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Clear Antecedents or Chaos? The 8th Grade Pronoun Duel

Navigate through complex sentence structures to resolve ambiguous references and maintain grammatical precision in this high-stakes syntax challenge.

1. In the sentence, 'The committee debated the resolution until it was finally passed,' what is the grammatical function of 'it'?

- A. A personal pronoun acting as a direct object
- B. A personal pronoun acting as the subject of a subordinate clause
- C. A demonstrative pronoun pointing to the committee
- D. An indefinite pronoun indicating an unspecified event

2. Choose the correct pronoun to maintain agreement with the compound antecedent: 'Neither the lead actor nor the stagehands had finished ____ preparations before the curtain rose.'

- A. his
- B. her
- C. their
- D. its

3. True or False: In the sentence 'The scientist performed the experiment herself,' the word 'herself' is an intensive pronoun used for emphasis.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Identify the sentence that contains a vague or ambiguous pronoun reference.

- A. After the architects met with the contractors, they decided to change the foundation.
- B. The solar panels, which were installed last year, have reduced our energy bills.
- C. None of the students brought their own supplies to the chemistry lab.
- D. The orchestra tuned their instruments before the conductor arrived.

5. Select the correct relative pronoun to complete the sentence: 'The diplomat, _____ the president appointed last month, has already secured a new treaty.'

- A. who
- B. whom
- C. which
- D. whose

6. True or False: Indefinite pronouns like 'everyone,' 'each,' and 'anybody' are always treated as plural nouns in formal writing.

- A. True
- B. False

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7. Which of the following sentences correctly utilizes a reflexive pronoun?

- A. The principal invited my colleague and myself to the gala.
- B. The stray cat dragged the heavy bag of food all by itself.
- C. Please return the signed forms to either the secretary or myself.
- D. The athletes themselves were surprised by the final score.

8. Complete the following with the appropriate possessive pronoun: 'While the neighboring city upgraded its infrastructure, our city decided to delay ____.'

- A. it's
- B. ours
- C. its
- D. theirs

9. Identify the type of pronoun used in the following sentence: 'Few understood the socioeconomic implications of the new policy.'

- A. Demonstrative
- B. Personal
- C. Indefinite
- D. Reflexive

10. True or False: In the sentence 'Those are the most ancient ruins in the valley,' the word 'Those' functions as a demonstrative adjective.

- A. True
- B. False