

LEVEL 2 - MODIFIERS AND PARALLEL STRUCTURE

Directions: **Read** and **evaluate** the given sentence starters. Choose the option that does **not** contain a dangling or misplaced modifier.

1. Sucking with its powerful mouth, ...

- A. the vacuum cleaned dog hair and crumbs off the carpet.
- B. dog hair and crumbs disappeared from the carpet.

2. Working a minimum-wage job on the weekends, ...

- A. the expensive gifts that his girlfriend Gloria required couldn't be purchased with Caesar's limited funds.
- B. Caesar discovered that he couldn't afford the expensive gifts that his girlfriend Gloria required.

3. We enjoyed ...

- A. the crisp and spicy fried shrimp served on paper plates.
- B. the fried shrimp served on paper plates which were spicy and crisp.

4. Grooving to the music pumping through his earbuds, ...

- A. Colby danced on the sidewalk, which amused the passengers waiting for the bus.
- B. Colby's dance moves amused the passengers waiting for the bus.

5. Squeezing from the bottom of the tube, ...

- A. toothpaste splattered the mirror.
- B. Kendra splattered the mirror with toothpaste.

6. Cursing her heavy book bag, ...

- A. Jillian's professors seldom made assignments in the thick textbooks.
- B. Jillian lugged around thick textbooks that her professors seldom asked her to use.
- C. the textbooks that Jillian seldom needed made her shoulders sore.

7. Gobbling the slice of pizza, ...

- A. the complaints of Phillip's growling stomach finally stopped.
- B. Phillip's growling stomach ceased its complaints.
- C. Phillip quieted his growling stomach.

8. Inching toward the 12, ...

- A. Christopher watched the minute hand crawl through the last half hour of his work week.
- B. Christopher's work week would end once the minute hand reached the top of the clock.
- C. the minute hand crawled through the last half hour of Christopher's work week.