

ANSWERS TO EXAMPLE SENTENCES TO PRACTICE CONCISENESS AND THE PARAMETIC METHOD: 1-10. To be verbs and prepositions put in red.

1. An account **was** opened **by** Mrs. Simms.

Mrs. Simms opened an account.

2. Their motives **were** applauded **by** us, but their wisdom **was** doubted.

We applauded their motives, but doubted their wisdom.

3. The departure **of** the fleet **is** thought **to be** necessarily conditional **on** the weather.

The fleet's departure depends on the weather.

4. Even when the sun **is** hidden and the sky **is** speckled with stars, the heat lingers, hanging motionless **in** the air.

Even when the sun hides and the stars speckle the sky, the heat lingers, hanging motionless in the air.

5. There **is** a certain possibility that Joe will visit before Thanksgiving.

Joe may visit before Thanksgiving.

6. It **is** the governor who signs or vetoes bills.

The governor signs or vetoes bills.

7. Controlling the quality and level **of** television shows that children watch **is** a continuing challenge to parents that they must meet **on** a daily basis.

Parents must daily control the quality of the television shows their children watch.

8. Your figures **were** checked **by** the research department.

The research department checked your figures.

9. My recommendation **is** for a larger budget.

I recommend a larger budget.

10. It **is** essential that we act immediately.

We must act immediately.