

Exercise on Parallel Structure

In the following pairs, one sentence has parallel structure, and the other sentence lacks parallel structure. Mark the CORRECT sentence.

1. A____ Jennifer is smart, beautiful, and loves everyone.
B____ Jennifer is smart, beautiful, and caring.
2. A____ Andy's day is so long that he gets up at 6:00 a.m., leaves for work at 6:30 a.m., is eating dinner at 11:00 p.m., and goes to bed at 2:00 a.m.
B____ Andy's day is so long that he gets up at 6:00 a.m., leaves for work at 6:30 a.m., eats dinner at 11:00 p.m., and goes to bed at 2:00 a.m.
3. A____ Bob was not only Sam's roommate, but also he was his best friend.
B____ Bob was not only Sam's roommate but also his best friend.
4. A____ If you go to the store, please remember to pick up your prescription, buy some shampoo, and to look for a notebook.
B____ If you go to the store, please remember to pick up your prescription, to buy some shampoo, and to look for a notebook.
5. A____ I spent two hours with Ms. Smith, reviewing my job performance, evaluating my goals, and discussing my future with the company.
B____ I spent two hours with Ms. Smith, reviewing my job performance, evaluating my goals, and my future with the company was also discussed.
6. A____ Mr. Brown's lecture was inaccurate, boring, and unnecessary.
B____ Mr. Brown's lecture was inaccurate, boring, and should have been omitted.
7. A____ Most people play golf for pleasure, for exercise, and for social contacts.
B____ Most people play golf for pleasure, for exercise, and so they can meet people.

8. A____ The most dangerous forms of transportation are bicycles, cars, and riding a motorcycle.

B____ The most dangerous forms of transportation are bicycles, cars, and motorcycles.

9. A____ Many people share the same three fears: making speeches, being in high places, and numbers.

B____ Many people share the same three fears: making speeches, being in high places, and working with numbers.

10. A____ At the body shop, the car was sanded to the bare metal, painted with primer, and sprayed with blue enamel.

B____ At the body shop, the car was sanded to the bare metal, painted with primer, and blue enamel was sprayed on.