of conspiracy.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

33

Jackson is scheduled to go on trial in the murder of Jenny Price.

- A. Jackson is scheduled to go on trial in the alleged murder of Jenny Price.
- B. Jackson is scheduled to go on trial in the killing of Jenny Price.
- C. Jackson is scheduled to go on trial for the slaying of Jenny Price.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

34

In addition to a medicare drug plan, Pacific Trust also offers a dental plan for five dollars.

- A. In addition to a Medicare drug plan, Pacific Trust also offers a dental plan for 5 dollars.
- B. In addition to a medicare drug plan, Pacific Trust also offers a dental plan for \$5.
- C. In addition to a Medicare drug plan, Pacific Trust offers a dental plan for \$5.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

35

The website offered rentals in Burlington, VT.

- A. The web site offered rentals in Burlington, Vt.
- B. The website offered rentals in Burlington, Vermont.
- C. The Web site offered rentals in Burlington, Vt.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

36

“I’m not that good with numbers,” said Eddie Norman, Chief Purchasing Officer for the hospital.

- A. “I’m not that good with numbers”, said Eddie Norman, chief purchasing officer for the hospital.
- B. “I’m not that good with numbers,” said Eddie Norman, chief purchasing officer for the hospital.
- C. “I’m not that good with numbers”, said Eddie Norman, Chief Purchasing Officer for the hospital.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

37

He married a multi-millionaire who managed her business affairs with sensibility.

- A. He married a multimillionaire who managed her business affairs, with sensibility.
- B. He married a multi-millionaire who managed her business affairs, with sensibility.
- C. He married a multimillionaire who managed her business affairs with sensibility.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

38

The revolutionary Broadway play was entitled “Three Dates and Torn Pants.”

- A. The revolutionary Broadway play was entitled, “Three Dates and Torn Pants.”
- B. The revolutionary Broadway play was titled “Three Dates and Torn Pants.”
- C. The revolutionary Broadway play was titled, “Three Dates and Torn Pants”.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

39

I walked into a tavern in Abilene, TX, and ordered a shot of whiskey.

- A. I walked into a tavern in Abilene, Texas and ordered a shot of whiskey.
- B. I walked into a tavern in Abilene, TX and ordered a shot of whiskey.
- C. I walked into a tavern in Abilene, Texas, and ordered a shot of whiskey.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

40

It's my job to clean the table, sweep the floors, and haul the dishes.

- A. Its my job to clean the table, sweep the floors and haul the dishes.
- B. It's my job to clean the table, sweep the floors and haul the dishes.
- C. Its my job to clean the table, sweep the floors, and haul the dishes.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

41

"I believe it was Sherman who said 'War is hell,'" Patton told the soldiers.

- A. "I believe it was Sherman who said, 'War is hell,'" Patton told the soldiers.
- B. "I believe it was Sherman who said, "War is hell," Patton told the soldiers.
- C. "I believe it was Sherman who said, 'War is hell'," Patton told the soldiers.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

42

The police chief said the suspect preyed on impressionable kids, as well.

- A. The police chief said the suspect prayed on impressionable kids, as well.
- B. The police chief said the suspect preyed on impressionable kids as well.
- C. The police chief said the suspect prayed on impressionable kids as well.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

43

Our creative team not only develops your message, they do layout.

- A. Our creative team not only develops your message, they also do layout.
- B. Our creative team not only develops your message, but also does layout.
- C. Our creative team not only develops your message: they do layout.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

44

The consultant advised the team to change course, and the members revolted by quitting.

- A. The consultant advised the team to change course and the members revolted by quitting.
- B. The consultant advised the team to change course, and the members revolted; by quitting.
- C. The consultant advised the team to change course, and the members revolted-by quitting.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

45

Kearcy feared the Internal Revenue Service. When tax day arrived Apr. 15, 2003, she knew she faced an Internal Revenue Service audit.

- A. When tax day arrived Apr. 15, 2003 Kearcy knew she faced an IRS audit.
- B. When tax day arrived April 15, 2003, Kearcy knew she faced an Internal Revenue Service audit.
- C. When tax day arrived April 15, 2003, Kearcy knew she faced an IRS audit.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

46

Rolling down the road, he enjoyed seeing the homecoming floats, Herman said.

- A. Herman said, he enjoyed seeing the homecoming floats rolling down the road.
- B. Herman enjoyed seeing the homecoming floats rolling down the road he said.
- C. Herman said he enjoyed seeing the homecoming floats rolling down the road.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

47

None of the targeted taxpayers have decided to seek amnesty since Governor Pat Turk's offer.

- A. None of the targeted taxpayers has decided to seek amnesty, since Governor Pat Turk's offer.
- B. None of the targeted taxpayers have decided to seek amnesty since Gov. Pat Turk's offer.
- C. None of the targeted taxpayers has decided to seek amnesty since Gov. Pat Turk's offer.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

48

Is the client going to approve the overarching concept of "Get It While Its Hot"?

- A. Is the client going to approve the overarching concept of "Get It While It's Hot"?
- B. Is the client going to approve the over-arching concept of "Get It While Its Hot"?
- C. Is the client going to approve the overarching concept of "Get It While It's Hot"?
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

49

Despite a thorough search, police were unable to locate the 38-caliber gun used in the shooting.

- A. Despite a thorough search police were unable to locate the 38-caliber gun used in the shooting.
- B. Despite a thorough search, police were unable to locate the .38-caliber gun used in the shooting.
- C. Despite a thorough search, police were unable to locate the 38 caliber gun used in the shooting.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

50

I resent the accusation of impropriety, and I will have my attorney followup on your words.

- A. I resent the accusation of impropriety and I will have my attorney follow up on your words.
- B. I resent the accusation of impropriety, and I will have my attorney follow up on your words.
- C. I resent the accusation of impropriety, and I will have my attorney follow-up on your words.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

51

The CEO was fired; and the other officers were nervous.

- A. The CEO was fired, and the other officers were nervous.
- B. The CEO was fired and the other officers were nervous.
- C. The CEO was fired - and the other officers were nervous.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

52

The flag at the courthouse was raised to half staff in memory of the slain judges.

- A. The flag at the courthouse was lowered to half staff in memory of the slain judges.
- B. The flag at the courthouse was lowered to half-staff in memory of the slain judges.
- C. The flag at the courthouse was lowered to half-mast in memory of the slain judges.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

53

The entire novel centers around a missing girl and a pathetically-corrupt police force.

- A. The entire novel centers on a missing girl and a pathetically-corrupt police force.
- B. The entire novel revolves around a missing girl and a pathetically-corrupt police force.
- C. The entire novel revolves around a missing girl and a pathetically corrupt police force.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

54

Neils found fifteen ways the agents and the company was undermining their strategy.

- A. Neils found 15 ways the agents and the company were undermining their strategy.
- B. Neils found 15 ways the agents and the company was undermining their strategy.
- C. Neils found fifteen ways the agents and the company were undermining their strategy.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

55

About six percent of the respondents recognized the brand name after an extensive ad campaign.

- A. About 6% of the respondents recognized the brand name after an extensive ad campaign.
- B. About 6 percent of the respondents recognized the brand-name after an extensive ad campaign.
- C. About 6 percent of the respondents recognized the brand name after an extensive ad campaign.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

56

Chicago, Ill. (AP) – McDonald’s Corp. announced surprising third-quarter losses Tuesday.

- A. Chicago (AP) – McDonald’s Corp. announced surprising third-quarter losses Tuesday.
- B. Chicago, Ill. (AP) – McDonald’s Corp. announced surprising third quarter losses Tuesday.
- C. Chicago (AP) – McDonald’s Corp. announced surprising third quarter losses Tuesday.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

57

Bart Dunn, the Company’s Director of Data, announced a plan to secure electronic files.

- A. Bart Dunn, the companies Director of Data, announced a plan to secure electronic files.
- B. Bart Dunn, the company’s director of data, announced a plan to secure electronic files.
- C. Bart Dunn, the Company’s Director of Data announced a plan to secure electronic files.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

58

Silas was seven-years-old when he found the body next to abandoned railroad tracks.

- A. Silas was 7-years-old when he found the body next to abandoned railroad tracks.
- B. Silas was 7-years-old when he found the body next to abandoned rail road tracks.
- C. Silas was 7 years old when he found the body next to abandoned railroad tracks.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

59

The data indicates consumers find the product appealing but the branding weak.

- A. The data indicate consumers find the product appealing but the branding weak.
- B. The data indicates consumers find the product appealing, but the branding weak.
- C. The data indicate consumers find the product appealing, but the branding weak.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

60

I tried to feel his pulse but he was dead.

- A. I tried to feel his pulse but, he was dead.
- B. I tried to feel his pulse; but he was dead.
- C. I tried to feel his pulse, but he was dead.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

61

She was convicted of 13 counts of armed robbery Oct. 11, 1996.

- A. She was convicted of 13 counts of armed-robbery Oct. 11, 1996.
- B. She was convicted of thirteen counts of armed robbery Oct. 11, 1996.
- C. She was convicted of 13 counts of armed-robbery October 11, 1996.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

62

Most of the severe damage occurred in the corridor along Canal St.

- A. Most of the severe damage occurred in the corridor, along Canal St.
- B. Most of the severe damage occurred in the corridor along Canal Street.
- C. Most of the severe damage occurred in the corridor, along Canal Street.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

63

He had a jaded outlook. A worldview that saw everything as dark and dangerous.

- A. He had a jaded outlook, a worldview that saw everything as dark and dangerous.
- B. He had a jaded outlook; a worldview that saw everything as dark and dangerous.
- C. He had a jaded outlook – and a worldview that saw everything as dark and dangerous.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

64

Lanky walked further down the street, hoping to find the lost puppy.

- A. Lanky walked further down the street hoping to find the lost puppy.
- B. Lanky walked farther down the street, hoping to find the lost puppy.
- C. Lanky walked farther down the street hoping to find the lost puppy.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

65

Police were shocked to discover the breakins were the work of 5 12-year-old girls.

- A. Police were shocked to discover the break-ins were the work of five 12-year-old girls.
- B. Police were shocked to discover the breakins were the work of five 12 year old girls.
- C. Police were shocked to discover the break-ins were the work of 5 12-year-old girls.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

66

Hamilton was hoping for a college scholarship before he was arrested in Aug.

- A. Hamilton was hoping for a college scholarship, before he was arrested in Aug.
- B. Hamilton was hoping for a college scholarship, before he was arrested in August.
- C. Hamilton was hoping for a college scholarship before he was arrested in August.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

67

Cultural indifference rears it's ugly head in every region of the U.S.

- A. Cultural indifference rears its ugly head in every region of the U.S.
- B. Cultural indifference rears its ugly head in every region of the United States.
- C. Cultural indifference rears it's ugly head in every region of the United States.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

68

He moved toward the option which was most likely to bring him a big paycheck.

- A. He moved towards the option that was most likely to bring him a big paycheck.
- B. He moved toward the option that was most likely to bring him a big paycheck.
- C. He moved toward the option which was most likely to bring him a big pay check.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

69

I always looked upto my sister, because she was as kind as she was beautiful.

- A. I always looked up to my sister because she was as kind as she was beautiful.
- B. I always looked up to my sister, because she was as kind as she was beautiful.
- C. I always looked upto my sister because she was as kind as she was beautiful.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

70

Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis, voted against the bill, saying he worried about funding the project.

- A. Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., voted against the bill saying he worried about funding the project.
- B. Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., voted against the bill, saying he worried about funding the project.
- C. Senator Herb Kohl, D-Wis., voted against the bill, saying he worried about funding the project.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

71

They kicked out their daughter, whom they knew was drinking, smoking, and taking drugs.

- A. They kicked out their daughter, who they knew was drinking, smoking, and taking drugs.
- B. They kicked out their daughter who they knew was drinking, smoking, and taking drugs.
- C. They kicked out their daughter, whom they knew was drinking, smoking and taking drugs.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

72

Jennings used every day language to communicate complex concepts, and build understanding.

- A. Jennings used everyday language to communicate complex concepts and build understanding.
- B. Jennings used every day language to communicate complex concepts and build understanding.
- C. Jennings used everyday language to communicate complex concepts, and build understanding.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

73

The principle instructed the teachers to lockdown the school when shots rang out, loudly.

- A. The principle instructed the teachers to lockdown the school, when shots rang out loudly.
- B. The principal instructed the teachers to lock down the school when shots rang out loudly.
- C. The principal instructed the teachers to lockdown the school, when shots rang out loudly.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

74

When users visit the site, they often try to use Web searches to get around quickly.

- A. When users visit the site, they often try to use web searches to get around quick.
- B. When users visit the site, they often try to use web searches to get around quickly.
- C. When a user visits the site, they often try to use Web searches to get around quickly.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.

75

The bright, red shoes complimented the spicy dress perfectly.

- A. The bright red shoes complimented the spicey dress perfectly.
- B. The bright, red shoes complemented the spicey dress perfectly
- C. The bright red shoes complemented the spicy dress perfectly.
- D. The original sentence has no errors.