Semicolons (practice quiz)

Directions: Use a semicolon in the appropriate place to combine the following independent clauses.

1) I want to wear the red shirt my favorite color is red.

2) Janie easily got an A on the test she studies very hard.

3) I hope I get a lot of presents today is my birthday.

4) The war is imminent the armies are ready.

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Here is a list of common conjunctive adverbs:

| in addition | thus | nevertheless | therefore | still | however | indeed | furthermore | then |

Directions: Use a semicolon and a conjunctive adverb to combine the following independent clauses.

1) I am really tired ____________ I cannot get to sleep.

2) I am wearing a sweater and a jacket ____________ I am cold.

3) Our mission seemed impossible ____________ we tried our best to accomplish it.

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Directions: Use a semicolon in the appropriate place to separate items in a list in the following sentences.

1) The store will be closed on the following days: Thursday, Dec. 24th Friday, Dec. 25th Saturday, Dec. 26th and Sunday Dec. 27th.

2) The company hired three new employees: Robert, who was 42 years old Juan, who was 28 years old and Dana, who was 24 years old.
Answers:

Section 1

1) I want to wear the red shirt; my favorite color is red.

2) Janie easily got an A on the test; she studies very hard.

3) I hope I get a lot of presents; today is my birthday.

4) The war is imminent; the armies are ready.

Section 2

1) I am really tired; however I cannot get to sleep.

2) I am wearing a sweater and a jacket; still I am cold.

3) Our mission seemed impossible; nevertheless we tried our best to accomplish it.

Section 3

1) The store will be closed on the following days: Thursday, Dec. 24th; Friday, Dec. 25th; Saturday, Dec. 26th; and Sunday Dec. 27th.

2) The company hired three new employees: Robert, who was 42 years old; Juan, who was 28 years old; and Dana, who was 24 years old.