Editing Practice 1

CORRECTED SENTENCES APPEAR ON PAGE 473.

Correct all errors in the following paragraphs using the first correction as a model. The number in parentheses at the end of each paragraph indicates how many commas you should add or delete.

World War II, one of the best-known wars of all time, was followed a few years later by a conflict that still is not well understood. The Korean War, a conflict between the United Nations and North Korea, was never officially a war. Harry Truman, the U.S. president at the time of the conflict, never asked Congress to declare war. The U.S. troops fought as part of the U.N. forces. The conflict was therefore called a "police action." (2)

This war caused many problems for the United States, possibly because its status and purpose were not clear. General Douglas MacArthur, the commander of the U.N. forces, was removed from office for insubordination to President Truman, the commander in chief. After the landings at Inchon, a major turning point, the North Koreans were pushed back. Neither side completely achieved its goals, and a truce was signed in 1953. (5)

Editing Practice 2

Correct all errors in the following paragraphs using the first correction as a model. The number in parentheses at the end of each paragraph indicates how many commas you should add or delete.

I received an unusual gift on July 1, my nineteenth birthday. My oldest brother, Gary, gave me a gift certificate for a free ride on a biplane at an airstrip outside Foley, our hometown. The pilot was a young man