1. This vast chapel displays what many consider some of the most

important works of Renaissance art: Michelangelo’s awe-inspiring frescoes.

A. NO CHANGE

B. consider some,

C. consider, some,

D. consider, some

A. NO CHANGE

2. Because we have two adopted dogs, both of which are shelter mutt, flying is not an option; we want the dogs with us and we want to avoid paying both boarding fees.

1. NO CHANGE
2. dogs both of which are shelter mutts,
3. dogs both, of which, are shelter mutts
4. dogs both of which are shelter mutts
5. NO CHANGE

3. Even as car makers work diligently to improve safety on the road particularly during dangerous nighttime driving, no device can replace the vigilance and skill of the driver.

1. NO CHANGE
2. road particularly, during,
3. road particularly during,
4. road, particularly during

D.road, particularly during correct

4. Contrary to advertisements seen on television, read, in magazines, or heard on the radio, spending a lot of money on a gift for a friend or loved one is totally unnecessary.

1. NO CHANGE
2. television read in magazines
3. television; read in magazines
4. television, read in magazines,

D. television, read in magazines, correct

9 red test 46 above

GOOD COMMA STAIRCASE

5. Then finally in August 1920, after more than seventy years and countless parades, speeches, letters, and calls, the Nineteenth Amendment, to the U.S. Constitution, was ratified, thus giving all women the right to vote.

F. NO CHANGE

G. Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

H. Amendment, to the U.S. Constitution

J. Amendment to the U.S. Constitution,

COMMA STAIRCASE

G correct

6. In 1916, the Democratic Party’s national

convention met in St. Louis, Missouri, to nominate

candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency

and to establish a platform, a set of positions on

issues.

1. NO CHANGE
2. for, the presidency
3. for: the presidency
4. for the presidency,

COMMAS STAIRCASE above

The best answer is E. The phrase "for the presidency" is essential to the meaning of this sentence, and no punctuation is needed in the underlined portion.

The best answer is NOT F because the comma after the preposition *for* is unnecessary.

The best answer is NOT G because the colon after the preposition *for* is unnecessary.

The best answer is NOT H because the comma after the noun *presidency* is unnecessary.

7. Many people collect photos or mementos from special events, trips, or celebrations throughout their lives, throwing them in a drawer or cardboard box somewhere, intending to sort them out later.

1. NO CHANGE
2. Many people, collect
3. Many people, collecting
4. Many people, who collect

9 red test 48 above

COMMA STAIRCASE + COMMA FENCE

A correct

8. As the daughter of one of Charleston’s leading judges, Angelina Grimke could have looked forward to a life of luxury and ease, and her comfort assured by the presence of slaves trained to respond to her wishes.

F. NO CHANGE  
 G. life of luxury and ease her comfort  
 H. life of luxury and ease, her comfort  
 J. life of luxury, and her comfort

H. life of luxury and ease, her comfort

COMMAS

COMMA STAIRCASE : Compound sentence D,I,D

FANBOYS FOR G

**ANSWER: H**

This one is a little tricky because of the sophisticated structure of the dependent clause “her comfort assured by the presence of slaves…” Answer choice F is incorrect because the dependent clause needs a main verb (if it said “her comfort was assured…” it would work). Therefore, it cannot stand alone as an independent clause in the compound sentence this answer choice creates. Answer choice H also improperly uses a coordinating conjunction to create a compound sentence even though the second clause cannot stand alone as a sentence. Answer choice F creates a run-on that is confusing without the separation of the dependent clause. So our answer is G.

SEMICOLON

3. I grew up with buckets, shovels, and nets waiting by the back door; hip-waders hanging in the closet; tide table charts covering the refrigerator door; and a microscope was sitting on the kitchen table. Having studied, my mother is a marine biologist.

A. NO CHANGE

B. waiting, by the back door,

C. waiting by the back door,

D. waiting by the back door

The best answer is NOT C because the appropriate punctuation after *door* should be a semicolon and not a comma. Semicolons are used between items in a series when one or more of these items include commas.

SEMI COLON

4. Yet one

can hear in the music of their descendants, beautiful

variations on a musical sound that has survived for

many centuries.

F. NO CHANGE

G. hear, in the music of their descendants

H. hear in the music of their descendants;

J. hear in the music of their descendants

The best answer is NOT G because the semicolon after *descendants* is incorrect punctuation. A semicolon would be used to separate two independent clauses, and there are not two independent clauses in this sentence.

H correct

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semicolon

21. Its forehead for example, may wrinkle when the dog is confused or waiting for a signal from its owner, when dog wants to play, it might pull its lips back slightly, showing its teeth in a “smile”.

1. NO CHANGE
2. owner; when correct
3. owner when,
4. owner when