**I. Wordiness**

He dropped out of school on account of the fact that it was necessary for him to help support his family.

It is expected that the new schedule will be announced by the bus company within the next few days.

It is very unusual to find someone who has never told a deliberate lie on purpose.

In the not too distant future, college freshmen must all become aware of the fact that there is a need for them to make contact with an academic adviser concerning the matter of a major.

**Directions:** Revise the following passage, avoiding wordiness and undesirable repetition.

A large number of people enjoy reading murder mysteries regularly. As a rule, these people are not themselves murderers, nor would these people really ever enjoy seeing someone commit an actual murder, nor would most of them actually enjoy trying to solve an actual murder. They probably enjoy reading murder mysteries because of this reason: they have found a way to escape from the monotonous, boring routine of dull everyday existence.

To such people the murder mystery is realistic fantasy. It is realistic because the people in the murder mystery are as a general rule believable as people. They are not just made up pasteboard figures. It is also realistic because the character who is the hero, the character who solves the murder mystery, solves it not usually by trial and error and haphazard methods but by exercising a high degree of logic and reason. It is absolutely and totally essential that people who enjoy murder mysteries have an admiration for the human faculty of logic.

But murder mysteries are also fantasies. The people who read such books of fiction play a game. It is a game in which they suspend certain human emotions. One of these human emotions that they suspend is pity. If the reader stops to feel pity and sympathy for each and every victim that is killed or if the reader stops to feel terrible horror that such a thing could happen in our world of today, that person will never enjoy reading murder mysteries. The devoted reader of murder mysteries keeps uppermost in mind at all times the goal of arriving through logic and observation at the final solution to the mystery offered in the book. It is a game with life and death. Whodunits hopefully help the reader to hide from the hideous horrors of actual life and death in the real world.

**II. Sentence combining.**

Combine each of the following groups of sentnces into a single sentence, without creating a run-on.

Mark Twain is the author of Huckleberry Finn.

Huckleberry Finn is a classic American novel.

Mark Twain's real name was Samuel L. Clemens.

He lived in Hartford for several years.

Mark Twain's house was very elaborate and elegant.

It was on Farmington Avenue.

It was in an area called Nook Farm.

He was a neighbor of Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Mark Twain's home has a large side porch.

Windows and a balcony overlook the porch.

Today, people say the windows and balcony remind them of a steamboat.

In his youth, Twain piloted steamboats on the Mississippi.

Mark Twain loved industrial inventions.

He lost a fortune investing in them.

One of these inventions was the elaborate Paige typesetter.

Unfortunately for Twain, this machine was developed at the same time as the Linotype.

The Linotype machine was much simpler and less expensive.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest is a novel written by Ken Kesey.

Its protagonist is Randall Patrick McMurphy.

He pretends to be insane to escape a work farm.

He discovers he is now trapped in an asylum.

He shows other characters the truth of their situation.

Tiger Woods is the name of a young American golfer.

He set a record in the 1997 Master's Tournament.

He surprised all the veterans.

He was 22 at the time.

John F. Kennedy was inaugurated into office in January of 1961.

He was assassinated in November of 1963.

He spent only 1000 days in office.