Noun Clauses – Practice #2

1. He told us what we should do with the extra copies.
2. Miriam had no belongings except what she carried in her suitcase.
3. A good night's sleep is exactly what you need.
4. Michael wrote that he would come to lunch the following day.
5. What we have here is a failure to communicate.
6. This idea, that knowledge makes people good, was a popular belief during the nineteenth century.
7. People seem amused by whatever you say.
8. My own opinion is that every able citizen should vote.
9. She hated the fact that he left his clothes strewn across the floor.
10. No one has been told about how the matter will be resolved.

Answers:

1. The nominal clause is  ***what we should do with the extra copies.***  It functions as the sentence **direct object.**
2. The nominal clause is  ***what she carried in her suitcase***.  It functions as the **object of the preposition** *except.*
3. The nominal clause is  ***what you need.***  It functions as the sentence **subjective complement**.
4. The nominal clause is  ***that he would come to lunch the following day.***  It functions as the sentence **direct object.**
5. The nominal clause is  ***What we have here.***  It functions as the sentence **subject.**
6. The nominal clause is  ***that knowledge makes people good***.  It functions as an **appositive** of *idea.*
7. The nominal clause is  ***whatever you say.***  It functions as the **object of the preposition** *by.*
8. The nominal clause is  ***that every able citizen should vote.***  It functions as the sentence **subjective complement.**
9. The nominal clause is  ***that he left his clothes strewn across the floor.***  It functions as an **appositive** of *fact.*
10. The nominal clause is  ***how the matter will be resolved.***  It functions as the **object of the preposition** *about*.