MHS ENGLISH DEPARTMENT **SENTENCES REVISION** S3 HOMEWORK

**TASK ONE - REVISION OF COMMAS:**

**The following sentences need commas to either mark off extra information, create a list or to create a pause when a sentence starts with a conjunction. Re-write the sentences with the commas in the correct place.**

1. Jed’s band The Noise are playing their first gig tonight.
2. While his parents are on holiday Stuart is looking after their dog.
3. Despite Mark only having his phone a week he lost it in school!
4. Billy Connelly the Scottish comedian lived beside my auntie.
5. Holly tried snorkelling scuba diving and jet skiing on holiday in Australia.
6. Since the price of petrol increased Andrew has been taking the bus to work.
7. Lee goes to the Dundee matches rain or shine with his stepdad.
8. Mum searched for her keys in her handbag her coat pockets the bin and even the fridge.
9. When the weather improves Dad has promised us a BBQ.
10. Our favourite cake shop Bella’s Bakery won a national award for its cupcakes. **(10)**

**TASK TWO – REVISION OF SEMI COLONS AND COLONS**

**Write the numbers 1 to 10 in your jotter then write INCORRECT or CORRECT alongside the number if you think the following sentences are punctuated correctly. Six sentence are correct and four are incorrect.**

1. Debbie has moved house; she lives in Invergowrie now.
2. Dunnet Head is the northern most part of mainland Scotland, the Mull of Galloway is the most southerly.
3. There was one main prize: an overnight stay in a 5 star hotel.
4. Finn had four friends at his sleepover: Dylan Ross Evan and Lewis.
5. We had to change planes at LAX, Los Angeles International airport, on our way to Hawaii.
6. The film won Best Director, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor and Best Score.
7. Canberra is the capital city of Australia; many people believe it is Sydney.
8. At the zoo we enjoyed watching the Capuchins, a small brown monkey with a cream face.
9. I have tickets to see The Wanted at the Hydro, Glasgow’s newest concert venue, next year.
10. We saw Jessie J; the singer; in Topshop in Oxford Street. **(10)**

**TASK THREE – REVISION OF COMMA SPLICING**

**Commas do not join sentences. When this happens it is known as a comma splice. You can fix a comma splice by using a joining word, using a semi colon or using a full stop to create two separate sentences. All of the following sentences about tourist attractions in Edinburgh are incorrect as they are comma splices. Re-write each one correctly. Avoid using the same method to fix them all.**

1. Edinburgh is Scotland’s capital city, about 4 million tourists visit each year.
2. Edinburgh Castle is the number one tourist attraction, it hosts weddings and events such as concerts too.
3. At one ‘o’ clock every afternoon expect Sundays a loud boom is heard, this is the firing of the cannon at the Castle.
4. Camera Obscura was the first purpose built tourist attraction in the city, people have been visiting it for 300 years.
5. A popular attraction for children is Our Dynamic Earth, children enjoy the interactive experience.
6. Edinburgh Zoo attracts many visitors, the arrival of two pandas in 2012 increased visitor numbers.
7. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes for visiting Edinburgh Zoo, it is built on a very steep hill!
8. The Scottish Parliament is located at the bottom of the Royal Mile, much of it is open to public.
9. The Royal Yacht Britannia is worth a visit, it is berthed at Leith Docks.
10. Edinburgh is a very haunted city, curious visitors can book a Ghost Tour of the city. **(10)**

**TOTAL 30**