

## Chapter 7 Practice Quiz: Verbs

### I: Irregular Verb Tense

In the space provided, write the correct form of the irregular verb that appears in parentheses.

**led**

**Example:** Who (lead) the singing at last year's reunion?

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1. Aloysius (think) that his life would be easier if he were named Al.
2. Who knows how many vines Tarzan has (swing) from?
3. We were (suppose) to leave for Shawnee before lunch, but of course Terence was late.
4. Because the small boy had had only a few lessons, he (blow) his tuba with more enthusiasm than skill.
5. Jenny has (begin) swimming on the weekends at the Y.M.C.A.
6. I am surprised that she has not (swim) there before.
7. We have (get) several cards from Holly since she has been in Mexico City.
8. Everyone else had (eat) before Audrey finally came down to breakfast.
9. Every morning the U.S. flag, as well as that of our state, is (raise) on the front campus.
10. Although the blanket was (wear), the child continued to consider it essential to life itself.

### II: Subject-Verb Agreement

Circle the verb that agrees in number with the subject in each of the following sentences.

1. Juan and Marguerite (is, are) both lawyers.
2. Neither Almeta nor her teachers (was, were) present at the assembly.
3. Economics, as well as mathematics, (is, are) difficult for many students.
4. Each of the members (is, are) ready for a new election.
5. The crew (is, are) servicing the plane at 6:00 A.M.
6. A good pair of running shoes (costs, cost) quite a bit more than old-fashioned sneakers.
7. One of Shakespeare's most popular plays (is, are) *Romeo and Juliet*.
8. At the back of the book (is, are) an envelope that contains pictures.
9. "The Cosby Show," a long-running TV program, (has, have) gone off the air.
10. There (is, are) a lot left to be done.
11. An individual's right to freedom of speech (is, are) an important constitutional guarantee.
12. The American political system (encourages, encourage) many divergent views.

### III: Tense Consistency

Read the following paragraph carefully and check the underlined verbs for consistent tense. Write **C** above the underlined verb if the tense is correct. Cross out any underlined verb that is not consistent, and **write the correct tense above it**.

- (1) A decade ago, many college students, especially freshmen, seem to have trouble disciplining themselves. (2) Such lack of discipline showed itself in a number of ways. (3) High school seniors who were neat and punctual in their work are plagued, one year later, by late assignments that were sloppily done. (4) At times, assignments are missed altogether. (5) Twelfth-graders who rarely missed school have found themselves cutting classes. (6) Moreover, the schedule that once called for bedtime before 11 P.M. and a rising time of 7 A.M. becomes a thing of the past. (7) As bedtime is pushed further and further back—to 1 A.M., 2 A.M., and sometimes later—students find it difficult to rise and shine for that 8 A.M. freshman composition class. (8) Sometimes students will roll out of bed and attend in sweatpants; at other times, they merely roll over and go back to sleep. (9) In the 1990s, this lifestyle will be attributable, in many cases, to a decrease in parental supervision. (10) Some students will have tended to push their newly discovered freedom beyond the limits of common sense. (11) At the end of the first semester, as many freshmen are pained by a report card with unacceptable grades and a body that had been taken to the limit too many times, they found a new schedule: one that is more conducive to academic excellence and physical well-being.

### Chapter 7 Practice Quiz: Answers

#### I: Tense

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|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 1. thinks   | 4. blew  | 7. gotten | 10. worn |
| 2. swung    | 5. begun | 8. eaten  |          |
| 3. supposed | 6. swum  | 9. raised |          |

#### II: Subject-Verb Agreement

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| 1. are  | 4. is    | 7. is  | 10. is         |
| 2. were | 5. is    | 8. is  | 11. is         |
| 3. is   | 6. costs | 9. has | 12. encourages |

#### III: Tense Consistency

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| 1. seemed             | 7. was pushed, found              |
| 2. C                  | 8. rolled, attended, rolled, went |
| 3. C, were plagued, C | 9. was                            |
| 4. were missed        | 10. tended                        |
| 5. C, found           | 11. were pained, C, C, was        |
| 6. C, became          |                                   |