

Read this student rough draft and answer the questions that follow.

To Whom it May Concern:

(1) I was recently in your Home Supply Store in Appleton, and I purchased a Neat 'n' Clean hand vacuum. (2) It was almost \$30.00 including tax. (3) I was sure I would be pleased with this nice looking Neat 'n' Clean when I purchased it. (4) I bought this item as a gift for my mother. (5) She needed something like this item to clean out the inside of her car. (6) When I brought the item home, I knew I had the perfect gift.

(7) I wrapped it, a week later on December 15th, being that I purchased this on December 8th, I gave it to her for her 40th birthday. (8) The box had not been tampered with on the outside when I bought it. (9) She immediately fell in love with this present. (10) I knew that's what she wanted, and I knew I had bought the perfect gift. (11) She even called her sister, bragging about what she got.

(12) The following Saturday morning she opened it up and was very pleased with it's looks. (13) She got out the owner's manual and read step by step how it worked. (14) She plugged it in, turned it on, and it came on. (15) However, there was a slight problem; it would not suction nothing. (16) We, my father and I both took a look at it, and it did the same thing for us. (17) We all together got out the owner's manual and read it together. (18) My dad got out his tools, took it apart and worked on it, but still once it was put back together it did not work properly.

(19) In the owner's manual it had listed all the parts that should be with it, and they are all there. (20) I am returning it, enclosed in the same box it was purchased in, sealed with tape, and the receipt from where I purchased it. (21) Please send me another one that works properly or the exact amount of money I purchased it for.

(22) Again, the product should have worked properly from the start. (23) I am not asking for a whole lot, but I would like to have it replaced. (24) If you do as I asked I will be greatly satisfied with your company. (25) Thanks for your time and effort in this situation.

Thanks again,

Terry Wall

1. What change should be made to correct sentence 12?
- A change *up* to *up*,
 - B change *very* to *real*
 - C change *pleased* to *please*
 - D change *it's* to *its*
2. What change should be made to correct sentence 15?
- A change *However*, to *However*
 - B change *there was* to *there is*
 - C change *problem; it* to *problem, it*
 - D change *nothing* to *anything*
3. What change should be made to correct sentence 16?
- A change *We*, to *We*
 - B change *father* to *father*,
 - C change *I* to *I*,
 - D change *both* to *both*;
4. Which of the following is a run-on?
- A (1) I was recently in your Home Supply Store in Appleton, and I purchased a Neat 'n' Clean hand vacuum.
 - B (7) I wrapped it, a week later on December 15th, being that I purchased this on December 8th, I gave it to her for her 40th birthday.
 - C (11) She even called her sister, bragging about what she got.
 - D (18) My dad got out his tools, took it apart and worked on it, but still once it was put back together it did not work properly.
5. How could sentences 4 and 5 *best* be combined to enhance clarity and coherence?
- A I bought this item as a gift for my mother, who needed something like this to clean the inside of her car.
 - B I bought this item as a gift for my mother, she needed something like this to clean the inside of her car.
 - C A gift for my mother, she needed something like this to clean the inside of her car.
 - D My mother, she needed something like this to clean the inside of her car.

6. How could sentence 17 **best** be written to improve clarity and reduce repetition?
- A We thought for a while, and then we all decided to get out the owner's manual and read it together.
 - B The owner's manual—all together, we got it out and read it.
 - C We got out the owner's manual and read it together.
 - D All together, we got out the owner's manual and read it together.

7. Which of the following pieces of information is **most helpful** in supporting the writer's request for a replacement?
- A The writer knew she had the perfect gift for her mother.
 - B The writer gave the hand vacuum to her mother for her fortieth birthday.
 - C The vacuum had no suction.
 - D The writer and her father read the owner's manual together.

End of Set

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*Answers to
English I Sample Items: Composition Set 1*

Passage Title	Question Number	Correct Answer	Thinking Skill	Objective Number
Neat 'n' Clean Hand Vacuum	1	D	Knowledge	6.02
Neat 'n' Clean Hand Vacuum	2	D	Applying	6.02
Neat 'n' Clean Hand Vacuum	3	C	Applying	6.02
Neat 'n' Clean Hand Vacuum	4	B	Applying	6.01
Neat 'n' Clean Hand Vacuum	5	A	Organizing	6.01
Neat 'n' Clean Hand Vacuum	6	C	Organizing	6.01
Neat 'n' Clean Hand Vacuum	7	C	Evaluating	3.01