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Answer Key: Will You Ace This 9th Grade Pronoun Mastery Quiz?

Freshmen identify and categorize diverse pronoun types across 10 challenging items to sharpen clarity in academic writing.

1. In the sentence, 'The director herself signed the permits for the documentary crew,' what type of pronoun is 'herself'?

Answer: C) Reflexive/Intensive pronoun

'Herself' refers back to 'the director' to add emphasis, which characterizes it as an intensive or reflexive pronoun.

2. In the sentence, 'These are the artifacts recovered from the Nile delta,' the word 'These' functions as a demonstrative pronoun.

Answer: A) True

Demonstrative pronouns like 'this', 'that', 'these', and 'those' point out specific objects or people.

3. Which word correctly completes the sentence to show possession: 'The debate team was proud of ____ performance at the forensics tournament.'

Answer: C) its

'Its' is the correct possessive pronoun for a singular collective noun like 'team'. 'It's' is a contraction for 'it is'.

4. Identify the indefinite pronoun in the following sentence: 'Several of the lab results were inconclusive after the initial screening.'

Answer: A) Several

'Several' is an indefinite pronoun because it refers to a non-specific quantity of things.

5. The words 'me', 'us', and 'him' are examples of possessive pronouns.

Answer: B) False

These are personal pronouns (specifically objective case), not possessive pronouns like 'mine' or 'his'.

6. Choose the correct pronoun to complete the sentence: 'Someone left ____ umbrella in the chemistry lab after the bell rang.'

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Answer: C) their

'Their' is used here as a singular possessive pronoun to agree with the indefinite pronoun 'someone'.

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

Answer: B) The students prepared themselves for the rigorous exam.

'Themselves' correctly refers back to the subject 'students'. Reflexive pronouns cannot be used as subjects.

8. In the phrase 'That is the most innovative design I have seen,' the word 'That' functions as a _____ pronoun.

Answer: B) Demonstrative

'That' is pointing to a specific thing (the design), making it a demonstrative pronoun.

9. The word 'anyone' is a singular indefinite pronoun.

Answer: A) True

'Anyone' refers to a single, non-specific person and requires a singular verb.

10. Which pronoun correctly replaces the underlined noun: 'The architect presented the blueprints to the clients.'

Answer: B) them

'Them' is the objective case personal pronoun needed to replace the object of the preposition 'to'.