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Complex Antecedents Clear Pronouns Grade 12 Quiz

Go beyond basic agreement to analyze existential 'it', distance-based ambiguity, and the nuances of vogueish syntax in professional discourse.

1. In the sentence 'The committee, having debated the ideological implications of the charter for hours, finally reached its decision,' what is the primary function of the pronoun 'its'?

- A. To emphasize the individual dissent within the group
- B. To treat the collective noun as a singular unit of agency
- C. To function as an expletive pronoun with no antecedent
- D. To replace the plural implications mentioned earlier

2. Choose the pronoun that maintains formal case and clarity: 'The architect was convinced that it was ____, the lead engineers, who bore the ultimate responsibility for the structural failure.'

- A. us
- B. them
- C. they
- D. those

3. True or False: In the sentence 'It is often argued that philosophy is dead,' the word 'it' is an expletive (or dummy) pronoun because it lacks a specific nominal antecedent.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Identify the error in pronoun-antecedent agreement in this complex scenario: 'Neither the legal counsel nor the executive board members admitted that ____ had overlooked the discrepancy.'

- A. he
- B. they
- C. themselves
- D. it

5. Complete the sentence using the most precise relative pronoun for formal analysis: 'The methodology ____ the researchers utilized was inherently flawed due to selection bias.'

- A. which
- B. that
- C. who
- D. where

6. True or False: The use of the singular 'they' is now widely accepted in various formal style guides (such as APA and MLA) when the gender of the antecedent is unknown or irrelevant.

- A. True

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B. False

7. In the sentence 'The dichotomy between the protagonist's desires and his duties creates a tension that resolves ___ only in the final act,' which reflexive pronoun is required?

- A. himself
- B. themselves
- C. itself
- D. oneself

8. Select the correct interrogative pronoun for this high-level query: '___ of the three proposed economic theories do you believe most accurately models current inflation?'

- A. What
- B. Which
- C. Whom
- D. Whose

9. Evaluate the following: 'The mentor told the student that he was destined for greatness.' Why is this pronoun use considered 'weak' in advanced composition?

- A. The pronoun 'he' is in the wrong case
- B. The antecedent is ambiguous, as 'he' could refer to the mentor or the student
- C. It uses a personal pronoun instead of a relative one
- D. The sentence requires a reflexive pronoun

10. True or False: In the phrase 'Each of the participants brought their own equipment,' the pronoun 'their' is technically incorrect under 'traditional' prescriptive grammar rules.

- A. True
- B. False