Paraphrase Writing: Practice Questions

PART 1. SYNONYMS
Paraphrase the sentences by replacing the underlined words with synonyms.

For example:

- Several high school students are taking pictures of themselves in front of a coffee shop.
- Quite a few high school students are taking selfies in front of a cafe.

1. Approximately 100,000 people went to the protest on Saturday and Sunday.
2. Amazon is one of the biggest shops in the world.
3. The chef judges how much food to cook according to the number of guests she thinks will come to the restaurant.
4. Why are tweets restricted to 140 characters?
5. Rubik made a cube to help his students understand shapes.

PART 2. FROM PASSIVE TO ACTIVE
These sentences are written in the passive form. Paraphrase the sentences by changing them to the active form.

For example:

- Many buildings were destroyed by the earthquake.
- The earthquake destroyed many buildings.

1. Our kitchen is cleaned by my father every Sunday morning.
2. The Christmas toys were delivered to the orphanage by the high school students.
3. The letter was dropped off by the man in the red truck.
4. The new Smartphone model will be finished by the design team next year.
5. A new album will be released by Big Bang in 2017.
PART 3. COMBINE SENTENCES WITH APPOSITIVES
Change two sentences into one by writing an appositive.

For example:

- The Han River runs through Seoul. It is South Korea’s second longest river.
- The Han River, South Korea’s second longest river, runs through Seoul.

1. My friend loves to make Italian food. She is a professional chef.
2. Ji-sung Park is from Korea. He is a former soccer player for Manchester United.
3. Kyoto has beautiful temples. It’s a city in Japan.
4. Have you ever read The Stranger? It’s a novel by Albert Camus.
5. Jane’s dog sat under a tree and chewed on a bone. Her dog is a husky.

PART 4. COMBINE SENTENCES WITH COMPLEX SENTENCES
Change two sentences into one by writing a complex sentence.

For example:

- The computer was making a loud noise. The fan was broken.
- Because the fan was broken, the computer was making a loud noise.

1. Benedict Cumberbatch is a great actor. His last move was not very good.
2. The student studied very hard. His test score was 92%.
3. We took pictures of the elephant. The elephant was drinking water from a pond.
4. You can’t watch TV. You have to finish your homework first.
5. I started to ask a question. The store clerk walked away.
POSSIBLE ANSWERS

PART 1: SYNONYMS

Approximately 100,000 people went to the protest on Saturday and Sunday.
- About 100,000 people attended the protest on the weekend.

Amazon is one of the biggest shops in the world.
- Amazon is one of the largest stores on the planet.

The chef judges how much food to cook according to the number of guests she thinks will come to the restaurant.
- The chef decides how much food to cook based on the number of customers she thinks will eat at the restaurant.

Why are tweets restricted to 140 characters?
- Why are tweets limited to 140 characters?

Rubik made a cube to help his students understand shapes.
- Rubik invented a cube to help his students learn about shapes.

PART 2: PASSIVE TO ACTIVE

Our kitchen is cleaned by my father every Sunday morning.
- My father cleans our kitchen every Sunday morning.

The Christmas toys were delivered to the orphanage by the high school students.
- The high school students delivered Christmas toys to the orphanage.

The letter was dropped off by the man in the red truck.
- The man in the red truck dropped off the letter.

The new Smartphone model will be finished by the design team next year.
- The design team will finish the new Smartphone model next year.

A new album will be released by Big Bang in 2017.
- Big Bang will release a new album in 2017.
PART 3: APPOSITIVES

My friend loves to make Italian food. She is a professional chef.
  • My friend, a professional chef, loves to make Italian food.

Ji-sung Park is from Korea. He is a former soccer player for Manchester United.
  • Ji-sung Park, a former soccer player for Manchester United, is from Korea.

Kyoto has beautiful temples. It’s a city in Japan.
  • Kyoto, a city in Japan, has beautiful temples.

Have you ever read The Stranger? It’s a novel by Albert Camus.
  • Have you ever read The Stranger, a novel by Albert Camus?

Jane’s dog sat under a tree and chewed on a bone. Her dog is a husky.
  • Jane’s dog, a husky, sat under a tree and chewed on a bone.

PART 4: COMPLEX SENTENCES

Benedict Cumberbatch is a great actor. His last move was not very good.
  • Although Benedict Cumberbatch is a great actor, his last move was not very good.

The student studied very hard. His test score was 92%.
  • Because the student studied very hard, his test score was 92%.

We took pictures of the elephant. The elephant was drinking water from a pond.
  • While the elephant was drinking water from a pond, we took pictures.

You can’t watch TV. You have to finish your homework first.
  • If you don’t finish your homework first, you can’t watch TV.

I started to ask a question. The store clerk walked away.
  • As soon as I started to ask a question, the store clerk walked away.