



Grade 7 Revising and Editing

2020 Sample Selections and Test Questions

Set 1

EDITING

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

These paragraphs are from Nadia's story about a cooking attempt. Read the paragraphs and look for corrections Nadia needs to make. Then answer the questions that follow.

(1) Visions of Mikayla's favorite cooking show flashed through her mind. (2) How exactly did Chef Luciano toss the pizza dough to flatten it and make a perfect circle? (3) Mikayla placed the dough on her right fist and then spins it into the air, trying to mimic the chef. (4) Unfortunately she didn't realize how difficult it would be to control flying dough. (5) Moments later dough bits hung from the ceiling, clung to the counter, and fell to the floor. (6) Mikayla's parents surveyed the messy kitchen when they arrived home although they were surprised, they were not upset about her attempt to make pizza for dinner.

(7) "How about going to Tony's Pizzeria tonight?" suggested Mikayla's dad with a grin. (8) "Surely someone at the restaurant can show you how to properly twirl pizza dough."

1 What change should be made in sentence 3?

- A Insert a comma after ***fist***
- B Change ***then*** to **than**
- C Change ***spins*** to **spun**
- D Change ***it*** to **them**

2 What is the correct way to write sentence 6?

- F Mikayla's parents surveyed the messy kitchen when they arrived home, although they were surprised. They were not upset, about her attempt to make pizza for dinner.
- G Mikayla's parents surveyed the messy kitchen when they arrived home, although they were surprised, they were not upset about her attempt to make pizza for dinner.
- H Mikayla's parents surveyed the messy kitchen when they arrived home. Although they were surprised, they were not upset. About her attempt to make pizza for dinner.
- J Mikayla's parents surveyed the messy kitchen when they arrived home. Although they were surprised, they were not upset about her attempt to make pizza for dinner.

3 What change should be made in sentence 8?

- A Change ***Surely*** to **Similarly**
- B Change ***restauront*** to **restaurant**
- C Change ***you*** to **them**
- D Change ***properly*** to **proper**

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These paragraphs are from Federico's letter to his parents. Read the paragraphs and look for corrections Federico needs to make. Then answer the following questions.

- (1) Our family should visit Space Center Houston over spring break.
- (2) Where else would we have the opportunity to meet an astronaut or touch a rock from the moon? (3) We could learn all about space travel and the Solar System.
- (4) Exhibits display space suits worn by astronauts as well as replicas of a shuttle and a space laboratory.
- (5) We have talked about spending our vacation at an amusement park.
- (6) But, Mom doesn't ride roller coasters, and Dad prefers educational places.
- (7) Space Center Houston has activities that our whole family is enjoying. (8) Check out the website for more information about this popular tourist destination and to read the latest news on space exploration. (9) If we go to Space Center Houston, each of us are sure to have a fun and fascinating experience.

4 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 3?

F Change ***could learn*** to **could have learned**

G Insert a comma after ***travel***

H Change ***Solar System*** to **solar system**

J No change is needed.

5 What is the correct way to write sentence 7?

A Space Center Houston has activities that our whole family enjoyed.

B Space Center Houston has activities that our whole family will enjoy.

C Space Center Houston has activities that our whole family have been enjoying.

D Space Center Houston has activities that our whole family had enjoyed.

6 What change should be made in sentence 9?

F Change ***If*** to **Unless**

G Change ***us*** to **them**

H Change ***are*** to **is**

J Change ***fascinating*** to **fasinating**

REVISING

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

Rose wrote a letter to her school newspaper expressing her opinion about the benefits of taking a martial-arts class. Read Rose's letter and look for any revisions she needs to make. When you finish reading, answer the questions that follow.

The Benefits of Martial Arts

Dear Students,

(1) It's no secret that kids our age enjoy spending time on a computer or a cell phone. (2) Health experts tell us that we need to exercise for at least an hour a day, but tearing ourselves away from our electronic devices can be hard. (3) Playing a team sport is one way to get this exercise. (4) Not every kid wants to join a team. (5) For anyone who wants a fun, healthy way to exercise at his or her own pace, I have a suggestion: take a martial-arts class! (6) Learning and practicing self-defense can help improve your physical fitness, mental focus, self-discipline, and social skills.

(7) I know from experience that studying martial arts can help you improve your physical fitness. (8) When my parents, at age seven, insisted I get off the couch and "do something," I began taking karate. (9) At first it was difficult for me to complete the kicking, punching, and blocking drills in karate. (10) I practiced every week to get my heart pumping and at striking foam pads with my hands to help improve my technique. (11) I have become stronger, faster, and better coordinated than I was when I first started. (12) I love feeling healthier and knowing that I can defend myself if necessary.

(13) Taking a martial arts class is not just good for improving physical fitness. (14) Classes usually begin with breathing exercises and a time of silence to help clear the mind. (15) By engaging in these activities, students learn how to train their minds to be calm and alert. (16) Developing strong mental focus helps participants respond to an instructor's commands and helps participants sense when to adjust their form. (17) Additionally instructors teach students how to focus their energy so they can kick and punch with more power and accuracy. (18) Having strong mental focus helps students defeat their opponents during a match.

(19) The longer people train in martial arts, the better they become at self-discipline. (20) They learn that self-discipline and determination are needed to advance in martial arts. (21) By really pushing themselves to improve, people learn to conquer self-doubt. (22) This determination can even lead to better grades and behavior at school. (23) One study revealed that students' behavior in school improved after they attended just 10 weeks of martial-arts training thanks to its emphasis on self-discipline.

(24) Studying martial arts has social benefits too. (25) Instructors stress the importance of respecting others, and respect is the basis for any successful relationship. (26) Also, martial-arts classes are often filled with students of all ages and backgrounds. (27) I think martial arts is the best sport because many people can practice it together. (28) Participants will have a chance to develop new friendships while learning new skills in a supportive environment.

(29) Learning to master martial arts takes effort and dedication, but the benefits are countless. (30) Improved physical fitness, mental focus, self-discipline, and social skills are just a few of the many benefits the martial arts have to offer. (31) And, you can practice on your own time, at your own pace, in the comfort of your home.

Sincerely,

Rose

- 7 What is the **MOST** effective way for Rose to combine sentences 3 and 4?
- A Playing a team sport is one way to get this exercise, so not every kid wants to join a team.
 - B Playing a team sport is one way to get this exercise, but not every kid wants to join a team.
 - C Not every kid wants to join a team, also playing a team sport is one way to get this exercise.
 - D Because playing a team sport is one way to get this exercise, not every kid wants to join a team.
- 8 Sentence 8 lacks clarity. What is the **MOST** effective change Rose can make to improve the clarity of this sentence?
- F I began taking karate at age seven when my parents insisted I get off the couch and “do something.”
 - G I began taking karate, when my parents at age seven insisted I get off the couch and “do something.”
 - H My parents insisted I get off the couch and “do something” when I began taking karate at age seven.
 - J When I began taking karate, my parents insisted I get off the couch and “do something” at age seven.
- 9 Which of the following sentences should replace sentence 13 to serve as a more effective topic sentence of this paragraph?
- A As if the physical benefits weren’t enough, participating in martial arts also helps kids develop strong mental focus.
 - B In martial arts class, the instruction goes beyond learning how to perform physical moves more effectively.
 - C Many people are surprised by the variety of benefits that they receive from taking a martial arts class.
 - D Taking a martial arts class will certainly help someone get in better shape physically, but that’s not the only benefit.

- 10** Which word would be a more precise word to use than *really* in sentence 21?
- F** actually
 - G** quickly
 - H** honestly
 - J** constantly
- 11** Which sentence in the fifth paragraph (sentences 24–28) is extraneous and should be deleted?
- A** Sentence 25
 - B** Sentence 26
 - C** Sentence 27
 - D** Sentence 28
- 12** Which sentence should Rose add after sentence 31 to improve the conclusion of her letter?
- F** Why do you think these classes are so popular?
 - G** Are there any other benefits you want to know about?
 - H** Do you see why it's better for you than using a computer?
 - J** Why not put down your phone, try a class, and see for yourself?

Set 2

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- 1 What change should be made in sentence 2?
- A Change ***Chef Luciano*** to **chef Luciano**
 - B Change ***toss*** to **tosses**
 - C Delete the semicolon after ***dough***
 - D Insert a comma after ***it***
- 2 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 4?
- F Change ***Otherwise*** to **Unfortunately**
 - G Change ***didn't realize*** to **doesn't realize**
 - H Change ***difficult*** to **dificult**
 - J No change is needed.
- 3 What change should be made in sentence 8?
- A Delete the quotation marks
 - B Change ***going*** to **having gone**
 - C Change ***Tony's pizzeria*** to **Tony's Pizzeria**
 - D Change ***with a grin*** to **over a grin**

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- 4 What change should be made in sentence 2?
- F Change ***opportunity*** to **oppertunity**
 - G Change ***touch*** to **touching**
 - H Change ***moon*** to **Moon**
 - J Change the period to a question mark
- 5 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 5?
- A Change ***have talked*** to **has talked**
 - B Change ***their*** to **our**
 - C Insert a comma after ***vacation***
 - D No change is needed.
- 6 What change should be made in sentence 8?
- F Change ***website*** to **Website**
 - G Change ***tourist*** to **tourist's**
 - H Change ***distination*** to **destination**
 - J Change ***read*** to **have read**

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Rose

- 7 Which sentence should replace sentence 5 to provide a more effective claim at the end of the introductory paragraph?
- A Learning and practicing self-defense can help improve your physical fitness, mental focus, self-discipline, and social skills.
 - B You might find that learning and practicing self-defense is more fun and rewarding than spending time using electronic devices.
 - C Health experts would probably agree that learning and practicing self-defense is a great way to get in shape and learn new skills.
 - D When you are learning and practicing self-defense, an hour a day does not seem like a lot of time to spend exercising.
- 8 Rose wants to add another detail to help support the ideas in the second paragraph (sentences 6–11). Which sentence should replace sentence 10 to accomplish this goal?
- F There were very few kids my age who attend karate daily.
 - G My parents were happy that I made so many friends in karate class.
 - H I did not realize kids my age could earn such high ranks in a martial-arts class.
 - J I have become stronger, faster, and better coordinated than I was when I first started.
- 9 Which transition is the **BEST** transition to add at the beginning of sentence 16?
- A Additionally
 - B As a result
 - C Later
 - D In other words
- 10 What is the **BEST** way to revise sentence 18 to make the meaning more clear?
- F The people that become better at self-discipline, they train in martial arts longer.
 - G The people that train in martial arts become better at self-discipline longer.
 - H The longer people train, they become better at self-discipline in martial arts.
 - J The longer people train in martial arts, the better they become at self-discipline.

11 Rose would like to use a more precise word than *large* in sentence 27. Which word would be a more effective word to use in this sentence?

- A** heavy
- B** countless
- C** limited
- D** grand

Answer Key

Item Number Correct Answer
Set 1

1	C
2	J
3	B
4	H
5	B
6	H
7	B
8	F
9	A
10	J
11	C
12	J

Set 2

1	C
2	F
3	C
4	J
5	B
6	H
7	A
8	J
9	A
10	J
11	B