The following test items are constructed in such a way that you can get every item correct by knowing some of the common errors in multiple-choice test-item construction. Each item is supposedly grammatically correct. Circle the letter corresponding to the ‘correct’ answer and be prepared to provide an explanation.

1. The **whipple nucket** is a typical example of an
   a. orsip  
   b. dipple  
   c. furd  
   d. tusid

2. The purpose of the **cluss** in **furmpaling** is to remove
   a. cluss-prags  
   b. tremalis  
   c. cloughs  
   d. plumots

3. **Trassig** is true when
   a. lusp drises the vom  
   b. the viskal flans, if the viskal is either donwil or zortil  
   c. the belgo frulls  
   d. dissles kils easily

4. The **stiggle** frequently **overfesk** the **treslum** because
   a. all wilglass are mellious  
   b. ginniffs are always votial  
   c. the pincluds are often fruply  
   d. no dandas are lenkable

5. The **fribbled breg** will **minter** best with a
   a. dignu elma  
   b. erst pinret  
   c. ornf farg  
   d. urtar bink

6. Among the reasons for **tristal doss** are
   a. the sab fops and the foths tinz.  
   b. the kredge rotes, not the orot  
   c. the rakob without the sluth  
   d. the polat was thonced

7. Which of the following **must always** be present when **trossels** are being **gruven**?
   a. rint and vost  
   b. vost  
   c. shum, tark, and vost  
   d. vost and plone
Correct Answers

1. The **whipple nucket** is a typical example of an  
   a. **orsip** (the prompt ends in ‘an’, corresponding to a vowel following the prompt)  
   b. dipple  
   c. furd  
   d. tusid

2. The purpose of the **cluss** in **furmpaling** is to remove  
   a. **cluss-prags** (the prompt includes 'cluss', does not include any of the alternatives)  
   b. tremalis  
   c. cloughs  
   d. plumots

3. **Trassig** is true when  
   a. lusp drises the vom  
   b. **the viskal flans, if the viskal is either donwil or zortil** (professors are unlikely to put so much time into creating a wrong response; the longest is sometimes the best)  
   c. the belgo frulls  
   d. disses kils easily

4. The **stiggle** frequently **overfesk** the **treslum** because  
   a. all wilglass are mellious  
   b. gimmiffs are always votial  
   c. **the pincluds are often fruply** (the only response that includes a qualifier, just like the prompt does)  
   d. no dandas are lenkable

5. The **fribbled breg** will **minter** best with a  
   a. **dignu elma** (the prompt ends in ‘a’, the response should start with a consonant)  
   b. erst pinret  
   c. ornt farg  
   d. urtar bink

6. Among the reasons for **tristal doss** are  
   a. **the sab fops and the foths tinz.** (the prompt asks for ‘reasons’ plural, this is the only alternative that gives more than one)  
   b. the kredge rotes, not the orot  
   c. the rakob without the sluth  
   d. the polat was thonced

7. Which of the following **must always** be present when **trossels** are being **gruven**?  
   a. rint and vost  
   b. **vost** (the absolute ‘must always’ suggests that something must be there each time; ‘vost’ is the only word that appears in each of these alternatives, signifying that it is likely the correct response)  
   c. shum, tark, and vost  
   d. vost and plone