6.2 Compound Complex Sentences: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

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Answer ALL questions.

Expedition Diary: Day Two on the Fellside Trek

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We set off from the campsite at seven, and although the map promised an easy ridge walk, the first hour proved us wrong. Mist clung to the valley, so we checked our compass bearings twice before we trusted the path again. Jamal spotted the stream crossing that the leaders had warned us about, and because the water was higher than usual, we roped ourselves together before wading across.

By midday the cloud had lifted; the fells stretched out below us like a green and brown patchwork. We stopped for lunch on a flat outcrop, and even though my boots were soaked through, I felt oddly triumphant. Priya, who had barely spoken all morning, suddenly laughed and pointed at a buzzard circling overhead.

The final descent was steep, and as the light began to fade, our pace quickened. When we finally reached the minibus, nobody complained about blisters or wet socks, because we knew we had earned every ache. 'We actually did it,' Jamal said quietly, and for once nobody argued.

1 Read each sentence below. Identify whether each one is a simple, compound, complex or compound-complex sentence.

(a) 'We packed extra water before setting off.' **(1)**

- [ ] A) Simple sentence
- [ ] B) Compound sentence
- [ ] C) Complex sentence
- [ ] D) Compound-complex sentence

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(b) 'By midday the cloud had lifted; the fells stretched out below us like a green and brown patchwork.' **(1)**

- [ ] A) Simple sentence
- [ ] B) Compound sentence
- [ ] C) Complex sentence
- [ ] D) Compound-complex sentence

(c) 'Priya, who had barely spoken all morning, suddenly laughed and pointed at a buzzard circling overhead.' **(1)**

- [ ] A) Simple sentence
- [ ] B) Compound sentence
- [ ] C) Complex sentence
- [ ] D) Compound-complex sentence

(d) 'Mist clung to the valley, so we checked our compass bearings twice before we trusted the path again.' **(1)**

- [ ] A) Simple sentence
- [ ] B) Compound sentence
- [ ] C) Complex sentence
- [ ] D) Compound-complex sentence

(e) 'When we finally reached the minibus, nobody complained about blisters or wet socks, because we knew we had earned every ache.' **(1)**

- [ ] A) Simple sentence
- [ ] B) Compound sentence
- [ ] C) Complex sentence
- [ ] D) Compound-complex sentence

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2 Sort the eight conjunctions in the word bank into the correct column of the table.

Word bank: and | but | so | or | although | because | since | unless

Coordinating conjunctions (joins two independent clauses)	Subordinating conjunctions (introduces a subordinate clause)

(2)

3 Choose the coordinating conjunction that best completes this compound-complex sentence: 'Priya wanted to rest, ___ because the group was already behind schedule, she kept walking anyway.'

- [ ] A) so
- [ ] B) but
- [ ] C) or
- [ ] D) for

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4 Add the missing capital letter, full stop and commas to this compound-complex sentence: although the trail was steep we kept a steady pace and we reached the summit before the cloud broke

(3)

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5 Combine these three simple sentences into ONE compound-complex sentence, using a coordinating conjunction AND a subordinating conjunction of your choice: 'The rain started. We had already reached the shelter. We were not too worried.'

(2)

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Question 1

(a) A) Simple sentence **B1**

(a) Answer: **A**

(b) B) Compound sentence **B1**

(b) Answer: **B**

(c) C) Complex sentence **B1**

(c) Answer: **C**

(d) D) Compound-complex sentence **B1**

(d) Answer: **D**

(e) C) Complex sentence **B1**

(e) Answer: **C**

Question 2

all four coordinating conjunctions correctly placed: and, but, so, or **B1**

all four subordinating conjunctions correctly placed: although, because, since, unless **B1**

Answer: **Coordinating: and, but, so, or. Subordinating: although, because, since, unless.**

Question 3

B) but **B1**

Answer: **B**

Question 4

capital letter at 'Although' and full stop at the end **B1**

comma correctly placed after the fronted subordinate clause 'Although the trail was steep' **B1**

comma correctly placed before the coordinating conjunction 'and' joining the two independent clauses, cao **B1**

Answer: **Although the trail was steep, we kept a steady pace, and we reached the summit before the cloud broke.**

Question 5

two independent clauses correctly joined by an appropriate coordinating conjunction (e.g. but), with a subordinating conjunction (e.g. because) introducing a subordinate clause, oe **B1**

resulting sentence is grammatically correct and accurately punctuated, cao **B1**

Answer: **The rain started, but because we had already reached the shelter, we were not too worried.**

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