Comma Splices and Fused Sentences – Exercise 5

This handout accompanies Exercise 5 of Grammar Bytes! Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm

Directions: Choose the correct way to fix the underlined problem in each sentence.

1. Gustavo can tolerate any lecture, no matter how boring the instructor is, in his mind, Gustavo imagines that he is on board the starship Enterprise, blasting Romulans from his post on the bridge.
   A. is in
   B. is; in
   C. is; in or? which is it? Why?

2. Sylvia shivered in her silk shirt, the difference in temperature between the hot road and the cold library was extreme.
   A. shirt the
   B. shirt, for the
   C. shirt, because the

3. Many road signs warned Tommy of the construction work ahead, he didn't realize that his lane was closed, though, until he mowed down a traffic barricade with the front of his car.
   A. ahead he
   B. ahead but he
   C. ahead. He

4. The grip of the pantyhose, the stranglehold of the scarf, and the bite of the tight shoes made Rachel want the interview to end, she longed for a cotton T-shirt and jeans.
   A. end she
   B. end; however, she
   C. end. She New thought: I.C. + C.

5. Ryan is highly allergic to cats, he requires at least twenty god-bless-yous every time he visits Mariko and her seven Siamese.
   A. cats he
   B. cats, so he
   C. cats, as a result, he

L conjunctive adverb. What would it look like w/ E & A of correct punctuation?
Parallel Structure – Exercise 6

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Directions: Fill in the blanks with the additional information provided for each item. Be sure that you maintain parallel structure.

1. A bathroom sink filled with hair, counter surfaces piled with paper and books, and
   ___________ dissuaded Beverly from sharing the apartment with Tina.

   Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.

   In addition, Tina’s refrigerator had shelves stuffed with moldy leftovers.

2. To make his weight class for the wrestling match, Bart sipped a diet soda, nibbled carrot sticks, and ___________.

   Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.

   Refusing Sam’s offer of a slice of pizza was another strategy Bart used to lose weight.

3. The presence of a vampire, a space alien, or ___________ will make Noreen reject a movie.

   Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.

   Noreen also refuses to watch any film that includes a zombie serial killer who is wielding a knife or a chainsaw.

4. If we manage to pass our calculus class, we will celebrate by shouting, high-fiving, and ___________.

   Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.

   Moreover, we might dump a bucket of Gatorade over Professor Nguyen’s head.

5. At the library, Francis ___________ to complete his math homework, research Da Vinci for his Renaissance art class, and ___________.

   Fill in the blank using the information below. Maintain parallel structure.

   Carving "Francis loves Dawn" in the wood table was another goal for the afternoon.