



In Class Exercises Set A

Pronouns

10 minutes

PART I

Identify each underlined pronoun as A) Subject, B) Object, C) Demonstrative, D) Possessive, E) Reflexive, F) Indefinite, or G) Relative.

- 1) Jimmy couldn't believe his ears when he heard that Chuck had recorded their conversation.
- 2) David noticed that his doctor was somber when she told him that he had a case of updog.
- 3) Miguel thought as he cleaned himself up, 'I can't believe they'd do that!'
- 4) Anyone who has a knack for it can become a star with modern social media.
- 5) Whoever thought we were the gallant stars of this musical was either completely asinine or truly ignorant of my advances.

Correct the sentences below as necessary:

- 6) Many vegan recipes substitute almond milk over cow's milk, therefore it is becoming popular in restaurants as well.
- 7) It may amaze you to learn that everyone has billions of deadly bacteria in one's gut for digestion.
- 8) In their April 18, 1930 broadcast the BBC announced that there was no news for the first and only time in the history of the station.
- 9) Combining disparate sports are Chess Boxing: a four-minute round of chess is followed with a round of boxing.
- 10) There was an understanding between the countries sharing a border that diplomacy was more effective then force.



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PART II

One of the keys to understanding the fundamental nature of matter in the universe is a discovery from the 1840's: the Doppler effect. When **1) they** launched the Hubble Space Telescope, NASA was looking to collect data on stars lightyears away from the Milky Way. The telescope has indeed achieved its intended **2) objectives which** have been extremely important for astrophysics. Somewhat more importantly, scientists have combined what they know about waves with the new results from Hubble to make significant breakthroughs in thermodynamics.

In the 1800's, scientists were figuring out the properties of waves, energy that travelled through a medium of matter following periodic behavior. Scientists were discovering that a wave such as light and sound did not maintain **3) their** properties when certain conditions were altered. Christian Doppler, after whom the effect is named, was experimenting separately but at the same time as Hippolyte Fizeau, but it was **4) his** experiment that first uncovered this effect. As the source of a wave moves away from a detector, the wave tends to lower in frequency. This property was used to find the relative velocity of stars that appeared red or blue, but **5) they** couldn't have imagined the long-term implications of this discovery.

1)

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) it
- C) he
- D) NASA

2)

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) objectives, which
- C) objectives, that
- D) objectives, who

3)

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) their own
- C) its
- D) the waves'

4)

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) their
- C) the scientist's
- D) Doppler's

5)

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) he
- C) it
- D) scientists of the time



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Scientists studying thermodynamics in the 20th century theorized that the universe should be getting closer together. These individuals and their presumptions, **6) who** based their thought around the accepted dogma of the time, concluded that gravitational attraction would cause the universe to get closer together in order to lower **7) its** potential energy. **8)** Data from Hubble showed otherwise. Light coming in from near galaxies tended to act **9) randomly**, however, light from the edges of the universe consistently redshifted. This data proved that the universe was expanding, just as Doppler observed that a train moving away from an observer sounded a lower pitch. Scientists still don't know **10) whether or not** this expansion comes from 'dark energy' or a misunderstanding of fundamental forces, but the good news is that at least they know they're wrong.

6)

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) that
- C) which
- D) DELETE the phrase "and their presumptions,"

7)

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) their
- C) the scientists'
- D) the universe's

8) At this point, the author is considering adding the following sentence:

"Thermodynamics is an extremely important and popular field, seeing a surge in graduate degrees and doctorates over the last 10 years."

Should the writer make this addition?

- A) Yes, because it further explains the relevance of the gravitational theory introduced in the previous sentence.
- B) Yes, because it provides a logical transition from the work of past scientists to present ones.
- C) No, because it blurs the focus of the paragraph with a loosely related detail that goes unexplained
- D) No, because it contradicts claims made earlier in the passage

9)

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) randomly: however,
- C) randomly, but
- D) randomly; but

10)

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) whether
- C) END the previous sentence with a period after 'know' and start the underlined section with a capital letter
- D) DELETE the underlined section