

**GRAMMAR WORKSHEET 1**  
**COMMAS AND SEMICOLONS**

Directions: Insert commas and semicolons in the following sentences as needed. If a sentence is correct, mark with a C.

- 1) In 1778 Captain James Cook discovered a string of tropical islands that he called the Sandwich Islands.
- 2) Scientists theorize the islands were formed by erupting volcanoes in fact two craters are still active on the largest island Hawaii.
- 3) In 1898 the Hawaiian Islands became part of the United States but they did not become a state until 1959.
- 4) The Hawaiian Islands comprise eight islands Niihau Kauai Oahu Molokai Lanai Maui Kahoolawe and Hawaii.
- 5) Only Kahoolawe the smallest island is uninhabited the United States uses it as military target area.
- 6) Niihau is privately owned visitors are allowed only with permission.
- 7) Although hundreds of coffee farms ring the southwest side of Hawaii much of it is without vegetation covered with only the black residue of lava.
- 8) Lanai called the Pineapple Island raises only pineapples Maui however raises both pineapples and sugar cane.
- 9) Molokai is an island of contrasts it has a plateau of sand dunes a mountain range and a valley where pineapples grow.
- 10) Kauai somewhat circular is one of the rainiest places on earth receiving over 800 inches of rain in the mountains each year.
- 11) Although Oahu is the most heavily populated it is visited most often by tourists.
- 12) At Pearl Harbor visitors can receive a free ferry ride out to the memorial and view the remains of the U.S.S Arizona below.
- 13) Honolulu the capital and largest city has a beautiful beach.
- 14) There are only two snakes in the Hawaiian Islands these are secured behind the walls of a zoo near Waikiki Beach.
- 15) Hawaii beautiful and unusual is worth visiting again.

## GRAMMAR WORKSHEET 2

### COLONS AND SEMICOLONS

Directions: Add only colons or semi-colons as needed. Circle the sentence number if the sentence is correct.

- 1) At 12 30 a.m., he was still repeating his favorite quotation “TV is the opiate of the people.”
- 2) The downtown streets are narrow, rough, and junky.
- 3) Even people in rural areas were not safe many criminals had left the cities.
- 4) Dr. Morris recommended three magazines *Encounter*, *Skeptic*, and *Time*.
- 5) We are now facing the most serious environmental problem global warming.
- 6) The sharks were out in force consequently, the beaches were closed.
- 7) She knows to bring the following flashlight, sleeping bag, toothbrush, and knife.
- 8) In addition to the mayor, she invited Mr. Bowl, the principal, Mr. Carty, the police chief, Miss Hill, the city prosecutor, and Mrs. Dubeau, an elite architect.
- 9) Derek puked on his date’s lap, staining her dress for good.
- 10) They were known as “crystal meth tweakers” it was a label that would stay with them forever.