

and again regained the number-one ranking.

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We can take inspiration from the elements of

Woods' phenomenal success that are available to

14. F. NO CHANGE

G. again, regained the number-one ranking.

H. regained the number-one ranking.

J. regained again the number-one ranking.

each of us: commitment, focus, and determination.

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15. A. NO CHANGE

B. of us;

C. of us,

D. of us

PRACTICE SET 1: ANSWERS & EXPLANATIONS

1. A Verb Tense

The sentence informs the reader that people have been amazed by Tiger Woods *for years*. The phrase *for years* indicates that the action of the sentence has continued to occur over time, so there is no change.

2. H Commas

A comma is placed after an introductory phrase, which in this sentence is the phrase *At age 21*. The comma signals that the main part of the sentence is about to begin. H is the correct answer.

3. D Connecting and Transitional Words

A transitional word indicating the passage of time is needed in this sentence to show what Tiger Woods accomplished at the age of 21 and in the following years. While both *finally*, B, and *later*, D, are transition words that indicate time, *finally* makes it seem as if Tiger Woods took a really long time to win championships, which was not the case. Therefore, D is correct.

4. G Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

In this sentence, the pronoun *who* does not agree with its antecedent, *feat*, because *who* refers to a person. The pronoun *that*, G, should be used instead.

5. D Word Choice

Woods handles pressure so well that he wins many tournaments in the final hole, as indicated in the second sentence of the paragraph. Woods' competitors are unable to beat him because his concentration during tough situations reduces their ability to win, which is *disarming*, D.

6. G Commas

When a quotation is introduced with an expression such as *he said* or *he explained*, a comma is needed. Quotation marks are placed after the comma and before the quoted statement begins, so G is correct.

7. B Run-on Sentences

A run-on sentence consists of two complete sentences that need to be firmly separated by a period, a semicolon, or a comma followed by a conjunction, such

as *and*. A comma alone does not sufficiently separate the two thoughts, so the sentences need a semicolon, B.

8. J Paragraph Reorganization

The focus of the paragraph is Woods' ability to handle pressure, as noted in the first sentence. All of the paragraph's details should relate to Woods' amazing ability to concentrate. Otherwise, the topic of the paragraph will be lost. The choices given in F, G, and H do not have a connection to Woods' concentration.

9. C Parallelism

Two or more items in a sentence should be parallel and expressed with similar words, or else the sentence does not flow well. All three words used to describe what Earl Woods did for his son should be past tense, so the sentence will be more balanced. In C, *coached*, *nurtured*, and *managed* are all past tense. Therefore, C is correct.

10. G Misplaced Modifiers

The original sentence makes it sound as if Earl Woods is teaching his son in the middle of a golf tournament. The phrase *during competition* describes when Woods is able to focus, so it should be next to the word *focus* for a clearer meaning. G is correct.

11. C Additional Detail and Evidence

The topic of this paragraph is the close relationship between Tiger Woods and his father. Earl Woods taught his son how to stay focused during tournaments, and the extra details in the original sentence support this idea. Therefore, C is correct.

12. J Parallelism

Sentences should be as concise and well-structured as possible. *Keep*, *strategize*, and *dwell* are the three words that should match and be parallel for a balanced sentence. J adheres to this rule and keeps all three words parallel.

13. A Transitions and Topic Sentences

The purpose of a paragraph's topic sentence is to state the main point of the paragraph. Paragraph 4 describes how Woods has been willing to make changes in his game in order to improve it, even if that meant not being successful for a time, so A is correct.

14. H Redundancy

The sentence states that Woods *regained* his number-one position, which means he earned it again. So, the word *again* is unnecessary in the sentence, and H is correct.

15. A Colons

A colon is used to call attention to the words that follow it, as long as a complete sentence exists to the left of the colon. In this case, there is a complete sentence before the colon, so this sentence reflects an accurate way to use the punctuation.