

Punctuation Answer Key

1. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
 - a. The college athlete achieved her dream at last the attention of professional scouts!
 - b. *The college athlete achieved her dream at last - the attention of professional scouts!***
 - c. The college athlete achieved her dream at last: the attention of professional scouts!
 - d. The college athlete achieved her dream at last [the attention of professional scouts!]

2. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
 - a. "Stop it," yelled Sami to her seemingly annoying friend. However, Sami's friend replied, "Didn't you start it."
 - b. "Stop it!" Yelled Sami to her seemingly annoying friend. However Samis friend replied, "Didn't you start it?"
 - c. "Stop it," yelled Sami to her seemingly annoying friend. However, Sami's friend replied, "Didn't you start it."
 - d. *"Stop it!" yelled Sami to her seemingly annoying friend. However, Sami's friend replied, "Didn't you start it?"***

3. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
 - a. *It was impossible to find Carter's jacket since he left it at the park the day before.***
 - b. It was impossible to find Carter's jacket, since he left it at the park the day before.
 - c. It was impossible to find Carters jacket since he left it at the park the day before.
 - d. It was impossible to find Carter's jacket since, he left it at the park the day before.

4. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
 - a. It was only twenty-three degrees outside and snowing even harder so Alexis decided to run home.
 - b. It was only twenty three degrees outside and snowing even harder, so Alexis decided to run home.
 - c. *It was only twenty-three degrees outside and snowing even harder, so Alexis decided to run home.***
 - d. It was only twenty-three degrees outside and snowing even harder so, Alexis decided to run home.

5. Which of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?
- Jessica felt she was prepared for the unit exam because she studied for a week before the test.***
 - Jessica felt she was prepared for the unit exam, because she studied for a week before the test.
 - Jessica felt she was prepared for the unit exam; because she studied for a week before the test.
 - Jessica felt she was prepared for the unit exam because, she studied for a week before the test.
6. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
- At the beginning of every class students are supposed to sharpen their pencils and be ready for the lesson.
 - At the beginning of every class, students are supposed to sharpen their pencils, and be ready for the lesson.
 - At the beginning of every class students are supposed to sharpen their pencils, and be ready for the lesson.
 - At the beginning of every class, students are supposed to sharpen their pencils and be ready for the lesson.***
7. Which of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?
- Everyone has special skills and some people use them very well.
 - Everyone has special skills; some people use them very well.***
 - Everyone has special skills and, some people use them very well.
 - Everyone has special skills; and, some people use them very well.
8. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
- It has been said, "Knowledge is power" and "every day is an opportunity to learn something new".
 - It has been said "Knowledge is power," and "Every day is an opportunity to learn something new."
 - It has been said, "Knowledge is power," and "Every day is an opportunity to learn something new."***
 - It has been said, "Knowledge is power" and, "Every day is an opportunity to learn something new."
9. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
- Jeffrey was a not only a good soccer player; but, he was also an excellent student.
 - Jeffrey was a not only a good soccer player; but he was also an excellent student.
 - Jeffrey was a not only a good soccer player but, he was also an excellent student.
 - Jeffrey was a not only a good soccer player, but he was also an excellent student.***

10. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?

- a. Jenny who was a very good writer was published when she was only 16 years old.
- b. *Jenny, who was a very good writer, was published when she was only 16 years old.***
- c. Jenny who was a very good writer was published, when she was only 16 years old.
- d. Jenny ,who was a very good writer, was published when she was only 16 years old