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PLEASE ANSWER ALL PARTS OF A QUESTION AT ONE PLACE AND IN SERIAL ORDER.
OTHERWISE, NO MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR THAT QUESTION.

1. Tell whether the following sentences are complex, compound or complex-compound, compound-complex.

- a. Insurance cannot cover everything, but it does cover the big expenses accrued while giving birth.
- b. Albatrosses, which migrate to the Northern hemisphere every year, are guided by instinct.
- c. The semifinal match is on Sunday, but we'll have to compete without Anita, who will be in court all day arguing an important case.
- d. Since she lost her car keys, she had to take the bus to college, and she was late for her biology class.
- e. Barbara just graduated and she is looking for a job. (5)

2. In each sentence, select the verb that agrees with the subject:

- a. Neither of us _____ liable for this damage. (is, are)
- b. His closest friend and constant companion _____ no more. (is, are)
- c. She is one of those individuals who always _____ the situation. (understand, understands)
- d. The high cost of supplies as well as the increase in the cost of labor _____ us from building another factory. (prevent, prevents)
- e. When the vagabond appeared, a hue and cry _____ raised. (was, were) (5)

3. Explain the structure of the mental lexicon. (5)

4. Correct the wrong prepositions in the following sentences:

- a. The principal congratulated me for my achievement.
- b. The boy has been complaining for toothache.
- c. She slapped me upon my face.
- d. He left for Calcutta in train.
- e. Every one is anxious for your safety. (5)

5. Draw tree diagrams for the following sentences:

- a. When he handed his homework, he forgot to give the teacher the last page.
- b. Though Paul prefers watching romantic films, he rented the latest spy thriller, and he enjoyed it very much.
- c. The production of laser lights is a complex process, yet we are learning more about lasers everyday.
- d. Since fossil fuels are non-renewable, we need to find alternative energy sources.
- e. Families lived in huts which they built themselves, but their children were not permitted to attend school unless they live in the dormitories. (10)

6. Fill in the correct form of the verb:

- a. By the end of the year, she _____ with a degree in business. (Graduate)
- b. As soon as I _____ home, it started to rain heavily. (Get)
- c. I _____ on this project for days without success. (Work)
- d. While the reporter _____ the policeman, the robber escaped. (Interview)
- e. Most visitors to the National Museum of Art _____ to have more time for their visit. (prefer) (5)

7. Write a technical description of the water cycle. (5)
