***Practice about Fragments***

**Exercise 01:** **Indicate whether each “sentence” is a complete sentence or only a fragment (frag).**

1. America’s Great Plains were at first thought to be unfit for agriculture.

2. Although based on ancient games, the modern Olympics, founded by Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

3. America’s federal income tax beginning during the Civil War.

4. World concern about the spread of avian influenza, or bird flu, and its possible transformation into a human pandemic.

5. Isolates of the H5N1 virus from bird and human cases of avian influenza allow scientists to study how the virus might be changing to spread efficiently from human to human.

**Exercise 02: Write an "F" for fragment or an "S" for sentence in the blanks before each group of words. If either one is a fragment, combine it with the other, changing punctuation as necessary to create a complete sentence.**

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 1. Built over 1500 years ago. Some Roman roads are still in use.

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\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 2. The children seldom buy anything. They just like to wander about the store.

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\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 3. I read the directions many times. Until I practically memorized them.

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\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 4. Kelly did not believe the argument.

 That we could not afford the repair. ………………………………………………………………………………

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 5. Almost as soon as the bomber was produced. It became obsolete.

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\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 6. Cutting out the article. I mailed it to my friend.

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\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 7. To see if she had enough papers. Jane counted the people.

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\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 8. Our problems are nothing. The Robinsons really have problems.

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\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 9. Which makes it easy to handle. The ladder is made of aluminium.

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\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 10. Besides being a great artist. Michelangelo was an engineer as well.

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\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 11. He left the game early. Knowing his team would not win.

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 \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 12. In a sugary tone of voice. Hannah asked for a new car.

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 \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 13. Exhausted by the long hot drive. We reached Omaha at midnight.

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**Exercise 03: Correct the following.**

1. Influenza is more likely to result in a pandemic than SARS is.

Because influenza spreads more easily from person to person than SARS does.

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2. The Puritans fled England to seek religious freedom.

But proved intolerant of other religions in America.

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3. *The Last of the Mohicans* created controversy when it was published in1826.

The reason being its sympathetic portrayal of Native Americans.

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4. Where clans rule much of the country

In Somalia, clan welfare being much more important than individual welfare.

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5. We called a taxi for Mr. Lester. Whose car was towed from the no-parking zone in front of the firehouse.

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***Practice about The Parallel Structure***

**Exercise 1: Identify the parallelism as correct (C) or incorrect (I). If it is incorrect, rewrite the sentence.**

1. An actor knows how to memorize his lines and getting into character.

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1. Tell me where you were, what you were doing, and your reasons for doing it.

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1. Clark's daily exercises include running, swimming, and to lift weights.

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1. To donate money to the homeless is helping people stay warm in the winter.

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1. Jim not only likes working outside but also getting dirty.

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1. We followed the path through the forest, over the hill, and we went across the river.

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1. The writer was brilliant but a recluse.

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1. She told Jake to take out the trash, to mow the lawn, and be listening for the phone call.

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1. Marcie studied for the test by reviewing her class notes and she read her textbook.

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**Exercise 02:** **Identify the parallelism as correct (C) or incorrect (I).**

1. My father is proud, intelligent, and acts brave.
2. My grandmother loves weaving, knitting, and sewing.
3. Julie is brunette, slender, and has brown eyes.
4. Our old computer has a small process, very little memory, and the screen is tiny.
5. Neither my answers nor the way I explained myself satisfied the teacher
6. When I met Clara, both my instinct and my intuition told me she was honest.
7. The police usually prefer that motorists remain in their car during a traffic stop rather than getting out to meet the officer.

**Exercise 03**: **In the following three exercises, identify whether a sentence contains parallel structure or not. If not, try making the sentence parallel.**

1. Jack washed his shirts, shorts, and washed his pants.

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1. **I want to find a gym that is not only close to my apartment but also I want to find a cheap one.**

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1. You must either prove your point or to accept ours.

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1. John likes traveling, listening to music, reading novels, and to play tennis.

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1. From one direction came the mob, and the police came from the other.

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1. It is true that I loaned you $340 and the payment was made last week.

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**Exercise 4:**

1. The English teacher spoke in a nasal tone, unpleasantly, but conveying the information clearly and was *humorous*.

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1. Benefits of coaching include: knowing each player, helping that player to improve and to get to see that person succeed in life.

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1. At the party, my sister helped us make the cake, gathering the kids for games, clean up and to drive some kids home.

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1. Exercises that I enjoy doing are marathon running, to swim lengths in a pool, riding my bicycle in the park, and to walk along the trails in a forest.

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1. We must either change the laws about drunk driving or it will be necessary to start enforcing them more strictly.

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1. The protestors were gathering outside, held signs, starting to shout loudly and stopped the speaker from being heard.

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1. To my horror, my wedding dress looked stained, torn and it had wrinkles.