

**TAKS–M Grade 10 ELA  
(Revising and Editing Section)**



## **Inspection Day**

Vanessa had to write a story for English class. She decided to write about a time at work when she had to clean the large pizza oven for an inspection. Read Vanessa's story and look for ways she might correct and improve it. When you finish reading, answer the questions that follow.

# Inspection Day

(1) I yawned as I stumbled into work at the pizza parlor that Saturday morning. (2) I was so sleepy. (3) I didn't even notice that the parking lot was more crowded than usual. (4) The sign on the door read "Closed Until 4:00." (5) Inside I saw mops, buckets, and brooms and there was music booming from the speakers. (6) Suddenly I remembered that today was inspection day.

1 What change should be made in sentence 3?

- A Change ***even*** to ***hardly***
- B Change ***notice*** to ***notise***
- C\* Change ***then*** to ***than***

Objective 6

2 What change should be made in sentence 5?

- A Change ***saw*** to ***seen***
- B\* Change ***there was*** to ***heard***
- C Insert ***it was*** after ***music***

Objective 6

(7) My boss Harry can make a boring job seem fun. (8) Today, however, he looked serious. (9) He said that the shop needed to be spotless by the time the inspector arrived. (10) But I knew he would make the work enjoyment. (11) Harry gave each of us a job, he wrote the jobs on his clipboard. (12) He said, "I have a very special job for you, Vanessa. (13) He pointed to the large pizza oven.

**3** What change should be made in sentence 7?

- A** Change *boss* to **Boss**
- B\*** Change *boring* to **boring**
- C** Change *fun* to **funner**

Objective 6

**4** What change should be made in sentence 10?

- A** Change *knew* to **new**
- B** Change *he* to **they**
- C\*** Change *enjoyment* to **enjoyable**

Objective 6

**5** What revision is needed in sentence 11?

**A\*** Harry gave each of us a job and wrote the jobs on his clipboard.

**B** Harry gave each of us a job. Writing the jobs on his clipboard.

**C** Harry gave each of us a job that wrote on the clipboard.

Objective 6

**6** What change should be made in sentence 12?

**A** Change *said* to *says*

**B** Delete the comma after *you*

**C\*** Insert quotation marks at the end of the sentence

Objective 6

(14) The inside of the oven was awful. (15) It was covered with the remains of every pizza that had been made for the last few months. (16) I wasn't excited about cleaning it, but I had no choice. (17) Someone had to crawl inside the oven to clean it.

(18) I grabbed all the cleaning supplies and squeezed inside the oven. (19) Quickly I went to work. (20) I was wearing a mask and goggles, so I didn't have to worry about the fumes from the oven cleaner hurting my lungs or burning my eyes. (21) It was actually kind of fun to work inside an oven!

- 7** Which sentence could best follow sentence 17 to support the idea in that sentence?
- A** The oven had to be cleaned by someone.
  - B** Some pizza parlors have wood-burning ovens.
  - C\*** I was the only one small enough to fit.

Objective 6

- 8** Which transition word or phrase could be added to the beginning of sentence 20?
- A** As a result
  - B\*** Fortunately
  - C** Similarly

Objective 6

(22) I scrubbed until the job was finally done and finished.

(23) You couldn't have asked for a cleaner oven. (24) However, my uniform was another story. (25) Everybody had a good laugh about how silly I looked. (26) Then Harry let me go home early. (27) I cleaned up and asked some friends to join me for dinner. (28) But this was one night that I wasn't going to eat any pizza!

**9** What is the most effective way to revise sentence 22?

**A** I scrubbed until the job was finally done, it was finished.

**B** I scrubbed until the job. It was finally done and finished.

**C\*** I scrubbed until the job was finally finished.

Objective 6