

Editing Exercises

Question 1.

Edit the following passage by replacing the incorrect word with the correct one.

Incorrect – Correct

Correct In April 12, 1961, major Yuri Gagarin – (a) _____

become the first man ever to venture – (b) _____

in space. He did not know for certain – (c) _____

beforehand that he is to be chosen. – (d) _____

The Russian had three possible candidates – (e) _____

ready but although Gagarin was first – (f) _____

in the list, the choice was not definitely – (g) _____

made until an early morning of April 12. – (h) _____

Answer:

(a) in – on

(b) become – became

(c) in – into

(d) is – was

(e) Russian – Russians

(f) but – and

(g) in – on

(h) an – the

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Question 2.

The following passage has not been edited there is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number.

Incorrect – Correct

Educationist today are overwhelmingly (a) _____

concern about the future of the youngsters. (b) _____

The common complaint is students doesn't (c) _____

study; they are not interested. Some blames (d) _____

exposure to the media, others feel that the present generation are not serious enough. (e) _____

The CBSE expresses this concern of (f) _____

reviewing the syllabus for time to time. The (g) _____

idea is to build a complete personality of an individual (h) _____

Answer:

(a) educationist – educationists

(b) concern – concerned

(c) doesn't – don't

- (d) blames – blame
- (e) are – is
- (f) of – buy
- (g) for – from
- (h) a – the

Question 3.

Each sentence given below contains one or more grammar mistakes. Correct the mistake (s) and rewrite the sentences.

- (i) Sid can play tennis as well as his brother.
- (ii) The match had hardly begun when it started raining.
- (iii) That was sure a mistake.
- (iv) He talks more pleasant than his brother. Needless to say, he is the more popular of the two.
- (v) When you become a parent, you will think differently about children.
- (vi) I felt badly about not having won the championship.
- (vii) Winning is not near as important as playing good.
- (viii) His behavior seemed a little oddly.
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1. Find out the errors and write down the correct word for it.

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We admire and love nature. Nature (a) _____
 have an extraordinary fact which was (b) _____
 full with energy. We can view (c) _____
 nature all around us into rivers. (d) _____
 rocks, glaciers, forests but (e) _____
 outskirts from villages and cities. (f) _____
 Nature is vital part to our (g) _____
 life. It is a best teacher and healer. (h) _____

2. One word has been omitted in each line. Write the omitted word and the word which comes before and after it.

When the class IX examinations over, – e.g. examinations were over.

the Deputy Commissioner asked Incorrect – Correct

his son he had down his English paper (a) _____

well. The boy told him what was easy (b) _____

and that for one question had written (c) _____

that his father was washer man. (d) _____

The boy's father furiquis and shouted, (e) _____

angrily but son replied, "I did (f) _____

not know the spelling Deputy (g) _____

Commissioner and I did not want lose one mark." (h) _____