

## Competitive Exams: Basic Grammar (Practice-Test 2 of 2)

1. To no ones surprise, Joe didn't have his homework ready.

- a. no ones surprise
- b. noones surprise
- c. no-ones surprise
- d. no ones'surprise
- e. no one's surprise

Answer: e

2. Everyone in the bank-including the manager and the tellers, ran to the door when the fire alarm rang.

- a. tellers, ran
- b. tellers: Ran
- c. tellers, had run
- d. tellers-ran
- e. tellers'ran

Answer: d

3. After the hurricane, uprooted trees were laying all over the ground.

- a. were laying
- b. lying
- c. were lying
- d. were laid
- e. was laid

Answer: c

4. If he would have readThe White Birds, he might have liked William Butler Yeats's poetry.

- a. would have read
- b. could have read
- c. would of read
- d. could of read
- e. had read

Answer: e

5. Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 – 1882), the great Transcendentalist philosopher, wrote in his essay Self-Reliance of the need for an individual to develop his capacities.

- a. essay Self Reliance
- b. essay, Self-Reliance
- c. essay: Self Reliance
- d. essay, Self Reliance
- e. essay, Self Reliance

Answer: a

6. The recently built children's amusement park has been called a boon to the community by its supporters and an eyesore by its harshest critics.

- a. and an eyesore by its harshest
- b. and, an eyesore, by its harshest
- c. and, an eyesore; by its harshest
- d. and-an eyesore-by its'harshest
- e. and-an eyesore-by its'harshest

Answer: a

7. I always have trouble remembering the meaning of these two common verbs, affect (to change or to influence) and effect (to cause or to accomplish).

- a. to accomplish.
- b. to accomplish.
- c. on accomplish.
- d. To accomplish.

e. to accomplish.

Answer: b

8. My class just finished reading-The Fall of the House of Usher, a short story by Edgar Allen Poe.

- a. reading-The Fall of the House of Usher
- b. reading, The Fall of the House of Usher
- c. readingThe Fall of the House of Usher
- d. reading, The Fall of the house of Usher
- e. reading: The Fall of the House of Usher-

Answer: c

9. After it was repaired it ran perfect again.

- a. ran perfect
- b. ran perfectly
- c. could run perfect
- d. could of run perfect
- e. would run perfectly

Answer: b

10. Are there two e's in beetle, asked Margo?

- a. there two e's in beetle, asked Margo?
- b. their two e's in beetle? asked Margo.
- c. there two e's in beetle, asked Margo?
- d. there two e's in beetle? asked Margo.
- e. there two e's in beetle, asked Margo?

Answer: d