Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

Isaiah has written the following narrative about a time when he briefly questioned a decision. Read Isaiah’s paper and look for any revisions he should make. Then answer the questions that follow.

Have I Made a Mistake?

1. My sweaty toes are clenched inside my black-and-white tennis shoes.
2. I glance at my hands and notice that my knuckles have turned white. (3) I decide that perhaps I should loosen my grip on the heavy bar that’s pressing against my chest. (4) Unfortunately, my hands aren’t interested in what my brain is telling them to do. (5) I consider for a moment whether getting on the Viper was a good life choice, but the sudden forward movement of the roller coaster makes me realize that it’s too late for second-guessing.
3. (6) I look ahead to see a blurry tunnel approaching at what must be about 60 miles an hour. (7) I wonder briefly what it would feel like to hit the roof of the tunnel at this speed and decide that it’s probably better not to think of such things.
A shrill scream snaps me out of my daydream from the car behind me and returns my focus to the world around me. All I can hear is the whoosh of the wind, the thunder of the car’s metallic wheels, and shrieks of my fellow passengers that are piercing. I’m certain now that I have indeed made a poor life choice, but the ride isn’t over, so I must just hold on and hope to survive.

The pressure of the wind on my face and eyes becomes extreme. I feel as though I might get sick, but I try hard to overcome my nausea. As the Viper continues to twist and turn, I hang on for dear life. When I’m sure I can’t take another second of this “adventure,” the roller coaster bursts out of the tunnel and up into the air. The car begins looping upward, and the feeling of being upside down suddenly feels liberating. I look down and notice all the park attractions and all the people having fun. A feeling of exhilaration comes over me. At that moment I no longer regret taking a chance on this adventure. As the car turns upright and glides to a halt in the station, I know exactly what I’m going to do next. Do it again.
1 What is the most effective revision to make in sentence 4?

A Unfortunately, my hands aren’t interested, they don’t care what my brain is telling them to do.

B Unfortunately, my hands aren’t interested in what my brain is telling my hands to do.

C Unfortunately, my hands and my brain aren’t interested in what it is telling them to do.

D No revision is needed in this sentence.

2 What is the BEST way to revise sentence 8?

F A shrill scream snaps me out of my daydream, and from the car behind me, it returns my focus to the world around me.

G A shrill scream snaps me out of my daydream and returns my focus to the world around me, it came from the car behind me.

H A shrill scream from the car behind me snaps me out of my daydream and returns my focus to the world around me.

J A shrill scream snaps me out of my daydream from the car behind me, returning my focus to the world around me.

3 What is the BEST revision to make in sentence 9?

A All I can hear is the whoosh of the wind, the thunder of the car’s metallic wheels, and the piercing shrieks of my fellow passengers.

B All I can hear is the whoosh of the wind and the thunder of the car’s metallic wheels, I can also hear my fellow passengers who have piercing shrieks.

C All I can hear is the whoosh of the wind and the thunder of the car’s metallic wheels and my fellow passengers and their piercing shrieks.

D All I can hear is the whoosh of the wind next to the thunder of the car’s metallic wheels beside my fellow passengers who have piercing shrieks.
4  Isaiah would like to add some detail to support the idea he has presented in sentence 14. Which sentence could BEST follow and provide support for sentence 14?

F  I’m thinking that the ride will be over soon.

G  It comes out of the tunnel really fast and heads straight up into the air.

H  The light of a beautiful day is welcome but nearly blinding after the darkness of the tunnel.

J  While I find adventure movies intriguing, this doesn’t feel intriguing at all.

5  What is the most effective transition to add to the beginning of sentence 19?

A  For example

B  To repeat

C  On the other hand

D  In fact

6  Isaiah’s closing sentence is weak. Which of these sentences could replace sentence 20 and provide a more effective closing for this paper?

F  I’m going to get right back in line and ride the Viper again!

G  There’s no doubt in my mind as to what I will do now!

H  Finally, I’m going to do it again.

J  In closing, riding the Viper was an amazing experience.