

## DRILL 1

Though it may seem a feat of nearly superhuman strength, the International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) 24-Hour Run has been gaining popularity since its first European race in 1994. In this race, participants run as far as they can within a 24-hour period, with some running over 160 miles within the span.

Mami Kudo, who is now known as one of the great “ultramarathoners,” <sup>1</sup> actually has a pretty normal life. <sup>1</sup> Kudo is a friendly bank teller by day, <sup>1</sup> who, like many people, has a passion for running. Even with her day job, however, Kudo is frequently invited to ultramarathons, and her relatively advanced age of 49 has

misled <sup>2</sup> much of her competitors into thinking she is too old to win such races. Kudo may be older than many ultramarathoners, but her age didn’t prevent her from winning the race in 2009 and setting a new record, an incredible distance of 158.6 miles. 3

1. Given that all the choices are true, which one provides the best transition between the preceding paragraph and this paragraph?
  - A. NO CHANGE
  - B. who also competes in 48-hour races and runs marathons, is Japanese.
  - C. who has incredible stamina, was born and trains in Japan.
  - D. a minor celebrity in her home country of Japan, likes to keep fit.
  
2. F. NO CHANGE
  - G. miss lead many
  - H. misled many
  - J. misled much
  
3. Given that all the following statements are true, which one, if added here, would most specifically elaborate how Kudo uses her age to her advantage?
  - A. Kudo’s approach is actually very similar for the 24-hour and the 48-hour races.
  - B. Kudo is actually not alone: the American who won the men’s race in 2013 was 45.
  - C. She knows that running is a mental sport above all, and much of her focus is on keeping a positive dialogue with herself.
  - D. While younger runners burn themselves out by going too quickly too early, Kudo has learned through experience how to maintain a steady pace and outrun all of them.

In 2014, at a race to be held in Soochow,<sup>4</sup> Kudo was heavily favored to win again, further cementing her position as one of the greatest ultramarathoners of all time.

4. Given that all the choices are true, which one clearly suggests that it is particularly noteworthy that Kudo is still favored for the 2014 race?
- F. NO CHANGE  
 G. alongside the American Jon Olsen in the men's race,  
 H. though the Japanese team as a whole would likely win second place,  
 J. despite the more competitive field that the sport's popularity had attracted,

Sometimes, because the horse insists on the<sup>5</sup> presence of his "pet," the goat will follow him all the way to the paddock. Kept calm before

5. A. NO CHANGE  
 B. the horse insisted  
 C. the horse insists  
 D. the horse who insists

the race, they are carrying<sup>6</sup> the jockey to victory.

6. F. NO CHANGE  
 G. the horse carries  
 H. they are carried by  
 J. the horse is carrying

The stable goat has a long lineage in horse racing. Some suggest that the stable goat may have been used to calm horses before classical Greek chariot races. We don't really know. We can be much more certain, however, about it's<sup>7</sup> more recent history.

7. A. NO CHANGE  
 B. its  
 C. their  
 D. our

Although the ploy has died out, the saying persists, and any racehorse trainer will tell you that taking a horse's goat away before a race,<sup>8</sup> can have very bad consequences.

8. F. NO CHANGE  
 G. away, before a race  
 H. away before a race  
 J. away, before a race,

Full of tenderness and affection, good horse  
psychologists noting these essential friendships  
 and show us a side of that psychology that we  
 may not have even suspected was there.

9. A. NO CHANGE  
 B. good horse psychologists are saying how essential these friendships are  
 C. these friendships are being called essential to good horse psychology  
 D. these friendships are essential to good horse psychology

## DRILL 2

When my aunt, <sup>1</sup> was a research chemist, gave me my first chemistry set, I set to work right away, hoping to get proficient enough that she'd start taking me along with her to work.

1. A. NO CHANGE  
 B. aunt,  
 C. aunt was  
 D. aunt who was

“We all struggle at first,” she told me, as she sat next to me in my “laboratory” <sup>2</sup> nearly defeated, I watched as she set up one of the simple experiments.

2. F. NO CHANGE  
 G. “laboratory,” near defeat,  
 H. “laboratory.” Near defeat,  
 J. “laboratory,” nearly defeated

Once she had completed the experiment, she held up a small test tube of the red food dye that I had slaved for weeks to try to create. Nevertheless, <sup>3</sup> she held up a tube of blue dye that she had made during the same experiment. The two colors, right next to each other in this

3. A. NO CHANGE  
 B. Then,  
 C. Still,  
 D. Notwithstanding,

way <sup>4</sup> complimented each other beautifully.

4. F. NO CHANGE  
 G. way complemented  
 H. way, complemented  
 J. way, complimented

I had been combining all the elements haphazardly, but she'd combined all the elements to form the base and then allowed the coloring agent to intertwine with that base. In other words, once she created the foundation, then came all

5. **A.** NO CHANGE  
**B.** mingle  
**C.** experiment  
**D.** react

the little tweaks, that could begin to produce a world of many colors.

6. **F.** NO CHANGE  
**G.** tweaks that  
**H.** tweaks, that,  
**J.** tweaks that,

Although rap and political office have not often met before, hip-hop artist, Wyclef Jean has made a career out of his close involvement with both.

7. **A.** NO CHANGE  
**B.** before, hip-hop artist Wyclef Jean,  
**C.** before, hip-hop artist Wyclef Jean  
**D.** before hip-hop artists, Wyclef Jean,

As Jean's 2006 song "If I Was President" would foretell many of the platforms on which he would run in 2010, long before he had any idea that he would do so.

8. **F.** NO CHANGE  
**G.** When  
**H.** Although  
**J.** DELETE the underlined portion.

While Jean has always been politically active, his true awakening came after the massive earthquake in Haiti in 2010. His EP of the same year, *If I Were President: My Haitian Experience*, gave a stark portrayal of a nation that had been devastated by an earthquake, a devastation made worse for then President René Préval’s weak response to the crisis. Jean felt that Préval had not done nearly enough to help Haiti emerge from the rubble. As a result, Jean led fundraising efforts in the United States, contributing most notably to “We Are the World 25 for Haiti,” which one *Washington Post* critic called the worst song of all time.

9. A. NO CHANGE  
 B. by than  
 C. by then  
 D. for than

10. Given that all the choices are true, which one best concludes the paragraph and reaffirms Jean’s commitment to Haitian improvement?  
 E. NO CHANGE  
 G. a song whose proceeds went to earthquake relief.  
 H. which was sold digitally on iTunes.  
 J. a remake of a song that had raised funds for Africa.

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This belief in the power of an organization to support Haiti—both its infrastructure and its residents—were the main motivations for Jean’s candidacy for the 2010 Haitian presidential election.

11. A. NO CHANGE  
 B. was the main motivation  
 C. were the main motivation  
 D. having been the main motivation

**DRILL 3**

Now it is time to practice your skills on a full English passage.

**Migrations by GPS**

[1]

Every winter, the Egyptian vulture migrates from its summer home 1 to the warmer climes of southern Africa.

Because the vulture is so large, it flies overly<sup>2</sup> large bodies of water as rarely as possible.

Although these birds come from three different continents and migrate to a relatively underdeveloped region, their face with extinction<sup>3</sup> by the use of pesticides in all the regions through which they fly.

1. At this point, the writer is considering adding the following accurate information:

in Europe, West Africa, and Asia

Should the writer make this addition here?

- A. Yes, because it completes the sentence naming both the summer and winter homes of the Egyptian vulture.
- B. Yes, because it shows how the Egyptian vulture's endangered status is linked to its widespread habitat.
- C. No, because it provides an unnecessary detail about the habitat that is already implied in the vulture's name.
- D. No, because it suggests that the Egyptian vulture is a healthy enough species to migrate.
2. F. NO CHANGE  
G. over  
H. higher  
J. high
3. A. NO CHANGE  
B. then facing with  
C. the face for them of  
D. they are faced with

[2]

[1] Though the boom in agricultural pesticides has been good for farmers, it has indifferently caused significant harm to Egyptian vulture populations. [2] Estimates for the remaining number of vultures can be as low as 10,000. [3] The scientists placed GPS devices inside three vultures and have tracked

the patterns of migration by following them from

Turkey to southern Africa and having mapped the routes. [4] Since 2012,

a group of researchers, from University of Utah's Department of Biology and its Sekercioglu Laboratory

has been conducting a study that will help to better understand Egyptian vulture behavior and

4. **F.** NO CHANGE  
**G.** indecisively  
**H.** industrially  
**J.** indirectly

5. **A.** NO CHANGE  
**B.** the birds' migration patterns  
**C.** them by means of a tracking device that gives positional coordinates  
**D.** the vultures as they were migrating with the devices on them

6. **F.** NO CHANGE  
**G.** mapped  
**H.** mapping  
**J.** they would map

7. **A.** NO CHANGE  
**B.** researchers from University of Utah's Department of Biology,  
**C.** researchers, from University of Utah's Department of Biology,  
**D.** researchers from University of Utah's Department of Biology

8. **F.** NO CHANGE  
**G.** is conducting  
**H.** have been conducting  
**J.** been conducting

to save the species from extinction. 9

[3]

The tracking devices download the vulture's positions at certain intervals, showing that the vultures have traveled through as many as seven countries in the Middle East. [A] The scientists were fascinated to see, however, that the three birds they captured took very different flight patterns. One bird, Igdir, was crossing from the Arabian Peninsula to the Horn of Africa within a month of observation. [B] Another, Aras, spent a much longer time around the area which he was

captured. As the birds complete their migrations to Africa, the University of Utah website updates its maps and blogs to show the birds' movements. [C]

[4]

The researchers are interested in bringing public attention to the Egyptian vultures. [D] They believe that in doing so, they can bring attention to the risks of wide-scale pesticide use, which has reduced the population of Egyptian vultures to less than 15,000 worldwide. The pesticides improve farms' produce, but the collateral damage may outweigh the benefit. Vultures and other animals are essential to a

9. For the sake of the logic and coherence of this paragraph, Sentence 3 should be placed:
- A. where it is now.
  - B. before Sentence 1.
  - C. before Sentence 2.
  - D. after Sentence 4.

10. F. NO CHANGE  
 G. that  
 H. where  
 J. staying

11. A. NO CHANGE  
 B. Africa the University of Utah website,  
 C. Africa the University of Utah website  
 D. Africa, the University of Utah website,

12. F. NO CHANGE  
 G. fewer as  
 H. less then  
 J. few than

thriving ecosystem, and the University of Utah scientists hope to save some of these endangered species.  
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13. **A.** NO CHANGE  
**B.** prevent this outcome.  
**C.** put an end to all of it.  
**D.** improve life on Earth.

Questions 14 and 15 ask about the preceding passage as a whole.

14. The writer is considering adding the following sentence to the essay:

These countries include Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen.

If the writer were to add this sentence, it would most logically be placed at:

- F.** Point A in Paragraph 3.  
**G.** Point B in Paragraph 3.  
**H.** Point C in Paragraph 3.  
**J.** Point D in Paragraph 4.
15. Suppose the writer's primary goal had been to describe the role the Egyptian vulture plays in its ecosystem. Would this essay accomplish that goal?
- A.** Yes, because it shows clearly how the Egyptian vulture improves the ecosystem of Yemen and Eastern Turkey.  
**B.** Yes, because it describes how the scientists' plans have succeeded in improving the ecosystem in Turkey.  
**C.** No, because it instead focuses on a plan to save the Egyptian vulture and does not detail the vulture's role within the ecosystem.  
**D.** No, because it instead concerns itself with the migratory patterns of the Egyptian vulture.