PUNCTUATION PATTERN SHEET

1. | Independent clause | **.** (complete thought)

2. | Independent clause | **;** | independent clause | **.** (Ideas are closely related.)

3. | Independent clause | **;** | therefore | **,** | independent clause | **.**

      however
      nevertheless
      consequently (logical connection)
      furthermore
      moreover

4. | Independent clause | **,** and | independent clause | **.**
      or
      but
      nor
      yet
      so
      for

5. | Independent | **,** with heart beating wildly, | clause | **.** (interruptors)
      of course
      I believe
      on the other hand
      it seems
      who know me well

6. | (If) dependent | **,** | independent clause | **.**

      Because
      Since
      When
      Although
      After
      Even before

7. | Independent clause | if | dependent clause | **.** (no commas needed)

      because
      since
      when
      while
      after
      even before
      although

8. | Independent clause | **:** | A | **,** | B | and | C | **.**

9. "_____**,**" he said.
   He said**,** "_____**.**"
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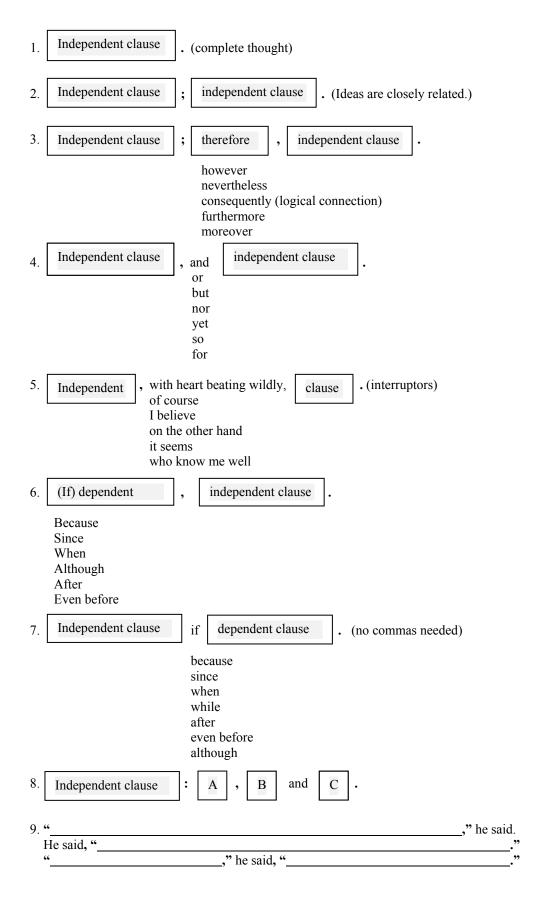
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A. Punctuate the following sentences correctly (as needed). Use your Punctuation Pattern Sheet for reference.

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3. The villain was doomed even before the hero revealed his penchant for overstatement.
4. Turnip greens are a disgusting food to many people anchovies also don't have a huge number of fans.
5. Persephone did eat a few poppy seeds while in the underworld consequently she had to spend half of the year there for the rest of her existence.
6. The farmer told us she raised several crops snap beans corn and tomatoes.
7. I thought I told you that the body was exhumed the detective said.
8. Gary's favorite sport was ice skating but after the car accident he couldn't do it anymore.
9. We opened the door we walked down the hall.
10. Dabney Pursnaps was the most charismatic vacuum cleaner salesperson I believe in the whole company.
11. Clark wanted to spend another month abroad his aunt however would not finance his travels.
12. The road to Canyon Lake is winding of course and hard to see far on at night.
13. Periwinkle mauve and saffron these were the colors we were given to work with.
14. You'll never see so many tourists in your life she said except in Vegas.
15. When my favorite club shut down I found myself spending many evenings at home watching old movies.
16. Mr. Hoffman was wealthy because oil was discovered on his Louisiana land.
17. He was going to have to serve three years of his ten-year sentence moreover he was going to have to pay a stiff fine.
18. We decided against buying the SUV and we bought the econo-box instead.
19. Since I didn't have any money on me I hit up my best friend, Aidan.
20. The dog didn't like children finding him a home consequently was hard work.

B. Answers:

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