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Which sentence has used punctuation for parenthesis correctly?

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- a** The frog crossed the river jumping on the giant water lilies, and got safely, to the other side.
- b** The frog crossed the river, jumping on the giant water lilies, and got safely to the other side.
- c** The frog, crossed the river, jumping on the giant water lilies and got safely to the other side.

b

2

- a** The jungle – overgrown with wild, tangled vines – was hard to negotiate.
- b** The jungle – overgrown – with wild, tangled vines was hard to negotiate.
- c** The jungle overgrown – with wild, tangled vines – was hard to negotiate.

a

3

- a** The monkeys, swinging on the vines travelled quickly, through the jungle.
- b** The monkeys swinging on the vines, travelled quickly, through the jungle.
- c** The monkeys, swinging on the vines, travelled quickly through the jungle.

c

4

- a** The leopard – stealthily crawling along the jungle – was hunting for his prey.
- b** The leopard stealthily – crawling along the jungle – was hunting for his prey.
- c** The leopard stealthily crawling – along the jungle – was hunting for his prey.

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- a** James (the scientist was collecting) specimens of leaves for his experiments.
- b** James (the scientist) was collecting specimens of leaves for his experiments.
- c** James (the scientist) was collecting specimens of leaves for his experiments.

b

6

- a** The boat (moored on the river) took visitors for trips down the river.
- b** The boat moored on the (river took visitors) for trips down the river.
- c** The boat (moored) on the river took visitors for trips down the river.

a

7

- a** A colourful snake the longest, in the jungle, slithered past the group.
- b** A, colourful snake, the longest in the jungle slithered past the group.
- c** A colourful snake, the longest in the jungle, slithered past the group.

c

8

- a** The sun – shining orange and red – rose above the trees.
- b** The sun shining orange – and red – rose above the trees.
- c** The sun – shining – orange and red – rose above the trees.

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Correct the punctuation, by adding parenthesis to the sentences.

- 9** Add commas for parenthesis.

The group, after walking for miles, came to a clearing.

- 10** Add dashes for parenthesis.

The frightened chimpanzee — spotting danger — ran back into the jungle.

- 11** Add brackets for parenthesis.

The group were tired (Klara included) after their journey into the jungle.

- 12** Add dashes for parenthesis.

The guide — hoping to spot an elephant — peered through his binoculars.

- 13** Add commas for parenthesis.

The food, which was amazing, was always served outside on tables.

- 14** Add brackets for parenthesis

Several people (including Stig) were late getting up for their last day of the holiday.

- 15** Add commas for parenthesis.

Sten, squinting because of the glare of the sun, didn't see the monkey up in the trees.

- 16** Add dashes for parenthesis.

Klara — tired on her last day — decided to stay at the hotel.

- 17** Add commas for parenthesis.

Manu, struggling to fasten his suitcase, asked Klara to help him.

- 18** Add commas for parenthesis.

The trip, though tiring, had been the best holiday of their lives.