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Solve the Syntax: Advanced Pronoun Power for 12th Grade Pros

Navigate the nuances of elliptical clauses and relative pronoun case selection as you refine collegiate-level rhetorical precision.

1. In the context of formal academic writing, which sentence correctly utilizes a relative pronoun in the objective case?

- A. The committee interviewed the candidate whom the board had recommended.
- B. The committee interviewed the candidate who the board had recommended.
- C. The committee interviewed the candidate whomever the board liked.
- D. The committee interviewed the candidate which the board had recommended.

2. Identify the missing pronoun to complete this elliptical comparison correctly: 'The seasoned diplomat spoke more eloquently than ____.'

- A. him
- B. he
- C. himself
- D. his

3. True or False: In the sentence 'The director told the cast that they must provide their own costumes,' the word 'they' is a demonstrative pronoun.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Which sentence demonstrates a 'vague pronoun reference' error that would likely be flagged in a peer-review session?

- A. After the governor met with the senator, she held a press conference.
- B. The researchers found results that they found significant.
- C. Each student must bring his or her own laptop to the seminar.
- D. The team members felt that their victory was well-deserved.

5. Choose the most appropriate indefinite pronoun to maintain grammatical agreement: 'Neither of the complex philosophical arguments ____ lost its relevance.'

- A. have
- B. has
- C. having
- D. are

6. True or False: In the sentence 'Those are the most compelling manuscripts of the collection,' the word 'Those' functions as a demonstrative pronoun.

- A. True

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B. False

7. Select the sentence where the pronoun 'it' is used expletively (as a dummy subject) to maintain rhetorical flow.

- A. The artifact was old, and it shattered during transport.
- B. It is necessary for the protagonist to overcome his hubris.
- C. The dog chased the ball until it was tired.
- D. The storm was so fierce that it broke several windows.

8. Complete the following sentence using the correct case for the compound subject: 'The editor-in-chief and ___ reviewed the final proofs.'

- A. me
- B. myself
- C. I
- D. us

9. True or False: In the sentence 'The scholars debated amongst themselves,' the word 'themselves' is an intensive pronoun used for emphasis.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which sentence pair correctly demonstrates a change from a relative pronoun to a possessive pronoun to improve clarity?

- A. I met a woman who's daughter won. / I met a woman whose daughter won.
- B. The car that is red is mine. / The car whose is red is mine.
- C. Give the award to who won. / Give the award to whom won.
- D. He is the man which helped. / He is the man who helped.