

## PARALLEL STRUCTURE

A. Each of the following sentences contains a blank for which three different completions are offered. You are to choose the completion that will make the structure parallel and the meaning clear. Write the letter of this completion in the blank at the right. [5 points each]

1. Being timid in public and \_\_\_\_\_ very little self-confidence, he is not a good salesman. 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) because he has
  - (b) having
  - (c) since he had
  
2. Following the complicated musical score was difficult not only for the soloist but also \_\_\_\_\_. 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) the conductor
  - (b) for conducting
  - (c) for the conductor
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to San Francisco would be easier than driving there. 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) Taking the train
  - (b) To take the train
  - (c) The train
  
4. He has neither the general background \_\_\_\_\_ the specific skills required for this job. 4. \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) nor
  - (b) nor has
  - (c) and does not have
  
5. In his first summer at camp, he learned to swim, to sail, and \_\_\_\_\_. 5. \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) riding
  - (b) to ride
  - (c) how to ride
  
6. Several critics said that the play was well written, but poorly directed and \_\_\_\_\_. 6. \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) also it was acted badly
  - (b) it was badly acted
  - (c) badly acted
  
7. Many architects prefer designing houses to \_\_\_\_\_. 7. \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) office buildings
  - (b) designing office buildings
  - (c) the design of office buildings

