

Punctuation (Advanced)

1. The scientist noticed that the strong kneecaps of dodos, along with their broad pelvis and thick leg bones would have provided them with the strength and maneuverability to navigate difficult landscapes.
A) NO CHANGE
B) bones;
C) bones,
D) bones—
2. During the Dust Bowl, some families chose to remain in the familiar terrain of their home states: but others, including the Joads—decided to leave and travel west to California.
A) NO CHANGE
B) states—but others
C) states; others,
D) states, but others—
3. The presenters of the “Greatest Musicians of All Time” awards rushed to the stage to announce the two winners, and they were: Taylor Swift and Elton John, both of whom had had long and successful careers.
A) NO CHANGE
B) were
C) were—
D) were;
4. The city of Davis estimated that the state-of-the-art updates—including automated water and food sources, laser and sonar tracking, and an electronically timed bullhorn to keep things moving—built into the new toad tunnel would have drastic environmental and sociological impacts on the population of toads; significantly more than the old and derelict tunnel, which only a handful of toads use yearly.
A) NO CHANGE
B) Toads, this is significantly
C) toads—significantly
D) toads. Significantly
5. Even at the final step of their journey, the refugees endured harsh conditions: days without water, minimal food, and unbearable heat, all of which made it extremely difficult for them to reach their destination.
A) NO CHANGE
B) conditions—days,
C) conditions. Days
D) conditions; days

6. The majority of the La Conca Motel in Las Vegas was torn down in 2002, but preservation groups managed to save it from being completely demolished and in 2006 the saved portions were moved across the city in small pieces.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) demolished, and in, 2006
 - C) demolished and in, 2006
 - D) demolished, and, in 2006,
7. The doctor entered the room stoically; as it was hard to read the emotion on his face.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) stoically, it was
 - C) stoically: it was
 - D) stoically. As it was
8. The world was shocked when Britain left the European Union—nevertheless, the world kept spinning.

Which of the following alternatives to the underlined portion would NOT be acceptable?

- A) Union;
 - B) Union,
 - C) Union:
 - D) Union.
9. The turnout for the Brexit decision—roughly 72% of the population, relatively low for such a contested vote, surprised a lot of observers as being abnormally low for such a dramatic and highly contested campaign.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) vote—
 - C) vote
 - D) vote;
10. Many areas in the United States could gain significant income: if places of historical significance or natural beauty—such as Utah’s Cedar Mesa Plateau or Idaho’s Boulder-White Clouds—are granted status as national parks.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) income if places of historical significance
 - C) income, if places of historical significance,
 - D) income if places of historical significance—

11. Supporters of the social media application Tik Tok claim it is a funny and interesting use of time that provides entertainment for millions every day, however, the app has recently come under criticism as being controlled by the oppressive Chinese government as malware used to spy on Americans.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) day,
 - C) day, and
 - D) day, but
12. Your mother would like you to do the following—attend a reputable college, especially if it's an Ivy League school; obtain a respectable and satisfying job, provided that it's close to home; and take out the trash.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) college, especially if it's an Ivy League school, obtain a respectable and satisfying job, provided that it's close to home,
 - C) college; especially if it's an Ivy League school; obtain a respectable and satisfying job; provided that it's close to home;
 - D) college; especially if it's an Ivy League school, obtain a respectable and satisfying job; provided that it's close to home,
13. As we reached the top of the rollercoaster and prepared for our harrowing descent, I was overcome by a singular emotion; it was fear.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) emotion: fear.
 - C) emotion fear.
 - D) emotion, that was fear.
14. Many Panamanians now consider Rubén Blades's song "Patria"—a song expressing deep national pride that compares the country to "the sun in endless springtime"—a second, national anthem.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) springtime" a second national
 - C) springtime"—a second national
 - D) springtime", a second, national
15. "Ghost signs", outdated neon lights from a bygone era, still populate the American heartland without apology, with instead, their vibrant colors and simple claims.
- A) NO CHANGE
 - B) apology with instead,
 - C) apology with instead
 - D) apology, with, instead,