

## Word Economy Exercise

**Directions:** Revise the following sentences for economy and clarity. Cross out unnecessary words and phrases and replace them with more concise words. When you are finished, check your responses with the answer key on the next page.

Ex. *At this point in time, we have no plans to travel.*

Ex. *At ~~this point in time~~, We have no travel plans ~~to travel~~ now.*

- 1.) In my opinion, I think homesickness is a common kind of ailment for some students.
- 2.) We have ignored and neglected the basic fundamental essentials of college life for far too long a period of time.
- 3.) Your academic advisor is a person who excels in helping you find the career of your choice that you want for yourself.
- 4.) Sleepy and tired, the procrastinator looked drained and exhausted.
- 5.) A healthy lifestyle can help prevent many different kinds of diseases and illnesses.
- 6.) As far as study methods are concerned, my favorite study method is a simple and plain flash card review.
- 7.) All things being considered, I was unable to make a prediction about the result of the evening's game.
- 8.) There is a common belief amongst our circle of friends that most people are generally and typically trustworthy.
- 9.) Due to the fact that she was fifteen minutes late to class, Rhoda's teacher, who was standing at the chalkboard in the middle of a lecture point, became quite upset and angry.
- 10.) We must learn to cooperate together and reach a consensus of opinion if we are ever to come to some kind of understanding about our plans for our vacation.

## ***Answer Key***

- 1.) *Homesickness is a common ailment for some students.*
- 2.) *We have ignored the essentials of college life for too long.*
- 3.) *Your academic advisor will help you choose a career.*
- 4.) *The procrastinator looked drained.*
- 5.) *A healthy lifestyle can prevent many kinds of diseases.*
- 6.) *My favorite study method is a simple flash card review.*
- 7.) *I could not predict the game's outcome.*
- 8.) *My friends and I believe that most people are trustworthy.*
- 9.) *Because she was fifteen minutes late, Rhoda's teacher, who was in the middle of lecturing, became quite upset.*
- 10.) *We must reach a consensus on our vacation plans.*