

CORRECTION OF ERRORS

FBISE Instructions:

Part A is based on editing and proofreading both texts and free writing. In this part, the candidates are required to rewrite the given passage after removing SIX (6) errors. (The errors will be specified e.g. sentence structure, subject-verb agreement, noun-pronoun agreement, reference words, connectives/transitional devices, punctuation and spelling).

6 Marks

Editing & Proofreading

- Editing is the process of checking a passage for grammar, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and word choice errors and correcting them.
- Proofreading is the final stage of reviewing a passage to ensure it is error-free, clear, and accurate in meaning and language.

Model Question

Q. 5 A) Rewrite the following paragraph after correcting the errors. There are SIX errors of sentence structure, subject-verb agreement, noun-pronoun agreement, connectives/transitional devices, punctuation and spelling.

“Every morning, Saleem wakes up early to go to school. He quickly brushes his teeth and packs his bag before she leaves. Always his mother says that it is important for him to do his best in studies, but she also I that education is the key to success. However; he feels that it is difficult at times to concentrate during class because the teacher explain things too fast. He needs to be more focused if he wants to achieve his goals.”

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Basic Rules with Examples

Rule # 1: Subject-Verb Agreement (SVA)

- Singular subjects take singular verbs; plural subjects take plural verbs.
- Words between the subject and verb do not affect agreement.
- Collective nouns are usually singular.

Examples:

- The teacher **explains** the lesson clearly.
- The list of items **is** on the table.
- The team **wins** the match every year.

Rule # 2: Noun–Pronoun Agreement

- Pronouns must match their nouns in **gender** and **number**.
- Every student/teacher pronoun should be singular or plural as appropriate.

Examples:

- Ayesha forgot **her** bag.
- Every student must bring **his or her** notebook.

Rule # 3: Sentence Structure / Word Order

- Use **"I"** when it's the **subject** (doing the action) and **"me"** when it's the **object** (receiving the action).
- When using **"one of"**, the verb must be **singular** because "one" is the subject, not the plural noun that follows.
- Adverbs of frequency come **before the main verb**.
- Sentences must not have missing or extra words.
- When using multiple adjectives before a noun, follow the correct order:
- **Opinion → Size → Age → Shape → Color → Origin → Material → Purpose → Noun.**

Examples:

- Ali and **I** went to school. ✓ The teacher called Ali and **me**. ✓
- One of my favourite students **is** very hardworking. ✓
- He **always** arrives on time.
- She also **believes** education is important.

**"Only Silly Ants Sit
Calmly On My Pillow"**

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Rule # 4: Connectives / Transitional Devices

- Use connectors according to meaning: *and, but, because, however*.
- Avoid mixing connectors unnecessarily.
- Connectors should help sentence flow.

Examples:

- He worked hard, **but** he failed.
- **Although** he was tired, he continued.
- She wanted to help; **however**, she had no time.

Rule # 5: Punctuation

- Use commas after introductory words.
- Do not use semicolons incorrectly.
- Capitalize the first word of a sentence and proper nouns.

Examples:

- **However**, he did not give up.
- My mother is a **teacher**.
- She loves reading **Shakespeare**, writing, and painting.

Rule # 6: Spelling

- Watch commonly confused words.
- Use correct British spelling (preferred in FBISE).
- Be careful with similar-sounding words.

Examples:

- **receive**, not recieve
- **success**, not sucess
- **colour**, not color
- **beautiful**, not beautifull

Rule # 7: Tense Consistency

- Keep the same tense throughout a paragraph unless there's a clear reason to shift.
- Don't switch between past and present unnecessarily.

Examples:

- He walked to school and then he sees his friend. ✗
- He walked to school and then he saw his friend. ✓

Rule # 8: Article Usage (a/an/the)

- Use "a" before consonant sounds, "an" before vowel sounds.
- Use "the" for specific nouns already mentioned or known.

Examples:

- She is a doctor. / He ate an apple.
- The doctor helped the patient. (specific doctor)

Rule # 9: Preposition Errors

- Common mistakes: at/in/on (time/place), from/since (time)

Examples:

- ✓ He lives in Islamabad. / She arrived at 5 PM.
 - ✗ He is here since morning. → ✓ He has been here since morning.
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PRACTICE EXERCISES

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