Parallel Structure – Answer Key Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Directions: **Choose the sentence which best demonstrates parallel structure**.

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

B. Skipping the directions, hurrying to finish first, and she neglected to recheck her work

have caused Claudia to fail every Algebra test this semester.

2. A. At the family reunion, we ate Grandma’s barbecue ribs, Mom’s potato salad, and

heaping plates of Aunt Rachel’s banana pudding.

B. At the family reunion, we ate heaping plates of Grandma’s barbecue ribs, Mom’s

potato salad, and Aunt Rachel’s banana pudding.

3. A. Vacuuming the floors, dusting the ceiling fans, and scrubbing the bathrooms, Justin

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

B. Vacuuming the floors, dusted the ceiling fans, and scrubbed the bathrooms, Justin

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

4. A. On school mornings, Sean can sleep through anything, even the alarm clock buzzing or

when Mom bangs on the bedroom door.

B. On school mornings, Sean can sleep through anything, even the alarm clock buzzing or

the banging on the bedroom door.

5. A. Mia searched the car trunk, on the pantry shelves, and the top of the refrigerator, but

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

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

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

6. A. Filled with the holiday spirit, Elena bought a Christmas present not only for her

boyfriend Andre but also for his obnoxious little brother Sean.

B. Filled with the holiday spirit, Elena bought a Christmas present not only for her

boyfriend Andre but she also bought one for his obnoxious little brother Sean.

7. A. Nervously, Eli held the phone on his lap and tried to work up the courage to call

Jasmine.

B. Nervously, Eli held the phone on his lap and trying to work up the courage to call

Jasmine.

8. A. When he finally dialed her number, his foot jiggled, his nostrils flared, and sweat was

collecting on his lip and forehead.

B. When he finally dialed her number, his foot jiggled, his nostrils flared, and sweat

collected on his lip and forehead.

9. – 10. In a sentence or two, explain what parallel structure is. *Correct punctuation and*

*grammar are expected.*