

CTBS Mechanics Practice # 3

Choose the sentence that correctly uses commas.

1. _____
 - a. Thomas's letter asked the company for information about its products, where they could be purchased, and whether it gave discounts to schools.
 - b. Thomas's letter asked, the company for information about its products, where they could be purchased and whether it gave discounts to schools.
 - c. Thoma's letter asked the company for information, about its products, where they could be purchased, and whether it gave discounts.
 - d. Thomas's letter asked, the company for informatin about its products, where they could be purchased, and whether it gave discounts to schools.
2. _____
 - a. Would you prefer, soup, fruit, or salad with your dinner tonight?
 - b. Would you prefer soup, fruit or salad with your dinner tonight?
 - c. Would you prefer soup, fruit, or salad with your dinner tonight?
 - d. Would, you prefer soup, fruit or salad with your dinner, tonight?
3. _____
 - a. Norma has, just opened a cozy well – stocked boutique in that newly painted wooden building on Lewis Boulevard.
 - b. Norma has just opened a cozy, well-stocked boutique in that newly painted, wooden building on Lewis Boulevard.
 - c. Norma, has just opened a cozy, well-stocked, boutique in that newly, painted, wooden building on Lewis Boulevard.
 - d. Norma has just opened, a cozy well-stocked boutique in that newly painted, wooden building on Lewis Boulevard.
4. _____
 - a. The stallion's golden silky mane flowed down its neck as it galloped out of the corral, and across the pasture.
 - b. The stallions's golden, silky mane flowed down its neck as it galloped out of the corral and across the pasture.
 - c. The stallions's golden silky mane, flowed down its neck, as it galloped out of the corral, and across the pasture.
 - d. The stallion's golden silky, mane flowed down its neck, as it galloped out of the corral, and across the pasture.
5. _____
 - a. Bart, and Mindy took down their tent, packed their gear, and then cleaned the campsite.
 - b. Bart and Mindy, took down their tent, packed their gear and then cleaned the campsite.
 - c. Bart and Mindy took down their tent, packed their gear, and then cleaned the campsite.

Read the passages and look at the numbered, underlined parts. Choose the answer that shows the best capitalization and punctuation.

Larry Bird grew up in a poor family in a poor town. It didn't help them any; that his dad was an alcoholic who spent his paycheck at the local bar instead of on rent or food. Every year though; the Birds seemed to put extra effort into making Christmas a happy time.

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| 1. a. poor town; it | 2. a. them, any | 3. a. Every year, though, |
| b. poor town it | b. them any that | b. Every year though |
| c. poor town, it | c. them any. That | c. Every year, though |
| d. correct as is | d. correct as is | d. correct as it is |

Martin Luther King was a bright student; he was admitted to Morehouse College at age fifteen without completing high school; he decided to become a minister at age eighteen at his father's church. After graduating in 1948, he entered Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, PA.

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| 1. a. student. He | 2. a. school. He | 3. a. 1948 he |
| b. student, he | b. school he | b. 1948; he |
| c. student he | c. school; he | c. 1948: he |
| d. correct as is | d. correct as is | d. correct as is |

When a man is taller, and stronger than other men. He is sometimes called a giant. Many people think of Wilt Chamberlain as a giant; he is so tall that he has a special: extra-long bed to sleep in and a special car with enough space for his long legs.

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| 1. a. taller and | 2. a. giant. He | 3. a. special. Extra |
| b. taller; and | b. giant he | b. special, extra |
| c. taller, and, | c. giant, he | c. special extra |
| d. correct as is | d. correct as is | d. correct as is |