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?
   a. Jessica felt she was prepared for the unit exam because she studied for a week before the test.
   b. Jessica felt she was prepared for the unit exam, because she studied for a week before the test.
   c. Jessica felt she was prepared for the unit exam; because she studied for a week before the test.
   d. 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?
   a. At the beginning of every class students are supposed to sharpen their pencils and be ready for the lesson.
   b. At the beginning of every class, students are supposed to sharpen their pencils, and be ready for the lesson.
   c. At the beginning of every class students are supposed to sharpen their pencils, and be ready for the lesson.
   d. 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?
   a. Everyone has special skills and some people use them very well.
   b. Everyone has special skills; some people use them very well.
   c. Everyone has special skills and some people use them very well.
   d. Everyone has special skills; and some people use them very well.

8. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
   a. It has been said, "Knowledge is power" and "every day is an opportunity to learn something new".
   b. It has been said "Knowledge is power," and "Every day is an opportunity to learn something new."
   c. It has been said, "Knowledge is power," and "Every day is an opportunity to learn something new."
   d. 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?
   a. Jeffrey was a not only a good soccer player; but, he was also an excellent student.
   b. Jeffrey was a not only a good soccer player; but he was also an excellent student.
   c. Jeffrey was a not only a good soccer player but he was also an excellent student.
   d. 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.