Colon/Comma/Semicolon Quiz

Fill in each blank below with a colon, a comma, or a semicolon.

1. After she finishes her Ph.D. ______ Selma would like to work as a research scientist.

2. Here’s the best Shakespeare biography ever written ______ Stephen Greenblatt’s *Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare*.

3. I love the Writing Center ______ and I plan to major in English.

4. If students want to write credible, effective essays ______ they must learn to punctuate their sentences correctly.

5. Some people think that punctuation is unimportant ______ there are, however, an enlightened few who appreciate its necessity.

6. The city had declared a snow emergency day _____ nevertheless, we drove the car downtown so we could do some shopping.

7. The restaurant offers three delicious pasta entrees: linguini with plum tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and roasted garlic ______ penne with chorizo, jalapeño peppers, and Asiago cheese ______ and cut ziti with prosciutto, capers, and black olives.

8. The Writing Center is a fun place to be ______ in fact, I would like to live there one day.

9. There was one major reason for her success in writing ______ she knew the rules of grammar and punctuation.

10. William Faulkner created the Yoknapatawpha mythology ______ Malcolm Cowley recognized and analyzed it.