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Written BCS English Section

Error Analysis

Sheet to Practice

1. Prepositional Phrase Error

- a) ____ the past decade, social media's influence has grown exponentially.
(Choose: From, In, Over)
- b) Scientists made remarkable discoveries ____ the year 2022. (Choose: from, in, during)
- c) ____ the coming months, we expect to see further market volatility.
(Choose: In, Over, From)
- d) ____ the course of history, technology has consistently reshaped society.
(Choose: From, Over, In)
- e) Many species have gone extinct ____ recent centuries. (Choose: in, over, from)
- f) ____ the next few years, renewable energy sources will become even more important. (Choose: In, Over, From)
- g) ____ the winter months, many animals hibernate. (Choose: During, From, In)

Corrections:

1. Prepositional Phrase Error

a) Over b) in c) In d) Over e) in/over f) Over/In g) During

2. Subject-Verb Agreement

- a) The team of researchers ____ planning to publish their findings soon.
(Choose: is, are)
- b) A flock of birds ____ flying overhead. (Choose: is, are)
- c) The majority of the students ____ in favor of the new policy. (Choose: is, are)
- d) The United States ____ a diverse population. (Choose: have, has)

- e) Neither the teacher nor the students ____ aware of the fire drill. (Choose: was, were) f) Every one of the employees ____ received a bonus. (Choose: has, have) g) The news about the merger ____ surprising to many. (Choose: was, were)

Subject-Verb Agreement

- a) are b) is c) are d) has e) were f) has g) was

3. Comma Splice

- a) The concert was canceled, the band's lead singer was ill. (Correct the sentence)
b) She studied diligently for the exam, she hoped to get an A. (Correct the sentence)
c) The economy is improving, unemployment rates are falling. (Correct the sentence)
d) He finished his homework, then he went out to play. (Correct the sentence)
e) The train was delayed, we missed our connection. (Correct the sentence)
f) The chef prepared a delicious meal, the guests were impressed. (Correct the sentence)
g) The storm raged all night, the power went out. (Correct the sentence)

Comma Splice Correction

- a) The concert was canceled because the band's lead singer was ill.
b) She studied diligently for the exam because she hoped to get an A.
c) The economy is improving, and unemployment rates are falling.
d) Correct as is (This uses a comma with a coordinating conjunction.)
e) The train was delayed, so we missed our connection.
f) The chef prepared a delicious meal, and the guests were impressed.
g) The storm raged all night; as a result, the power went out.

Exercise Set: Article Usage

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate articles ("a," "an," "the") where necessary.

1. Experts believe that AI has ___ potential to revolutionize healthcare.
2. It is important for developers to give ___ careful consideration to ___ impact of their work.
3. ___ ethical implications of AI are significant, especially in areas like data privacy.
4. Ensure that AI is used for ___ good of humanity.
5. ___ AI can make healthcare more efficient and accessible to everyone.
6. ___ concerns about algorithmic bias need to be addressed.
7. ___ developers play a crucial role in shaping future technologies.

Correction Exercise Set : Article Usage

1. the
2. the, the
3. The
4. the
5. AI
6. The
7. The

Exercise Set : Correcting Word Choice and Spelling

Instructions: Choose the correct word from the parentheses to complete the sentence.

1. AI has the potential to revolutionize healthcare, making it more ___ (efficient, efficient).
2. However, AI also raises concerns about ___ (ethical, ethic) implications.
3. These issues are particularly important in areas such as ___ (data privacy, data private).
4. It is crucial for developers to consider the ___ (impact, affect) of their innovations.
5. AI should be ___ (accessible, accessable) to everyone.
6. The goal is to ensure that AI serves the ___ (good, well) of humanity.

Developers must be ____ (particular, particularly) careful about algorithmic bias.

Exercise Set : Correcting Word Choice and Spelling

1. efficient
2. ethical
3. data privacy
4. impact
5. accessible
6. good
7. particularly

Exercise Set : Verb Forms and Phrases

Instructions: Correct the verb phrases in these sentences to make them grammatically appropriate.

1. Experts believe that AI has the potential to ____ (revolutionize) healthcare.
2. It is important for developers to ____ (consider carefully) the impact of their work.
3. Developers should ensure that AI is ____ (used) for the good of humanity.
4. The community must ____ (address) concerns about data privacy and algorithmic bias.
5. We should all work towards making AI ____ (be accessible) to everyone.
6. Developers are encouraged to ____ (take) ethical considerations seriously.
7. It's crucial to ____ (make sure that) AI benefits all segments of society.

Exercise Set: Verb Forms and Phrases

revolutionize

carefully consider

used

address

be accessible

take

make sure that

Exercise Set: Correcting Plural Forms

Instructions: Correct the plural forms in these sentences.

1. In modern societies, many ____ (peoples) struggle with stress and anxiety.
2. The ____ (datas) collected from the survey will be analyzed thoroughly.
3. Several ____ (childs) were playing in the park.
4. All ____ (womans) are invited to the conference on gender equality.
5. These ____ (tooths) need to be extracted by the dentist.
6. The ____ (mouses) in the lab are part of the genetic study.
7. Different ____ (countrys) have different cultural practices.

Corrections:

1. people
2. data
3. children
4. women
5. teeth
6. mice
7. countries

Exercise Set: Using Correct Noun Forms

Instructions: Choose the correct noun forms to complete the sentences.

1. The researcher discussed the ____ (feeling, feelings) of isolation that many adolescents experience.
2. The ____ (series, serie) of lectures on psychology is open to the public.
3. He has an interesting collection of old ____ (currency, currencies).
4. The museum has several new ____ (exhibit, exhibits) this month.
5. We need to address the ____ (crisis, crises) facing our environment.
6. Different ____ (hypothesis, hypotheses) were presented at the conference.
7. The ____ (phenomenon, phenomena) of social media addiction is increasingly common.

Corrections:

1. feelings
2. series
3. currencies

4. exhibits
5. crises
6. hypotheses
7. phenomena

Exercise Set: Correcting Verb Forms

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Many young individuals are ____ (develop) their professional skills through internships.
2. He ____ (study) for his exam by reviewing all his notes.
3. We ____ (go) to the new restaurant next week.
4. They ____ (work) on the project since last month.
5. She ____ (run) three miles every morning to stay fit.
6. The children ____ (grow) so fast over the summer.
7. The companies ____ (invest) in new technologies to improve efficiency.

Corrections:

1. developing
2. is studying
3. are going
4. have been working
5. runs
6. have grown
7. are investing

Exercise Set : Run-on Sentences

Exercise: Break down the following run-on sentences into shorter, clearer sentences.

- a) I went to the store I bought some milk then I came home and made a cake it was delicious.
- b) The dog barked at the mailman he was scared of the uniform the mailman was friendly though and gave the dog a treat.
- c) She loves to read she goes to the library every week she always checks out a lot of books.
- d) He was tired he stayed up late studying he had a big test the next day.

e) The weather was beautiful we decided to have a picnic we went to the park and had a great time.

Corrections:

a) I went to the store I bought some milk then I came home and made a cake it was delicious.

- Corrected: I went to the store. I bought some milk. Then I came home and made a cake. It was delicious.

b) The dog barked at the mailman he was scared of the uniform the mailman was friendly though and gave the dog a treat.

- Corrected: The dog barked at the mailman. He was scared of the uniform. The mailman was friendly, though, and gave the dog a treat.

c) She loves to read she goes to the library every week she always checks out a lot of books.

- Corrected: She loves to read. She goes to the library every week. She always checks out a lot of books.

d) He was tired he stayed up late studying he had a big test the next day.

- Corrected: He was tired because he stayed up late studying. He had a big test the next day.

e) The weather was beautiful we decided to have a picnic we went to the park and had a great time.

- Corrected: The weather was beautiful, so we decided to have a picnic. We went to the park and had a great time.

Paragraph 1:

Many peoples are concerned about the impact of social media on mental health. Studies have shown that excessive use of social media can contribute to feeling of loneliness, anxiety, and depression. This is especially true for young people who are still develop their sense of self. Social media platforms often presents an idealized version of reality, lead users to compare themselves unfavorably with others. Furthermore, cyberbullying is a serious problem that can has devastating consequences for victims. It is crucial for individuals to be mindful of their social media usage and to taking breaks when necessary. Parents also have a role to play in educate their children about the potential dangers of social media and in monitoring their online activity.

Solution:

Paragraph 2: Social Media and Mental Health

- "Many peoples are concerned about the impact of social media on mental health."
 - Error: "Peoples" should be "people" (people is already plural).
 - Correction: Many people are concerned about the impact of social media on mental health.
- "Studies have shown that excessive use of social media can contribute to feeling of loneliness, anxiety, and depression."
 - Error: "Feeling" should be "feelings."
 - Correction: Studies have shown that excessive use of social media can contribute to feelings of loneliness, anxiety, and depression.

- "This is especially true for young people who are still develop their sense of self."

- Error: "Develop" should be "developing" (present participle).

- Correction: This is especially true for young people who are still developing their sense of self.

- "Social media platforms often presents an idealized version of reality, lead users to compare themselves unfavorably with others."

- Error 1: "Presents" should be "present" because the subject, "platforms," is plural.

- Error 2: "Lead" should be "leading" to form a participial phrase.

- Error 3: "Compare themselves unfavorably with others" is grammatically correct, but "compare themselves unfavorably to others" is more idiomatic in this context.

- Correction: Social media platforms often present an idealized version of reality, leading users to compare themselves unfavorably with others.

- "Furthermore, cyberbullying is a serious problem that can has devastating consequences for victims."

- Error: "Can has" should be "can have."

- Correction: Furthermore, cyberbullying is a serious problem that can have devastating consequences for victims.

- "It is crucial for individuals to be mindful of their social media usage and to taking breaks when necessary."

- Error: "To taking" should be "to take" (infinitive, parallel with "to be").

- Correction: It is crucial for individuals to be mindful of their social media usage and to take breaks when necessary.

- "Parents also have a role to play in educate their children about the potential dangers of social media and in monitoring their online activity."

- Error: "Educate" should be "educating" (gerund, parallel with "monitoring").
- Correction: Parents also have a role to play in educating their children about the potential dangers of social media and in monitoring their online activity.

Corrected Paragraph 1:

Many people are concerned about the impact of social media on mental health. Studies have shown that excessive use of social media can contribute to feelings of loneliness, anxiety, and depression. This is especially true for young people who are still developing their sense of self. Social media platforms often present an idealized version of reality, leading users to compare themselves unfavorably with others. Furthermore, cyberbullying is a serious problem that can have devastating consequences for victims. It is crucial for individuals to be mindful of their social media usage and to take breaks when necessary. Parents also have a role to play in educating their children about the potential dangers of social media and in monitoring their online activity.

Paragraph 2:

The importance of education cannot being overstated. Education provides individuals with the knowledge and skills they need to succeeding in life. In many developing countries, access to quality education are limited, particular for girls. Organizations like UNESCO has worked to promote education for all, but progress has been slowly. A educated population is essential for economic growth, social development, and political stability. Investing in education is investing

in future. Governments, communities, and individuals must work together to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and reach their fully potential. Literacy is also an important factor for a developed country, the government should take necessary steps to improve literacy of a country.

Solution:

Paragraph 2: The Importance of Education

- "The importance of education cannot being overstated."
 - Error: "Cannot being" should be "cannot be."
 - Correction: The importance of education cannot be overstated.
- "Education provides individuals with the knowledge and skills they need to succeeding in life."
 - Error: "To succeeding" should be "to succeed" (infinitive).
 - Correction: Education provides individuals with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in life.
- "In many developing countries, access to quality education are limited, particular for girls."
 - Error 1: "Education are" should be "education is" because the subject, "access," is singular.
 - Error 2: "Particular" should be "particularly" (adverb).
 - Correction: In many developing countries, access to quality education is limited, particularly for girls.
- "Organizations like UNESCO has worked to promote education for all, but progress has been slowly."

- Error 1: "Has worked" should be "have worked" because the subject, "organizations," is plural.
- Error 2: "Slowly" should be "slow." ("Progress has been slow" is the correct idiomatic expression).
- Correction: Organizations like UNESCO have worked to promote education for all, but progress has been slow.

- "A educated population is essential for economic growth, social development, and political stability."

- Error: "A educated" should be "An educated" (use "an" before vowel sounds).
- Correction: An educated population is essential for economic growth, social development, and political stability.

- "Investing in education is investing in future."

- Error: "Investing in future" should be "investing in the future."
- Correction: Investing in education is investing in the future.

- "Governments, communities, and individuals must work together to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and reach their fully potential."

- Error: "Fully" should be "full" (adjective modifying "potential").
- Correction: Governments, communities, and individuals must work together to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and reach their full potential.

- "Literacy is also an important factor for a developed country, the government should take necessary steps to improve literacy of a country."

- Error 1: "goverment" should be "government"
- Error 2: "literacy of a country" should be "literacy rate of the country"

- Correction: Literacy is also an important factor for a developed country, the government should take necessary steps to improve the literacy rate of the country.

Corrected Paragraph 2:

The importance of education cannot be overstated. Education provides individuals with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in life. In many developing countries, access to quality education is limited, particularly for girls. Organizations like UNESCO have worked to promote education for all, but progress has been slow. An educated population is essential for economic growth, social development, and political stability. Investing in education is investing in the future. Governments, communities, and individuals must work together to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and reach their full potential. Literacy is also an important factor for a developed country, the government should take necessary steps to improve the literacy rate of the country.

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