

SECTION B: GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

1. Attempt the following questions:

(i) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verb provided in the bracket.

The astrophysicist explained during the seminar that celestial bodies of immense mass consistently _____ (**warp**) the fabric of spacetime around them.

(ii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

As soon as the construction crew will finish laying the foundation next Monday, the structural engineers will inspect the site parameters.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

(iii) Read the situations given below and fill in the blanks with contextually appropriate tense form of the verbs provided in the brackets.

Question A:

Situation: Nikhil is checking in with his event coordinator, Ms. Diaz, regarding his presentation slot at tomorrow's global summit.

Ms. Diaz: Please ensure you arrive by 9:00 AM tomorrow, Nikhil. At exactly this time tomorrow morning, the keynote speakers _____ (**address**) the central delegation in the main auditorium.

Nikhil: Understood, Ma'am. I will make sure my presentation deck is pre-loaded on the console well before that.

Question B:

Situation: Karan is detailing an architectural site accident to the safety inspector following an unexpected power failure on Tuesday.

Karan: The emergency alarms caught us completely off-guard. While the heavy machinery operators _____ (**calibrate**) the high-pressure cranes, the main power grid suddenly shut down completely.

Inspector: Thank you for the timeline. We will analyze the logs to check if the backup generators kicked in on time.

(iv) Read the situations and the two sets of dialogues. Only one set uses tenses that are logical and grammatically accurate based on the timeline. Identify the correct set (Set A or Set B).

Question A:

Situation: Rhea is discussing her final manuscript submission deadline with her publishing editor. The publication house requires all texts finalized before the winter holidays commence in December.

Set A:

Rhea: Don't worry, sir. By the time the holidays begin in December, I will finish editing all twelve chapters.

Editor: Excellent. That timeline ensures our production deadlines remain perfectly on track.

Set B:

Rhea: Don't worry, sir. By the time the holidays begin in December, I will have finished editing all twelve chapters.

Editor: Excellent. That timeline ensures our production deadlines remain perfectly on track.

Question B:

Situation: An IT engineer is explaining a server crash history to the systems director. The server ran continuously for five hours straight before it overheated and crashed last night.

Set A:

Engineer: When the server finally crashed last night, it had been running continuously for five hours.

Director: That explains the thermal surge. The cooling fans aren't rated for that duration without cycle breaks.

Set B:

Engineer: When the server finally crashed last night, it was running continuously for five hours.

Director: That explains the thermal surge. The cooling fans aren't rated for that duration without cycle breaks.

(v) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

The international archaeological council has published the comprehensive analytical report on the Mesopotamian ruins two years ago.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

ANSWER KEY & GRAMMATICAL RULES

(i): warp

Grammar Rule: Universal scientific facts and general laws of nature are always expressed in the Simple Present Tense, regardless of the tense used in the main reporting clause.

(ii) Error Correction Answer:

Error	Correction
will finish	finish

Grammar Rule: In future time clauses introduced by conjunctions of time like 'as soon as', 'when', or 'before', the Simple Present Tense is strictly used to denote the future action, while the main independent clause retains the Future Simple Tense.

(iii) Question A: will be addressing

Grammar Rule: The Future Continuous Tense is utilized to denote an action that will be progressively occurring at a specific, designated window of time in the future.

(iii) Question B: were calibrating

Grammar Rule: When a continuous ongoing background action in the past is suddenly interrupted by a single completed past event, the background action takes the Past Continuous Tense while the interrupting event uses the Simple Past Tense.

(iv) Question A: Set B

Grammar Rule: The Future Perfect Tense is necessary to express an action that will be completed or perfected prior to a certain designated boundary point in future time ('by the time December arrives').

(iv) Question B: Set A

Grammar Rule: The Past Perfect Continuous Tense is compulsory to indicate an ongoing action that was in progress over a specific span of time up until a definite turning point in the past ('when the server finally crashed').

(v) Error Correction Answer:

Error	Correction
has published	published

Grammar Rule: When a sentence specifies a precise, completed point in past time (using expressions like 'two years ago', 'yesterday', 'in 1998'), the Present Perfect Tense cannot be used. The sentence must strictly use the Simple Past Tense.