RUN-ON SENTENCES AND COMMA SPLICES

Some of the following word groups are run-ons and comma splices, and others are correct sentences. If the word group is a correct sentence, write C in the blank beside the sentence. If it is a run-together sentence (either a run-on or a comma splice), write RO in the blank and correct the sentence using the appropriate punctuation.

EXAMPLE: RO  Professor Marsh frowned and shook his head; he did not say a word.

   ______ 1. Ms. Patel ran in the Los Angeles Marathon this year she plans to enter the Boston Marathon next year.
   ______ 2. Applications for scholarships must be filled out completely and submitted to the dean's office.
   ______ 3. I did not attend class on Friday therefore I was unable to take the examination.
   ______ 4. The city was desolate, the houses empty, and the streets and sidewalks deserted.
   ______ 5. My name is Aisha Davis, that man standing by the piano is Jose Martin, my neighbor.
   ______ 6. Professional football players must be well conditioned, for they take merciless beatings each Sunday afternoon.
   ______ 7. I was bored with my biology class, attending only when examinations were scheduled.
   ______ 8. Jane received a grade of F at midterm, however, she did well in the second half of the semester.
   ______ 9. Although he was fully aware of the risk involved, Jonathan Swift submitted his scathing political tale to the London publisher.
   ______ 10. "You are a capable actor," said the director, "you will play Cyrano in our next production."
   ______ 11. Professor Nguyen is a stimulating lecturer, a fact that endears him to his students.
12. On Friday morning we held a meeting of the Rally Committee in order to prepare for Saturday's game.

13. We must constantly search for new ideas, however difficult that search becomes.

14. I was able to study for my final examinations during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, otherwise, I would have done poorly.

15. Our student body is really quite small it consists of three thousand men and women.