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English Grammar Exam

Question 1

1. The festival | has been held | in a different city | each year since 2009.

S/NP V/VP A/PP A/Non-finite clause

1. A few hours later | Mr. Weinrich | strolled | through the Ybor City neighborhood, | where the

A/Non-finite clause S/NP V/VP A/PP

Scion Rock Fest took place on Saturday.

A/Finite clause

1. In other ways | it | has | a highly evolved party atmosphere.

A/PP S/NP V/VP DO/NP

Question 2

1. Non-finite, nominal clause. It functions as a compliment to “a supergroup”.
2. Finite, modifying clause. Functions as a postmodifier to “a place” as it describes something about it.
3. Non-finite, adverbial clause as it can be omitted.

Question 3

1. He’d written “Born Too Late” (1) in 1986, but the world had slowed down and caught up with him(2).
2. Past perfect tense, perfect aspect, active voice
3. Past perfect tense, perfect aspect, active voice
4. The Scion Rock Fest has been held (1) in a different city each year since 2009, and it doesn’t repeat bands.(2)
5. Present perfect tense, progressive aspect, passive voice
6. Present tense, progressive aspect, active voice
7. Doom metal ages really well (1), and some of the best music came from men with graying hair and expanding bellies. (2)
8. Present tense, progressive aspect, active voice
9. Present participle tense, progressive aspect, active voice

Question 4

* 1. “who was known as Wino”
  2. “The drinks pour for longer”
  3. “though spending the last three years refining the obsessively slow, ringing ride of its old music.”

Question 5

1. metalheads | of all alloys (noun phrase)

H PoM

1. over | big riffs, | a | restful tempo | and | a | minor key (prepositional phrase)

P PC D PC D PC

1. the | festival’s | general scope (noun phrase)

D H PoM

1. fundamentally | important (adjective phrase)

PreM H

1. has | spent (verb phrase)

PreM H

1. pretty | gloriously (adverbial phrase)

PreM H

1. too much of | a | single | thing (noun phrase)

PreM D PreM H

Question 6

1. Complex sentence, as “The festival’s general scope is metal and beyond” is an independent, finite clause joined by “with no particular allegiance to locality or subgenre”, which is a dependent, non-finite clause.
2. Simple sentence. Also called an independent clause as there is only one subject and one verb, thus expressing a complete thought.
3. Compound sentence, as it has two independent clauses joined by the coordinator ‘and’ preceded by a comma.
4. Complex sentence, as “This was in the Czar Bar” is an independent, finite clause joined by “where the truly weird stuff went down”, which is a dependent, finite clause.

Question 7

1. we

Personal pronoun, 1st person plural, genuine pronoun

1. which

Interrogative pronoun, singular, genuine pronoun

1. it

Personal pronoun, 3rd person singular, genuine pronoun, nominal case

1. their

Possessive pronoun, 3rd person plural, determiner, genitive case

1. any

Indefinite pronouns, singular, determiner

1. who

Relative pronoun, singular, genuine pronoun, used for anaphoric reference

1. his

Possessive pronoun, 3rd person singular, determiner, genitive case

Question 8

Adjectives:

new, greatest, unbroken, long, shaped, altered, whammy

Adverbs:

ever, crazily

Question 9

*I know I don’t belong*

Present tense. Here, ‘do’ negates the sentence as it is used together with ‘not’. This is called do-periphrasis as ‘do’ is followed by the bare infinitive verb ‘belong’.

*And there’s nothing I can do*

Present tense. Here, ‘can’ is a modal verb suggesting ability. Using the word ‘nothing’ before the pronoun ‘I’ and then ‘can do’ suggests that the subject is incapable of something or anything.

*I was born too late*

‘was’ is the auxiliary verb ‘be’ in the past tense used with the past participle verb ‘born’, forming a passive verb phrase.

*And I’ll never be like you*

Future tense. ‘ll’ (will) is a modal verb referring to the future. ‘will be’ indicates that something will happen, but putting ‘never’ in between ‘will’ and ‘be’ indicates that it will not happen ever. Therefore, ‘will’ is in this sentence used for predictability.