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Answer Key: Sophomore Irregular Verb Mastery Challenge

Synthesize complex tenses in academic writing to eliminate subtle grammatical errors and sharpen professional communication skills.

1. Which of the following sentences correctly utilizes the past participle of a verb indicating growth or expansion within a formal context?

Answer: A) The urban population has swelled beyond the capacity of its infrastructure.

The past participle of 'swell' can be 'swelled' or 'swollen'; 'swelled' is frequently used in academic contexts regarding data or size increases.

2. Select the correct sequence of verb forms to complete this literary analysis: 'By the time the protagonist realized the deception, the trap had been ____, and the seeds of doubt were already ____.'

Answer: A) laid / sown

'Laid' is the past participle of the transitive verb 'lay' (to place), and 'sown' is the past participle of 'sow' (to plant).

3. True or False: In the sentence 'The legal team upheld the injunction,' the verb 'uphold' is considered irregular because its past tense form does not end in '-ed.'

Answer: A) True

The verb 'uphold' follows the pattern of 'hold' (held), making 'upheld' an irregular past tense form.

4. In a narrative exploring a character's sudden realization, which irregular verb correctly denotes they have been struck by an idea?

Answer: B) She was smitten by a sudden, harrowing thought.

'Smitten' is the past participle of 'smite,' often used metaphorically to describe being deeply affected by an emotion or idea.

5. Identify the correct irregular forms: 'After the storm had ____, the survivors ____ out to survey the wreckage.'

Answer: C) arisen / crept

'Arisen' is the past participle of 'arise,' and 'crept' is the irregular past tense of 'creep.'

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6. True or False: The verb 'broadcast' is typically used as its own past tense and past participle in modern journalistic writing (e.g., 'The signal was broadcast live').

Answer: A) True

While 'broadcasted' exists, 'broadcast' remains the preferred irregular form for both past tense and past participle in formal media contexts.

7. Which sentence highlights a 'Vowel Change' irregular verb used in the past perfect tense?

Answer: C) The bell had rung three times before he answered.

'Had rung' uses the past perfect tense. 'Ring' changes vowels from 'i' to 'a' (rang) to 'u' (rung).

8. Choose the correct irregular verb to complete the professional correspondence: 'The committee has ____ the proposal for further review after the budget was ____.'

Answer: C) withdrawn / withdrawn

Both instances require the past participle 'withdrawn'—the first follows 'has' (present perfect) and the second follows 'was' (passive voice).

9. Which sentence uses an 'Unchanged' irregular verb to convey a precise movement?

Answer: A) The seamstress slit the fabric with surgical precision.

The verb 'slit' remains the same in the present, past, and past participle forms.

10. True or False: The past participle of 'weave' in the context of creating a story or fabric is 'wove'.

Answer: B) False

The past tense of 'weave' is 'wove,' but the past participle is 'woven' (e.g., 'The story was intricately woven').