8.1 Main and Subordinate Clauses: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Rewrite each sentence so that the subordinate clause comes at the start. Remember to add a comma after the fronted clause.

(a) The children cheered when their team scored the winning goal. **(1)**

(b) Maria checked her bag twice because she was nervous about the exam. **(1)**

(c) The farmers watched the sky anxiously as the storm approached. **(1)**

2 Each sentence below begins with a subordinate clause. Tick whether the comma has been used correctly or is missing/misplaced.

(a) Although he was exhausted he finished the marathon. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Comma correct
- ☐ B) Comma missing or misplaced

(b) When the fire alarm rang, everybody left the building calmly. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Comma correct
- ☐ B) Comma missing or misplaced

(c) Because the trains were delayed the platform grew crowded. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Comma correct
- ☐ B) Comma missing or misplaced

(d) Whenever the tide comes in, the rock pools disappear. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Comma correct
- ☐ B) Comma missing or misplaced

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3 Each of these is a subordinate clause that has wrongly been punctuated as if it were a complete sentence (a sentence fragment). Correct each one, either by adding a main clause of your own or by removing the subordinating conjunction.

(a) Because the bus was late. **(2)**

(b) Although the forecast promised sunshine. **(2)**

(c) When the final bell rings. **(2)**

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Question 1

(a) subordinate clause correctly moved to the front and followed by a comma, cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **When their team scored the winning goal, the children cheered.**

(b) subordinate clause correctly moved to the front and followed by a comma, cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **Because she was nervous about the exam, Maria checked her bag twice.**

(c) subordinate clause correctly moved to the front and followed by a comma, cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **As the storm approached, the farmers watched the sky anxiously.**

Question 2

(a) B **B1**

(a) Answer: **B**

(b) A **B1**

(b) Answer: **A**

(c) B **B1**

(c) Answer: **B**

(d) A **B1**

(d) Answer: **A**

Question 3

(a) identifies that the clause cannot stand alone, since it is introduced by the subordinating conjunction 'Because' and has no main clause **B1**

(a) produces a grammatically complete, correctly punctuated sentence (oe) **B1**

(a) Answer: **Because the bus was late, I missed the start of the lesson.**

(b) identifies that the clause cannot stand alone, since it is introduced by the subordinating conjunction 'Although' and has no main clause **B1**

(b) produces a grammatically complete, correctly punctuated sentence (oe) **B1**

(b) Answer: **Although the forecast promised sunshine, we packed our umbrellas.**

(c) identifies that the clause cannot stand alone, since it is introduced by the subordinating conjunction 'When' and has no main clause **B1**

(c) produces a grammatically complete, correctly punctuated sentence (oe) **B1**

(c) Answer: **When the final bell rings, the pupils leave the classroom.**

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