Coherent Sentences Quiz

- 1. Is this a complete sentence? If not, why not? "Electrodes for extracellular recording from thin-walled glass tubes."
- a. Yes, it is complete
- b. Not complete, it is missing a verb
- c. Not complete, it is missing a subject
- d. Not complete, it has a subject and verb but it is not a complete thought
- 2. Which type of sentence is the following? "If the DNA is from an edible plant it will make the regulatory process before commercialisation easier and it will also improve consumer acceptance; as, for example, in our laboratory where the Ama1 gene was isolated from the edible crop Amaranthus and used to develop protein-rich GM potato."
- a. Simple
- b. Compound
- c. Complex
- d. Compound complex
- 3. What is the problem with this sentence? "Immune system refers to a collection of cells and proteins that function to protect skin, respiratory passages, intestinal tract and other areas from foreign antigens."
- a. Missing articles
- b. Missing conjunctions
- c. Missing prepositions
- d. Missing nouns
- 4. What is the functional classification of this sentence? "Are tropical agroforestry gardens sustainable?"
- a. Exclamatory
- b. Imperative
- c. Declarative
- d. Interrogative
- 5. In the following sentence: "Only land-based carbon sequestration efforts currently offer the possibility of large-scale removal of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, through photosynthesis and carbon sequestration in soils and perennial plants.", the first part of the sentence (Only land-based carbon sequestration efforts currently offer the possibility of large-scale removal of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere) is which of the following?
- a. A dependent clause
- b. A dependent phrase
- c. An independent clause
- d. An independent phrase

- 6. Which part of speech are words that are linkers that provide information about relationships in time, place, or position?
- a. Prepositions
- b. Adverbs
- c. Adjectives
- d. Conjunctions
- 7. Which part of speech functions to connect ideas in space and time?
- a. Adverbs
- b. Adjectives
- c. Prepositions
- d. Conjunctions
- 8. Which part of speech is the least likely to be used in scientific writing?
- a. Adverbs
- b. Adjectives
- c. Interjections
- d. Pronouns
- 9. Which tenses are used in the following sentence? "The strains used in this study are listed in Table 1."
- a. Past
- b. Present
- c. Future
- d. Both past and present
- e. Both past and future
- 10. Which of the following sentences is best?
- a. In this work, we sought to expand the application scope of synthetic minimal yeast promoters by enhancing the corresponding translation levels using specific Kozak sequence variants.
- b. In this work, the authors sought to expand the application scope of synthetic minimal yeast promoters by enhancing the corresponding translation levels using specific Kozak sequence variants.
- c. In this work, you will read about expanding the application scope of synthetic minimal yeast promoters by enhancing the corresponding translation levels using specific Kozak sequence variants.

Answer key:

- 1. B
- 2. D
- 3. A
- 4. D
- 5. C
- 6. A
- 7. D
- 8. C
- 9. D
- 10. A