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Question: 1

The Polynesian (21) southward migration was limited by the availability of food.

A. NO CHANGE
B. Southward migration is limited by
C. southward migration had been limited by
D. Southward migration has been limited by

Answer: A

Explanation:
Choices B and D incorrectly capitalize southward. Choice C incorrectly changes the verb tense to past perfect.

Question: 2

The author is thinking about adding this sentence to the passage.
Coconuts will not grow on either island.
Should the author add this sentence at this point in the paragraph?

A. Yes. This information is evidence that will help readers understand the predicament of Polynesian people.
B. No. While the statement is true, the sentence does not transition well in the paragraph.
C. Yes. This statement transitions well from the previous sentence to the next on the struggle to find and maintain food for Polynesians.
D. No. This statement does include an explanation of the purpose of coconuts to the Polynesian people.

Answer: C

Explanation:
Although this statement is placed in the correct paragraph, the sentence should not be added at this point without further development in the sentence and paragraph.

Question: 3

The first settlers were forced to rely on hunting and gathering, and, of course, fishing.
A. NO CHANGE
B. The first settlers forced themselves
C. The first settlers will have been forced
D. This harsh environment forced the first settlers

Answer: D

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Explanation:
This statement is the best choice as the revision connects to previous sentence on the difficult climate circumstances and maintains the author's original meaning with an active voice.

Question: 4

The first settlers were forced to rely on hunting and gathering, and, of course, fishing. Especially on the South Island, most settlements remained close to the sea.
Which choice most effectively transitions from sentence 9 to sentence 10 (reproduced above) at the underlined portion?

A. of course, fishing, but especially on South Island
B. of course, fishing; however, on South Island
C. of course, fishing: especially on South Island
D. of course, fishing; therefore, on South Island

Answer: D

Explanation:
This is the best choice because it transitions correctly from sentence 9 to sentence 10 and maintains the author's original meaning.

Question: 5

Fish shellfish and the roots of the fern were other important sources of food, but even these began to diminish in quantity as the human population increased.

A. NO CHANGE
B. Fish, shellfish, and the roots of the fern
C. Fish, Shellfish, and the roots of the fern
D. Fish, shellfish and the root of the fern

Answer: B

Explanation:
With items in a series, a comma is needed after shellfish to separate each item correctly, and shellfish should not be capitalized.

Question: 6

The Maori had few other choices (26) of meat among: dogs, smaller birds, and rats.

A. NO CHANGE
B. of meat among: dogs, smaller birds and rats

C. with: dogs, smaller birds, and rats
D. of meat: dogs, smaller birds, and rats

Answer: D

Explanation:
With the other choices, there are no complete statements that come before the colon.

Question: 7

Archaeological evidence shows that human flesh was also eaten, and that tribal warfare (27) increased after the moa disappeared markedly.

A. NO CHANGE
B. Increased markedly after the moa disappeared.
C. Increased after the moa disappeared.
D. Increased markedly after their disappearance.

Answer: A

Explanation:
The adverb markedly does not need to be removed as it was in Choice C. As for Choice B and D, the adverb does not need to be moved because it is modifying the verb disappeared meaning that it became quite noticeable that the moa population was dropping and causing more tribal warfare.

Question: 8

Which is the best placement for sentence 18 in this passage?

A. Before sentence 16
B. After sentence 16
C. After sentence 19
D. In its current place

Answer: D

Explanation:
Sentence 18 functions best in its current place as sentence 16 functions as a topic sentence on the sweet potato, and sentence 18 logically comes after sentence 17 stating how the sweet potato could grow in many areas and survive the winter months as well.

Question: 9

The availability of the sweet potato made possible a (29) significant increase in the human population.

A. NO CHANGE
B. Increase in the human population.
C. Significant increase in the Maori population.
D. Significant increase in the population.

Answer: C

Explanation:
This revision is the best choice as the population is specified instead of a general "human population" which is already understood as the passage covers the settlement of the islands of New Zealand by Polynesian voyagers.

Question: 10

The author wants to add the following statement at the end of the passage:
Thus, Maori tribes often were located near the best sweet potato farmlands in encampments called pa, which were fortified with earthen embankments.
Should the author make the addition at the end of this passage?

A. Yes, this information is evidence that supports the topic of the third paragraph.
B. No, this sentence is unnecessary and does not support the topic of the third paragraph.
C. Yes, this sentence is further proof that the Maori tribe was the most advanced of New Zealand inhabitants.
D. No. While this information supports the topic, the author should reconsider the placement of the sentence in this passage.

Answer: A

Explanation:
The author has stated that "the most important farmed crop in prehistoric New Zealand was the sweet potato." In the final paragraph the author has shared how the sweet potato was relied upon for food at almost every point of the year and improved the population of people who lived on the islands. So, the addition of how the Maori people lived alongside their sweet potato farmlands is more evidence to support the topic sentence of this paragraph.

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