I Join the following sentences, using an appropriate relative pronoun as a connective.

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b. Jenny has two older brothers. Neither of her brothers went to university.

c. He’s a teacher in Johannesburg working with children. Their first language is not English.

d. Most of the forests have now been destroyed. They once covered a large part of Brazil.

e. Some of the criticism was very unfair. They had to put up with it.

II Put a tick if the relative pronoun is correctly used in the sentence.

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d. I heard many different accents in the room, but none of which I could identify as Turkish.

e. The singer, whom was recovering from flu, had to cancel his concert.

III Underline the relative clause in these sentences.

This is the lady who wanted to see you.

a. There isn’t much that can go wrong with the machine.

b. We talked about the party which Eva wants to organize for his birthday.

c. I have heard her on the guitar and piano, both of which she plays extremely well.

d. Thieves who stole paintings from the Louvre have been arrested in Paris.

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Answer key

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Remember we tend to use ‘that’ instead of ‘which’ for restrictive/non-defining relative clauses

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