# SECTION 2: GRAMMAR AND USAGE

- Punctuation
- Keep/Change/Delete
- Pronoun Usage
- Verb Tense
- Direction Questions
- Shortest is Best
- Combining Sentences
- Word Choice





THE 5 C'S:
COMPLETE
CLEAR
CONCISE
CONSISTENT
CORRECT

WHICH ANSWER CHOICE DOES THIS THE BEST.
WHICH CHOICE MAKES THINGS:
MOST Complete, MOST Clear, MOST Concise, MOST Consistent



# **SUBJECT PRONOUNS**

YOU HE/SHE/IT WE YOU

THEY

# **POSESSIVE PRONOUNS**

MY/ MINE
YOUR/YOURS
HIS/ HER/ HERS/ ITS
OUR/ OURS
YOUR/ YOURS
THEIR/ THEIRS

## **OBJECT PRONOUNS**

ME
YOU
HIM/ HER/ IT
US
YOU
THEM

Note: WHOM is an object pronoun



VERB QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT TENSE OR NUMBER.
TENSE IS PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE.
NUMBER IS SINGULAR OR PLURAL.

THE CORRECT FORM COMES FROM THE NON-UNDERLINED INFORMATION SURROUNDING THE QUESTION



Direction Questions ask:

Are we going in the same or different directions?

To what extent?

Types of Transitions

Continuers: Indicate that two sentences are expressing similar ideas.

Contradictors: Indicate that two sentences are expressing different ideas.

Cause-and-Effect: Indicate that one action is the result of another.

# Continuers:

- -Add information
- -Give an Example
- -Define or Clarify
- -Emphasize
- -Compare
- -Sequence of Events

#### **ADD INFORMATION**

And, Also, Furthermore, In Addition, Moreover

#### GIVE AN EXAMPLE

For Example, For Instance

### **DEFINE OR CLARIFY**

Effectively, Essentially, In Other Words, That Is

#### **EMPHASIZE**

In Fact, Indeed

#### COMPARE

Likewise, Similarly

#### SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Finally, Next, Previously, Subsequently, Then, While

# CONTRADICTORS

Alternatively

Although

But

Conversely

Despite

Even So

Even Though

However

In Any Case

In Spite Of

Instead

Meanwhile

Nevertheless

Nonetheless

Otherwise

Rather

Regardless

Still

Whereas

While

Yet

# CONTRAST

Alternatively

Alternately

In Contrast

On The Contrary

On The Other Hand

# **CAUSE AND EFFECT**

Accordingly

As a Result

As Such

Because

Consequently

For

Hence

Since

So

Thus

Therefore

To That End



If the Shortest answer is grammatically correct, it will always be the credited response



# When Combining Sentences Look for:

-The shortest answer

-Grammatically Correct

-Properly punctuated

-Concise (non-repetitive)



WORD CHOICE IS A CATCH ALL THAT COVERS DETAIL QUESTIONS, VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT, IDIOMS, AND PARALLEL CONSTRUCTION.

IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT, RELY ON THE 5 C'S:

COMPLETE, CLEAR, CONSISTENT, CONCISE, AND CORRECT.