Directions: Combine each group of sentences into one effective sentence containing only one independent clause.

1. Hartford is the capital of Connecticut.

 It is the second largest city in the state.

2. Hartford was once known as an industrial center.

 It was the home of several manufacturers.

 They made firearms, typewriters, bicycles, and even cars.

3. Today, though, several insurance companies make Hartford their

 home.

 Aetna, the Travelers, the Hartford, and Cigna are in Hartford.

 Their home offices are within miles of one another.

4. Manufacturers once took advantage of Hartford’s access to the

 Connecticut River.

 They also enjoyed Hartford’s well-educated workforce.

5. Eventually, cheap labor in the southern states lured manufacturing

 away from Hartford.

 Large empty factories were all that was left of Hartford’s industrial

 past.

6. Some of these factories have been torn down.

 Some of them have been converted to artists’ studios.

7. Today, great wealth abounds in Hartford.

 The wealth is centered in the insurance industry.

 However, few manufacturing jobs are still available.