Ian wrote this story about a memorable event. He wants you to review his paper. As you read, think about the corrections and improvements that Ian should make. Then answer the questions that follow.

The Snow Fort

(1) We could tell right away that the snow was special that day.

(2) It wasn’t flaky and dry. (3) It was wet. (4) It was sticky and heavy. (5) My brother and I looked at each other. (6) We knew that this snow was going to make the greatest snow fort ever.
(7) We yanked on our boots scrambled into our snow pants, and headed out into the crisp, cold morning. (8) My breath came out in steamy puffs as I stomped through the snow. (9) At first my brother and I attacked each other with snowballs. (10) My brother’s snow pants are orange. (11) Soon we were both wet enough to call off the fight. (12) Then we got down to the business of making our snow fort.

(13) Because the snow was so wet. (14) We were able to make huge snowballs. (15) We rolled and rolled the snow. (16) It was hard work! (17) Even though the weather was cold, we had to peel off our coats after a while. (18) We were working up a sweat!

(19) Our fort made of giant snowballs began to look pretty good. (20) But when Dad came outside and started helping us, the fort became a masterpiece. (21) He could lift the snowballs much higher than we could lift the snowballs. (22) Soon the fort was taller than we were! (23) Dad put a huge snowball inside the fort. (24) I could stand on them and see over the top. (25) Finally we poured water all over our creation. (26) It froze solid. (27) For the next week my brother and I played in the most incredible snow fort anyone had ever seen.
1 What is the **BEST** way to combine sentences 3 and 4?

A It was wet, and it was sticky, and it was heavy.
B It was wet, it was sticky and heavy.
C It was wet if it was sticky and heavy.
D It was wet, sticky, and heavy.

2 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 6?

F Change *knew* to *new*
G Change *was going* to *is going*
H Change *gratest* to *greatest*
J Make no change

3 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 7?

A Insert a comma after *boots*
B Change *headed* to *heded*
C Change *morning* to *Morning*
D Make no change

4 What revision, if any, is needed in sentences 13 and 14?

F Because the snow was so wet, we were able. To make huge snowballs.
G Because the snow was so wet, we were able to make huge snowballs.
H Because the snow was so wet and we were able to make huge snowballs.
J No revision is needed.
5 What is the **BEST** way to rewrite sentence 21?

A  He could lift the snowballs, and he could lift them much higher than we could.

B  He could lift the snowballs. Much higher than we could lift the snowballs.

C  He could lift the snowballs, he could lift them much higher than we could.

D  He could lift the snowballs much higher than we could.

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6 What change should be made in sentence 24?

F  Change *stand* to *stands*

G  Change *them* to *it*

H  Change *see* to *seen*

J  Change the period to a question mark

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7 Which sentence does **NOT** belong in this story?

A  Sentence 10

B  Sentence 12

C  Sentence 15

D  Sentence 26
Laura’s fourth-grade class read about an interesting robot. She wrote this report to tell what she learned. She wants you to read her paper and help correct and improve it. When you finish reading Laura’s report, answer the questions that follow.

FIDO

(1) Like many dogs, its name is FIDO, and it can fetch.

(2) However, it doesn’t bark or wag its tail. (3) FIDO is actually a robot that is helping scientists prepare for a trip to Mars. (4) FIDO stands for Field Integrated Design and Operations.

(5) Since astronauts can’t travel to Mars yet, scientists are planning to sent robots. (6) The robots will spend at least three
months exploring the “Red Planet.” (7) More than 60 scientists will remotely control the robots from California. (8) The scientists will tell the robots what to do. (9) They will tell the robots where to go. (10) Their goal is to use the robots to learn as much as possible about Mars.

(11) The scientists who will control the robots on Mars. (12) Need a lot of practice first. (13) That is why they have been working with FIDO. (14) FIDO helps them learn how to control a robot from a distance. (15) Although FIDO is not exactly the same as the robots that will go to Mars, it is similar.

(16) The scientists have been working with FIDO in the California desert. (17) Many unusual animals live in the desert. (18) The landscape there is similar to that on Mars. (19) By the time the new robots is sent to Mars, the scientists will have had more than a year to practice with FIDO. (20) They will be ready to control the new robots. (21) Can you guess what the new robots will be called. (22) That’s right! (23) Each new robot being sent to explore Mars will be called Rover, another common name for dogs.
8 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 2?

F Change *doesn't* to *doesn't*
G Insert a comma after *bark*
H Change *tail* to *tale*
J Make no change

9 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 5?

A Insert *hardly* after *can't*
B Change *planning* to *planing*
C Change *sent* to *send*
D Make no change

10 What is the **BEST** way to combine sentences 8 and 9?

F The scientists will tell the robots what to do because they will tell them where to go.
G The scientists will tell the robots what and where to do and go.
H The scientists will tell the robots what to do they will tell the robots where to go.
J The scientists will tell the robots what to do and where to go.

11 What revision, if any, is needed in sentences 11 and 12?

A The scientists who will control the robots on Mars need a lot of practice first.
B The scientists who will control the robots on Mars, they need a lot of practice first.
C The scientists will control the robots on Mars, they need a lot of practice first.
D No revision is needed.
12 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 19?
   F  Change *is sent* to *are sent*
   G  Insert *they* after *scientists*
   H  Change *than* to *then*
   J  Make no change

13 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 21?
   A  Change *guess* to *geuss*
   B  Change *will be* to *being*
   C  Change the period to a question mark
   D  Make no change

14 Which sentence does NOT belong in this report?
   F  Sentence 10
   G  Sentence 16
   H  Sentence 17
   J  Sentence 20