Parallel Structure Practice

Directions: Choose the option that maintains parallel structure in the sentence.

1. When Delores realized that her father had made lima beans and rice for dinner, she

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, claimed to feel nauseous, and excused herself from the table. The bag of

stale popcorn in her room would tide her over until breakfast.

A. clutched her stomach

B. was clutching her stomach

C. did clutch her stomach

2. Not only did Hank despise the way June chewed with her mouth open, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ finding

her wet towels all over the bathroom floor.

A. but also disliked

B. but also disliking

C. but he also disliked

3. To protect her delicate hands, Fran will not rake the yard, do the dishes, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. refuses to scrub the bathtub

B. won't scrub the bathtub

C. scrub the bathtub

4. When Diane takes her beagle for a walk, Santana enjoys sniffing for edible garbage,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and lunging at squirrels.

A. howls at bicyclists

B. howling at bicyclists

C. she howls at bicyclists

5. After Amanda cashes her paycheck, the money goes to her savings account,

cappuccino fund, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. paying her credit card bill

B. toward her credit card balance

C. credit card balance

6. In preparation for her run, Alicia \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, applied sunscreen, and increased the

volume on her iPod.

A. tightened her shoelaces

B. was tightening her shoelaces

C. did tighten her shoelaces

7. We searched the car trunk, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the top of the refrigerator, but we could not

find the box of cornflakes that we remember buying.

A. looked on the pantry shelves

B. on the pantry shelves

C. the pantry shelves

8. Bonkers, our ninety pound golden retriever, chews on furniture, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and snots

up the car windows—inconveniences we didn't anticipate when we adopted him.

A. would drag us around the neighborhood during walks

B. he drags us around the neighborhood during walks

C. drags us around the neighborhood during walks

9. Belinda saw very little of the horror movie, for she shut her eyes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, when she

heard the monster's footsteps in the dead leaves, and when characters started

Screaming.

A. when the violins began to play

B. while listening to the violins play

C. during the violin music

10. In Mrs. Curall's office, Ruben feigned the flu. He hoped to be excused from class, get an

extension on his paper, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. spend the afternoon playing tennis with his friends

B. to spend the afternoon playing tennis with his friends

C. then to spend the afternoon playing tennis with his friends