

1. A meteorologist is delivering an emergency briefing on an incoming Category 4 hurricane.

Identify the option where the underlined text serves as a **noun clause** acting as the **direct object** of the main verb.

- i) Whether the storm will make landfall near the metropolitan coast depends on a high-pressure system moving from the east.
- ii) The tracking data indicates that the hurricane will rapidly intensify over the warm gulf waters.
- iii) The mayor issued a mandatory evacuation order because the hurricane will rapidly intensify over the warm gulf waters.
- iv) The team focused all their computational models on where the storm will make landfall near the metropolitan coast.

2. An archaeologist is documenting a cache of iron-age artifacts discovered in a peat bog.

Identify the option where the underlined text functions as an **adjective phrase** modifying a noun.

- i) The research team carefully excavated the ceremonial sword with an ornately carved wooden hilt. ii) The assistant cleaned the rusted artifact with an incredibly soft bristle brush.
- iii) With an ornately carved wooden hilt, the sword was easily the most valuable find of the decade.
- iv) The team returned to the laboratory with a dozen well-preserved leather shields.

3. A software developer is conducting a post-mortem analysis of a critical database crash during peak traffic hours.

Identify the sentence that features an **adverb clause of time**.

- i) The database crashed because the server memory was completely overwhelmed by the surge in user requests.
- ii) As soon as the automated load balancer failed, the primary database server crashed under the heavy traffic.

- iii) The infrastructure team designed a secondary server so that a database crash would never happen again.
- iv) If the automated load balancer fails tonight, the secondary database server will immediately handle the traffic.

4. A botanist is explaining the unique survival mechanism of a desert succulent to a group of university students.

Identify the option where the underlined text serves as a **noun phrase** acting as a **subject complement** (renaming the subject after a linking verb).

- i) The plant's thick waxy cuticle prevents water loss during extreme heat waves.
- ii) This unique adaptation is a highly efficient survival mechanism against prolonged drought.
- iii) Evolution gifted the desert succulent a highly efficient survival mechanism against prolonged drought.
- iv) The research paper meticulously analysed the plant's thick waxy cuticle.

5. A financial auditor is checking a corporation's tax filings for irregularities.

Identify the sentence where the underlined text functions as a **conditional adverbial phrase** (often structured as a reduced conditional clause).

- i) If properly documented by the accounting team, these high-value corporate expenses are completely tax-deductible.
- ii) The accounting team properly documented these high-value corporate expenses to avoid a federal audit.
- iii) We found several major irregularities although the accounting team properly documented these corporate expenses.
- iv) The auditor requested receipts for these high-value corporate expenses documented by the accounting team.

6. An aerospace engineer is writing a post-incident report regarding a failed satellite launch.

Identify the option where the underlined text correctly serves as the complete **noun phrase** acting as the **subject** of the sentence.

- i) The catastrophic failure of the secondary booster rocket forced the mission control team to abort the launch.
- ii) Mission control aborted the launch because the secondary booster rocket failed catastrophically during the first stage.
- iii) To abort the launch was decided after the catastrophic failure of the secondary booster rocket occurred.
- iv) The team monitored the catastrophic failure of the secondary booster rocket from the safety of the bunker.

7. A marine biologist is documenting the behaviour of a newly discovered deep-sea organism.

Identify the sentence that correctly features an **adjective clause** (relative clause) modifying a noun.

- i) The creature glowed brightly whenever it sensed a predator approaching from the deep trenches.
- ii) The hydrothermal vent, which sits three miles beneath the ocean surface, supports an entirely unique ecosystem.
- iii) Biologists believe that this species has survived unchanged for millions of years.
- iv) Investigating the deep ocean floor requires highly specialized, pressure-resistant submersibles.

8. A cybersecurity analyst is advising a financial firm on how to handle potential ransomware threats.

Select the option that contains the grammatically correct main clause to complete this **Second Conditional** sentence (hypothetical present/future). "If hackers breached our primary firewall tonight, _____"

- i) the automated defence system will isolate the compromised servers immediately.
- ii) the automated defence system would isolate the compromised servers immediately.
- iii) the automated defence system isolates the compromised servers immediately.
- iv) the automated defence system would have isolated the compromised servers immediately.

9. A museum curator is explaining the mysterious origin of an unsigned Renaissance painting.

Identify the sentence where the **noun clause** functions specifically as the **object of a preposition**.

- i) That the painting was created by a student of Da Vinci is highly probable.
- ii) Art historians are paying close attention to whoever owned the portrait during the 18th century.
- iii) The restoration team discovered that a hidden landscape was painted beneath the top layer of canvas.
- iv) Whether the signature on the back is authentic remains a subject of intense debate.

10. A chef at a Michelin-starred restaurant is describing a signature dish to the front-of-house staff.

Identify the option where the underlined text functions as an **adjective phrase** modifying a noun.

- i) The pastry chef spent hours preparing the delicate spun-sugar cages for the dessert.
- ii) The sommelier selected a white wine with a crisp, citrusy finish to complement the seafood.
- iii) Searing the wagyu beef perfectly requires a screaming-hot cast-iron skillet.
- iv) The diners enjoyed the meal because the ingredients were exceptionally fresh.

11. An orchestra conductor is giving feedback to the string section during a rehearsal for a symphony.

Identify the sentence where the underlined text acts as an **adverb phrase** modifying a

verb.

- i) The beautifully synchronized movement of the bows created a remarkably rich sound.
- ii) The violinists played the presto movement with breath taking speed and precision.
- iii) It was clear that playing with such intense emotion exhausted the musicians by the end.

iv) The conductor preferred the second movement, which featured a hauntingly slow melody.

12. A political campaign manager is addressing the communications team regarding a viral rumour about their candidate.

Identify the sentence that correctly utilises a **noun clause in apposition** to define or explain an abstract noun.

- i) The announcement that the candidate will skip the upcoming televised debate shocked the voters.
- ii) The speechwriter explained that the candidate will skip the upcoming televised debate due to illness.
- iii) That the candidate will skip the upcoming televised debate could severely damage our poll numbers.
- iv) Journalists are investigating the rumour about the candidate skipping the upcoming televised debate.

13. A civil engineer is presenting a proposal for a new suspension bridge designed to withstand earthquakes.

Identify the sentence that features an **adverb clause of concession** (showing contrast/unexpected reality).

- i) Because the soil near the riverbank is highly unstable, the bridge requires deep concrete pilings.
- ii) Although the construction materials are incredibly expensive, they guarantee structural integrity for a century.
- iii) The team will begin building the support towers as soon as the local government approves the environmental permit.
- iv) We designed the bridge's suspension cables so that they can flex up to three metres during a seismic event.

14. A geologist is analysing core samples drilled from an active volcanic island.

Identify the option where the underlined text serves as the complete **noun phrase** acting as the **direct object** of the verb.

- i) The high concentration of sulfur crystals in the basalt rock indicates a recent magmatic intrusion.

- ii) Under the microscope, the laboratory team carefully examined the high concentration of sulfur crystals in the basalt rock.
- iii) Because the high concentration of sulfur crystals in the basalt rock was volatile, the samples were sealed.
- iv) There was a high concentration of sulfur crystals in the basalt rock extracted from the eastern ridge.

15. An architect is showing a client the blueprints for a sustainable, net-zero energy office building.

Identify the sentence that contains an **adjective clause** introduced by a relative adverb (*where, when, why*) modifying a noun.

- i) The rooftop garden is the place where employees can relax and harvest fresh herbs.
- ii) The solar panels generate excess electricity when the building is exposed to direct afternoon sunlight.
- iii) The client wanted to know why the triple-paned windows were so expensive.
- iv) Wherever we looked on the blueprints, there were innovative water-recycling systems.