**Sentences exercises**

Exercise I

In each case, select the sentence below that focuses best on the actor and action

1. a) Scientific literature does not have to have boring qualities.

b) Scientific literature does not have to be boring.

c) Boring qualities are not always a part of scientific literature.

2. a) We must focus—in order to have an objective account of their themes and characters—on the books themselves.

b) We must focus on the books themselves so that we may have an objective account of their themes and characters.

c) In order to have an objective account of themes and characters, we must focus on the books themselves.

3. a) The focus of American philosophy is rugged individualism.

b) American philosophy is rugged individualism.

c) Rugged individualism is the focus of American philosophy.

4. a) Reductionism is an apparent theme in scientific literature.

b) Scientific literature has a theme of reductionism which is apparent.

c) An apparent theme in scientific literature is reductionism.

5. a) The dominant social order, or the prevailing ideas of the time, challenges many popular science authors to think outside the box.

b) Challenging many popular science authors to think outside the box are the prevailing ideas of the time, or the dominant social order.

c) The consideration of the dominant social order, or the prevailing ideas of the time, challenges many popular science authors to think outside the box.

6. a) Over time, American society has come to value individuality.

b) Individuality in American society has over time become valued.

c) Over time, individuality has come to be valued by American

society.

7. a) As early as 1832, Alexis de Tocqueville, in his book Democracy in America, wrote about the national desire for individualism.

b) As early as 1832, Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in his book,

Democracy in America, about the national desire for individualism.

c) As early as 1832, the national desire for individualism was written about by Alexis de Tocqueville in his book, Democracy in America.

d) A national desire for individualism was observed as early as 1832 by Alexis de Tocqueville in his book, Democracy in America.

Exercise II

Revise the following sentences so that the subject and verb identify key actors and actions. There may be more than one possible answer.

Example

On 17August 1942, near the isolated desert crossroads of Freda, California, a camp was set up by seven men.

Sample answer:

*Seven men set up a camp near the isolated desert crossroads of Freda, California, on 17 August 1942.*

1. The emergence of swine flu occurred in the US in 1998 and hog farms across North Amer­ica have since found it to be endemic.

2. Equipped with a suite of pig, bird and human genes, the evolution of swine virus has been happening rapidly.

3. Many animals are known to become infected with flu, including warterfowl, pigs and hu­mans.

4. Were a pig to catch two kinds of flu at once, it could start to act as a mixing vessel, and it is possible for hybrids to emerge with genes from both viruses.

5. Few fossil traces were left by the very first animals.

6. A sketch of our great-to-the-nth grandmother is slowly being pieced together by evolution­ary detectives by comparing the genes of living organisms and painstakingly working out family trees.

7. The confirmation of this close kinship comes from DNA sequence comparisons.