

INTEGRATED GRAMMAR EXERCISE — ERROR CORRECTION

Advanced Level — 25 Questions

(1) _____ (Conjunction) heavy rain lashed the city throughout the night, the marathon organisers decided not to cancel (2) _____ (Article) event. Runners gathered (3) _____ (Preposition) dawn, eager to prove their endurance despite (4) _____ (Article) odds. (5) _____ (Determiner) runner, however experienced, could ignore the risk of slipping (6) _____ (Preposition) the wet roads. As the race progressed, the crowd (7) _____ (gather — Simple Past) along the route, cheering loudly (8) _____ (Preposition) their favourite athletes. By the time the leading runner reached the halfway mark, he (9) _____ (run — Past Perfect Continuous) for nearly two hours without a break. Volunteers stood (10) _____ (Preposition) every kilometre, distributing water (11) _____ (Preposition) the exhausted participants. Meanwhile, the sky, which (12) _____ (turn — Past Perfect Continuous) darker since morning, finally cleared just before noon. The last runner, an elderly man (13) _____ (Relative Pronoun) had trained for six months, crossed the finish line to thunderous applause. Doctors, who (14) _____ (wait — Past Perfect Continuous) nervously near the medical tent, rushed forward to check on him. This year's event, everyone agreed, (15) _____ (Modal) be remembered as one of the toughest marathons the city had ever seen.

Instructions: Complete the passage above by filling in each blank with an appropriate word of the type indicated, and correct the error in each of the following sentences.

16. Scarcely he had reached the station when the train left.

17. I have seen him yesterday at the market.

18. Each of the students were given a certificate.

19. This is the most unique painting I have ever seen.

20. He divided the money between the three brothers.

21. Neither of them have completed the assignment.

22. The jury have given their verdict.

23. He is one of those men who is always ready to help.

24. She along with her sisters have gone to the market.

25. Little I knew that he would betray me.

ANSWERS

1. Although / Though

2. the

3. at

4. the

5. No
6. on
7. gathered
8. for
9. had been running
10. at
11. to
12. had been turning
13. who
14. had been waiting
15. will
16. Scarcely had he reached the station when the train left.
17. saw (not "have seen" — "yesterday" needs simple past)
18. was ("Each" takes a singular verb)
19. unique ("unique" is an absolute adjective — drop "most")
20. among (used for more than two)
21. has ("Neither" takes a singular verb)
22. has ("jury" as a single unit takes a singular verb)
23. who are (agrees with "those men", plural)
24. has (subject is "she"; "along with her sisters" doesn't make it plural)
25. Little did I know that he would betray me. (inversion after "little")