ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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## Explanations

**1.** We travelled in my uncle's car which had no air conditioning.
✓ **B) Incorrect**
The clause **which had no air conditioning** only adds extra information about a car that is already identified (**my uncle's car**). It is a non-defining relative clause, so it needs a comma before it: **We travelled in my uncle's car, which had no air conditioning.** Without the comma, the clause would suggest the uncle has several cars and we mean the one without air conditioning.

**2.** Nobody told me the bus would leave at 7:30! I went to the bus station at 8:00. The bus had already left. I had to wait for the following one. But, I had no idea what time the next one would live; so I started looking for someone who could give me some reliable information.
✓ **B) Incorrect**
**Live** (to have your home somewhere) is confused here with **leave** (to go away or depart). A bus departs, so it should be **what time the next one would leave**. The comma after **But** is also unnecessary: **But I had no idea what time the next one would leave, so I started looking for someone who could give me some reliable information.**

**3.** Walking down a deserted street late last night, a big marble statue attracted my attention.
✓ **B) Incorrect**
This is a dangling participle. An opening **-ing** phrase must refer to the subject of the main clause, so here it says the **statue** was walking down the street. Correct versions: **While I was walking down a deserted street late last night, a big marble statue attracted my attention**, or **Walking down a deserted street late last night, I noticed a big marble statue.**

**4.** Currently living in İzmir, his interests include fishing, surfing the Internet and writing for local papers.
✓ **B) Incorrect**
This is another dangling participle. **Currently living in İzmir** must describe the subject of the main clause, but the subject is **his interests**, and interests cannot live anywhere. Make **he** the subject: **He currently lives in İzmir, and his interests include fishing, surfing the Internet and writing for local papers.** Another option is **Currently living in İzmir, he enjoys fishing, surfing the Internet and writing for local papers.**

**5.** I wanted to buy a Porsche, but I wasn't sure of my pronounciation.
✓ **B) Incorrect**
The noun is spelt **pronunciation**, not **pronounciation**. The verb **pronounce** has **-ou-**, but the noun drops the **o**: **pro-nun-ci-a-tion** (spelt with **nun**). Correct sentence: **I wanted to buy a Porsche, but I wasn't sure of my pronunciation.**

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