Correcting Comma Splices & Run-On Sentences Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Directions: **Choose the sentence which does not contain a comma splice or a run-on**

**sentence AND is punctuated correctly**.

1. A. I thought the ride would never end my eyes were crossed, and my fingers were numb.

B. I thought the ride would never end, my eyes were crossed, my fingers were numb.

C. I thought the ride would never end. My eyes were crossed, and my fingers were numb.

2. A. The fans had been waiting for two hours for the concert many of them were becoming

impatient.

B. The fans had been waiting for two hours for the concert, and many of them were

becoming impatient.

C. The fans had been waiting, for two hours for the concert, many of them were becoming

impatient.

3. A. The intruder entered through the window, tiptoed down the hall, stood under the

stairwell, and waited in the shadows.

B. The intruder entered through the window, tiptoed down the hall; stood under the

stairwell, and waited in the shadows.

C. The intruder entered through the window tiptoed down the hall stood under the

stairwell, and he waited in the shadows.

4. A. After standing in line for five hours we heard the manager announce that all tickets had

been sold.

B. After standing in line for five hours. We heard the manager announce that all tickets had

been sold.

C. After standing in line for five hours, we heard the manager announce that all tickets had

been sold.

5. A. On school mornings, Sean can sleep through anything, he doesn’t hear the buzzing of the alarm clock or the banging on the bedroom door.

B. On school mornings, Sean can sleep through anything. He doesn’t hear the buzzing of the alarm clock or the banging on the bedroom door.

C. On school mornings Sean can sleep through anything he doesn’t hear the buzzing of the alarm clock or the banging on the bedroom door.

5. Add punctuation or rewrite the following sentence to correct any comma splices or run-on

sentences:

Mia searched in the car trunk on the pantry shelves and on the top of the refrigerator but

she could not find the box of Fruit Loops she remembered buying.

6. Add punctuation or rewrite the following sentence to correct any comma splices or run-on

sentences:

Skipping the directions hurrying to finish first and neglecting to recheck her work have caused Claudia to fail every Algebra test this semester.

7. Add punctuation or rewrite the following sentence to correct any comma splices or run-on

sentences:

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Vacuuming the floors dusting the ceiling fans and scrubbing the bathrooms Justin

prepared the house for his ultra-picky mother-in-law.

8. Add punctuation or rewrite the following sentence to correct any comma splices or run-on

sentences:

When Eli finally dialed Jasmine’s number his foot jiggled his nostrils flared and sweat collected

on his lip and forehead.

9. In a complete sentence or more, explain what a comma splice is.

10. In a complete sentence or more, explain what a run-on sentence is.