**COMMAS Practice** Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Use a **colored marker** other than black or yellow to add commas where needed in the sentences below taken from the novel *Animal Farm*. If you change your mind, put an X through it. Add the commas where necessary. (The number at the end of the sentence suggests the number of commas needed for each sentence.)

1. In the sixth volume of *The Second World War* Sir Winston Churchill has described the scene at Potsdam on July 12 1945. (2)

2. According to President Truman he did not even ask a single question. (1)

3. What Marshal Stalin was being told about was not though as a matter of mere chronological chance it could have been the imminent publication of a little book called *Animal Farm* which appeared on the bookstalls in the same month in which the atomic bomb hit Hiroshima and Nagasaki. (3)

4. Unfortunately the uproar awoke Mr. Jones who sprang out of bed making sure that there was a fox in the yard. (2)

5. The dogs learned to read fairly well but they were not interested in reading anything but the Seven Commandments. (1)

6. Muriel the goat could read somewhat better than the dogs and sometimes she used to read to the others in the evenings from scraps of newspaper. (3)

7. There was a terrible baying sound outside and nine enormous dogs wearing brass-studded collars came bounding into the barn. (1)

8. Windmill or no windmill he said life would go on as it had always gone on. (2)

9. The animals listened first to Napoleon then to Snowball and could not make up their minds which was right. (2)

10. Boxer who had now had time to think things over voiced the general feeling by saying: “If Comrade Napoleon says it it must be right.” (3)