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READING AND WRITING: MODULE 1

1. The number of people in the US with myopia, or nearsightedness, has increased by over 16 percent since 1971. However, the problem is much more _____ in Southeast Asia, where an estimated 80 to 90 percent of students with twelve years of schooling have the condition. In a review published in 2005, researchers determined that genetics are not the only factor contributing to myopia, but environmental and social factors may play a part as well.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A. pronounced
B. advocated
C. prescribed
D. articulated

2. The following text is from Agatha Christie's 1922 novel The Secret Adversary. Tommy is one of the founders of a detective agency, Young Adventurers Ltd, and is following a suspect.

It was at this juncture that Tommy lost his head. What he ought to have done, what any sane man would have done, was to remain patiently where he was and wait for his man to come out again. What he did do was entirely foreign to the sober common sense which was, as a rule, his leading characteristic.

As used in the text, what does the word "foreign" most nearly mean?

A. Contrary
B. Exiled
C. Exotic
D. Remote

3. Breaking from a tendency of Irish authors to be immensely critical of life in Ireland itself, poet Seamus Heaney instead depicted his home culture with _____, as shown in poems such as "Digging" and "Alphabets." These compositions suggest an appreciation for Irish rural life while also registering Heaney's sense of unease when returning to his roots.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A. ambivalence
B. recrimination
C. exasperation
D. flattery

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4. In his 1981 work From Bauhaus to Our House, Tom Wolfe argued that a spirit of_____ had overwhelmed architecture in the United States: where the 1800s and the early 1900s accommodated an array of styles, the mid-1900s were increasingly dominated by predictable “glass boxes,” in Wolfe’s view.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A. transcendence
B. pragmatism
C. miscellany
D. homogeneity

5. The Jiroft culture is a hypothetical society that lived in modern-day Iran in the third millennium BCE. The first indication of the culture was found in 2001 when scientists evaluated confiscated artifacts, but many were skeptical of the find because it did not have an archaeological context and may have contained forgeries. However, the site of Konar Sandal in Iran is now being excavated, and archaeologists have discovered two mounds, a citadel, and tablets with an unknown script that may prove to be a vital link to understanding whether the Jiroft culture actually existed.

What is the main purpose of the text?

A. It casts doubt on the existence of an ancient culture.
B. It reveals flaws in the theory that an ancient culture existed
C. It outlines the current understanding of an ancient culture.
D. It presents incompatible findings regarding an ancient culture.

6. The following text is from George Eliot’s 1866 novel Felix Holt, The Radical.

Harold Transome did not choose to spend the whole evening with his mother. It was his habit to compress a great deal of effective conversation into a short space of time, asking rapidly all the questions he wanted to get answered, and diluting no subject with irrelevancies, paraphrase, or repetitions. He volunteered no information about himself and his past life at Smyrna, but answered pleasantly enough, though briefly, whenever his mother asked for any detail.

Which choice best describes the function of the underlined sentence in the text as a whole?

A. It works through the different outcomes of the choice discussed in the previous sentence.
B. It outlines a set of values that the narrator endorses in the subsequent sentence.
C. It summarizes the remarks of the characters mentioned in the previous sentence.
D. It sets out principles that guide the reactions mentioned in the subsequent sentence.

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7. This text is adapted from Harriet Beecher Stowe's sketch "Aunt Esther's Stories," one of the entries in Stowe's 1867 book Queer Little Folks.

> Aunt Esther used to be a constant attendant upon us young ones whenever we were a little ill, or any of the numerous accidents of childhood overtook us. In such seasons of adversity she always came to sit by our bedside, and take care of us. She did not, as some people do, bring a long face and a doleful whining voice into a sick-room, but was always so bright, and cheerful, and chatty, that we began to think it was almost worth while to be sick to have her about us.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A. Aunt Esther uses her knowledge of medicine to motivate the children.
B. Aunt Esther helps the children to work together during hard times.
C. Aunt Esther brings the children happiness under unfortunate circumstances.
D. Aunt Esther invents games to make the children healthier.

8. The following text is from Alice Moore Dunbar-Nelson's short story "In Our Neighborhood," an entry from the 1895 collection Violets and Other Tales.

The Harts were going to give a party. Neither Mrs. Hart, nor the Misses Hart, nor the small and busy Harts who amused themselves and the neighborhood by continually falling in the gutter on special occasions, had mentioned this fact to anyone, but all the interested denizens of that particular square could tell by the unusual air of bustle and activity which pervaded the Hart domicile. Lillian, the aesthetic, who furnished theme for many spirited discussions, leaned airily out of the window; her auburn (red) tresses carefully done in curl papers. Martha, the practical, flourished the broom and duster with unwonted activity.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A. The Harts want to keep the party a secret for a time.
B. The Harts have revealed their plans through their actions.
C. The Harts are in a state of disorder in advance of the party.
D. The Harts hope that the neighborhood will be more accepting in the future.

9. This text is adapted from Stephen Crane's 1897 short story "The Open Boat." A few men are adrift at sea in the small vessel named in the title.

It would be difficult to describe the subtle brotherhood of men that was here established on the seas. No one said that it was so. No one mentioned it. But it dwelt in the boat, and each man felt it warm him. They were a captain, an oiler, a cook, and a correspondent, and they were friends, friends in a more curiously iron-bound degree than may be common. The hurt captain, lying against the water-jar in the bow, spoke always in a low voice and calmly, but he could never command a more ready and swiftly obedient crew than the motley three of the dingey.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A. The captain is confident that another man can lead the boat.
B. The boat is surrounded by perils that can be overcome.
C. The men in the boat feel a powerful bond.
D. The boat's crew pities the captain.

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10. Born in 1857, American artist Arthur Wesley Dow believed that painters needed to turn away from simply copying nature. Instead, he asserted that the elements of composition—balance, lines, color—were paramount to a great art. In his textbook Composition, he argued that exact representation by itself was less important than the unity of a painting and the way the elements in that painting work together. In the introduction to the textbook, he stated this viewpoint succinctly, writing, _____

Which quotation from Arthur Wesley Dow most effectively illustrates the claim?

A. "The academic system of art-study ignores fundamental structure; hence the young pupil understands but few phases of art."
B. "For a great while we have been teaching art through imitation—of nature and the 'historic styles'—leaving structure to take care of itself; gathering knowledge of facts but acquiring little power to use them."
C. "Composition, building up of harmony, is the fundamental process in all the fine arts. I hold that art should be approached through composition rather than through imitative drawing."
D. "We want the leaders of the public to see that art is a living force in the everyday life of all, not a sort of traditional ornament for the few."

11.

Dog Name	Number of Test Sessions	Total Number of Discrimination Trials	Average Performance	Mean Correct Trials
Treo	16	320	96.88%	19.38
Soot	7	140	92.14%	18.36
Fingal	11	220	90.91%	18.42
Winnie	2	40	90.00%	18.00
Total	36	720	93.75%	18.81

Dog owners often report that their canine companions can sense when they are upset or stressed. Since it is known that acute stress produces volatile organic compounds (VOCs), or chemical markers in human sweat, researchers at the Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, wanted to determine if dogs could be smelling these markers. Can dogs smell stress in humans? Four dogs—Treo, Soot, Fingal, and Winnie—were given pre-stress and post-stress samples of sweat from many individuals. The study found the dogs were exceptionally accurate in identifying the specimens that were collected when the individual was under stress. In fact, the canines were so accurate that _____

Which choice most effectively uses data from the table to complete the statement?

A. the most accurate dog, Treo, completed a total of 320 trials across 16 test sessions.
B. even Winnie, the least accurate dog, was able to find the correct sample 90.00% of the time.
C. even Fingal, the dog with the second lowest average performance, was able to complete 220 discrimination trials.
D. Soot, whose accuracy was in the middle of the range, only found the stress sample 92.14% of the time.

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12. "To Autumn" is a short poem written by John Keats in the early 1800s. Addressing autumn itself ("thee" or "thou" instead of the more modern "you") as a living entity, the narrator of this poem expresses a desire to appreciate the fall season instead of longing for a different periodof the year:

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Which quotation from "To Autumn" most effectively illustrates the claim?

A. “Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store? / Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find / Thee sitting careless on a granary floor, / Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind”
B. “And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep / Steady thy laden head across a brook; / Or by a cyder-press, with patient look, / Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.”
C. “Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they? / Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,— / While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day, / And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue”
D. “Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft / The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft; / And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.”

13. A new species of salamander, Tylototriton phukhaensis, was named in 2020. The defining feature is a distinct head ridge, though it also has head horns and a stripe down its back. A molecular examination shows that it is closely related to two of the four other Tylototriton species found in Thailand. After the creature was first identified from a 20-year-old photograph in a travel magazine, biologists speculated whether the species still existed in the wild, but due to deforestation and other factors, they eventually concluded that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A. Tylototriton phukhaensis would not be much different from the Tylototriton species that were more readily available to them, therefore proving its existence would not be a major discovery.
B. more information would be needed to prove Tylototriton phukhaensis actually existed at one point.
C. Tylototriton phukhaensis was likely extinct or at least endangered.
D. the photograph might have been inaccurate or was possibly even created as a hoax.

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14. Plants contain many chemicals that can attract or repel pests. Scientists at Michigan State University have manipulated the phytochemical diversity of 16 genotypes of tomatoes and measured the response of a common caterpillar, the cabbage looper. The researchers found that plants with different chemical properties could be grouped to slow or discourage caterpillar feeding altogether. For example, some plants were biologically toxic, causing the caterpillars to move on to a different plant. Therefore, the chemical diversity between the plants determined whether caterpillars were deterred or encouraged. It can be concluded from the findings of this study _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A. that scientists can potentially manipulate phytochemical diversity in crop varieties to make them less attractive to pests.
B. that scientists can potentially manipulate plant genetic diversity to deter pests.
C. that chemical diversity of plants has no effect on pests.
D. that the cabbage looper can eventually adapt to prefer plants with more phytochemical diversity.

15. Waterfalls come in many shapes. One classic form is the punchbowl, such as the one at Eagle Falls in Oregon. In such a _____ water flows down a narrow chute into a wide pool at the bottom. It is easy to swim in the tranquil waters at the base.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. waterfall
B. waterfall,
C. waterfall:
D. waterfall;

16. Elizabeth Catlett, _____ artwork is modernist with African and Mexican influences, was a leading figure in portraying images related to race, gender, and class as they were experienced by Black Americans in the twentieth century.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. her
B. who
C. whose
D. which

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17. _____ massive stones erected around 2500 BCE—is one of the most famous Neolithic monuments in the world, though it was constructed on a circular site made of timber and pounded earth that had been built about 500 years earlier.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. Stonehenge—a ring of
B. Stonehenge, a ring of—
C. Stonehenge, a ring of
D. Stonehenge: a ring of

18. American author and inspirational _____ has shared his optimistic outlook with audiences around the world. His unusual approach to leadership is founded in cultural anthropology rather than in business.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. speaker Simon Sinek
B. speaker—Simon Sinek—
C. speaker, Simon Sinek
D. speaker Simon Sinek,

19. Jin Au-Yeung, known professionally as MC Jin, is an American rap artist of Chinese descent. His big musical break came when he lasted 7 rounds in a freestyle rap _____ The owners of record label Ruff Ryders Entertainment were watching and signed MC Jin as soon as the competition was finished.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. competition: called, “Freestyle Friday.”
B. competition; called “Freestyle Friday.”
C. competition called, “Freestyle Friday.”
D. competition called “Freestyle Friday.”

20. The nomadic herders of ancient Mongolia have long been a subject of fascination for anthropologists and historians. A recent genetic analysis by a team of molecular anthropologists, led by population geneticist Chuan-Chao Wang of Xiamen University in China, _____ the best look yet at the herders’ genetic history.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. provide
B. provides
C. are providing
D. have provided

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21. Employers are increasingly prioritizing diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as offering flexible work arrangements. To a greater degree than many more costly programs, these simple measures can increase employee engagement, which _____ important for retaining experienced staff.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. have been
B. is
C. is being
D. are

22. Onions produce a chemical irritant known as syn-Propanethial-S-oxide, which stimulates the _____ and causes them to release tears.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. eye's lachrymal gland's
B. eye's lachrymal gland
C. eyes lachrymal gland's
D. eyes' lachrymal glands

23. Guernica, an oil painting, is one of Pablo Picasso's masterpieces and arguably one of the most influential anti-war paintings of all time. Though Picasso typically painted in private, he allowed influential visitors into his studio to observe his painting progress in order to promote awareness of the Spanish Civil War. _____ the completed painting was exhibited around the world to raise funds for war relief efforts.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

A. In addition,
B. By contrast,
C. Consequently,
D. For instance,

24. Frances Perkins became the first woman appointed to a presidential Cabinet when she was sworn in as Secretary of Labor on March 4, 1933. After her appointment ended, Perkins did not resign herself to obscurity. _____ she focused her attention on writing.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

A. For example,
B. Likewise,
C. Instead,
D. In spite of this,

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25. While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- George Elton Mayo was an Australian psychologist, industrial researcher, and theorist who came up with a humanistic theory of management.
- Mayo's theory is based on the idea that the repetition of tasks is boring and reduces innovation.
- Mayo's theory offers each worker a significant amount of freedom in completing tasks.
- The teamwork aspects of Mayo's theory can lead to high productivity and communication.
- Some workers feel greater stress and pressure because individual responsibilities are increased in environments where Mayo's theory is applied.

The student wants to introduce Mayo's theory to an audience who wants to increase innovation in the workplace. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

A. George Elton Mayo created a theory based on the idea that repetition of tasks is boring, so many companies see little innovation.
B. The theorist George Elton Mayo pointed out that workers should be given significant freedom to complete their tasks and form productive teams, but may feel great stress as a result.
C. A theory proposed by George Elton Mayo addresses the question of increasing innovation output by suggesting that workers be given more freedom and less repetition in completing tasks.
D. George Elton Mayo's humanistic theory can cause some workers stress, though this problem is outweighed by the many positive points related to innovation.

26. While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- The First Dynasty of Egypt was the period after Lower and Upper Egypt were unified into one country by the first ruler.
- The seat of the First Dynasty was Thinis.
- While the exact dates of the First Dynasty are unknown, historians have approximated them to be in the Bronze Age, most likely from 3100 BCE to 2900 BCE.
- Tombs of the period were mostly made from wood, mud, and bricks; stones were typically used only for decoration, though some tombs were made of stone.
- The first ruler was Narmer, and the last ruler was Qa'a.

The student wants to introduce the first ruler of Egypt to someone unfamiliar with Egyptian dynasties. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

A. The rulers in the First Dynasty of Egypt reigned from about 3100 BCE to 2900 BCE starting with Narmer and ending with Qa'a.
B. Narmer unified Lower and Upper Egypt into one country in around 3100 BCE and became the first ruler of its first dynasty.
C. Narmer was the first ruler in Egypt during the Bronze Age, and his tomb was made of wood, mud, and bricks.
D. The First Dynasty of Egypt was ruled from Thinis after Narmer joined Upper and Lower Egypt.

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27. While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- The North Pole is located in the Arctic Ocean, and temperatures there are routinely above freezing in the summer.
- Due to the position of the Earth's axis, there is only one sunset and one sunrise at the poles per year.
- The South Pole is in Antarctica, and research at the Amundsen–Scott South Pole Station has provided compelling evidence about continental drift.
- Ground at the South Pole is about 100 meters above sea level, but there are 2,700 meters of ice, so the high altitude contributes to the arid desert environment.
- The highest temperature recorded at the South Pole was -12.3° C, and the lowest was -82.8° C.

The student wants to emphasize a way in which the North Pole and South Pole differ from each other. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

A. The temperatures at the South Pole are extremely low, ranging from a minimum of -82.8° Celsius to a maximum of -12.3° Celsius, with high elevations being a significant contributor to the severe cold.
B. The North Pole and the South Pole have only one sunrise and one sunset within a 12-month period.
C. It was at the South Pole where scientists have studied continental drift and found compelling evidence.
D. In comparison to the North Pole, temperatures at the South Pole are notably colder, with daily highs that never exceed -12.3° Celsius, while the North Pole experiences warmer temperatures, with daily highs typically above 0° Celsius.

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1. Mass produced to feature simple outlined scenes and meant to then be colored by hand, prints known as lubok proliferated in Russia in the 1700s and 1800s. These simple graphics could be found throughout the countryside. Homes and inns alike were _____ the folkloric episodes that were among the standard lubok images.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A. adorned with
B. excluded from
C. subservient to
D. revitalized by

2. Korean-American author Min Jin Lee _____ in the world of finance while writing Free Food for Millionaires, her 2007 debut novel. In order to better depict the education of one of her central characters, the ambitious Ted Kim, she visited Harvard to audit the sort of business seminars that a real-life Ted would have absorbed.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A. critiqued her past
B. immersed herself
C. resumed her activities
D. depicted key figures

3. Casual patrons of Italian restaurants in the United States may be surprised to find that some "classic" menu items do not hail directly from Italy: Caesar salad, for one, was first concocted in the Mexican city of Tijuana, and garlic bread is a _____ American restaurateurs and lacks a traditional Italian equivalent.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A. departure for
B. creation of
C. memento from
D. performance by

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4.In his sociocultural and autobiographical text The Way to Rainy Mountain, N. Scott Momaday expresses empathy for his ancestors, members of the Kiowa people of the Great Plains. Such intensely felt _____ has surprising aspects. Momaday frequently presents one ancestor, Mammedaty, almost as a companion, when Mammedaty had in fact died before Momaday's birth.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A. yearning
B. favoritism
C. kinship
D. aversion

5. In 2018, archaeobotanist Amaia Arranz-Otaegui conducted research in the Jordanian desert, where she examined the remains of a dinner consumed by the Natufians, a group of hunter-gatherers who inhabited the region 14,000 years ago. Through this research, she discovered 14,000-year-old charred crumbs of bread, a finding that _____ the previously earliest known bread by approximately 4,000 years.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A. precludes
B. corroborates
C. succeeds
D. predates

6. Insects are the most numerous animals on earth, yet we think of them as living exclusively on land. Surprisingly, there are five insect species of the genus Halobates that live their entire lives on the ocean surface. Insects in the genus Halobates _____ a waxy substance that they spread over their bodies, allowing them to sit on the ocean's surface without getting wet.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A. radiate
B. secrete
C. alleviate
D. exalt

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7. French-American blues musician Jersey Julie is known for her unique mix of Delta Blues and Chicago Blues. Julie's saxophone playing is characterized by a combination of technical precision and emotional depth, captivating her audience during live performances. She credits the original blues players for her sound on the saxophone as well as for the sound of her voice. When she sings, her style is _____ the earliest blues singers from the American South.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A. indicative of
B. evocative of
C. melodic to
D. dissimilar to

8. The following text is from Kate Chopin's 1897 short story "A Pair of Silk Stockings." Mrs. Sommers, the central character, has recently discovered a sum of money that could be useful to her and her children.

The neighbors sometimes talked of certain "better days" that little Mrs. Sommers had known before she had ever thought of being Mrs. Sommers. She herself indulged in no such morbid retrospection. She had no time—no second of time to devote to the past. The needs of the present absorbed her every faculty. A vision of the future like some dim, gaunt monster sometimes appalled her, but luckily to-morrow never comes.

Which choice best describes the function of the underlined sentence in the text as a whole?

A. It continues the narrator's earlier depiction of the "better days" in Mrs. Sommers's life.
B. It criticizes the mindset that is presented more sympathetically in the following sentence.
C. It shows how a second character has led Mrs. Sommers to make regrettable choices.
D. It suggests the reasoning behind the mentality presented in the previous sentence.

9. **Text 1**

Chromosomes were unknown in 1834 when Gregor Mendel proposed his classic concept of heredity. In the late 1880s, scientists finally could stain cell structures with the clarity to see chromosomes. Walter Sutton and Theodor Boveri, in 1902 and 1903 respectively, independently published papers suggesting that genes were located in specific places on the chromosomes, which came in matched pairs except for the male Y chromosome.

Text 2

Thomas Hunt Morgan criticized the Sutton–Boveri chromosome theory of inheritance. However, he noticed some unusual trends while conducting experiments on fruit flies. A few males had white rather than red eyes, so Morgan bred them and observed the results. He determined that white was a recessive mutation that did not appear in any first-generation females, though it might resurface in subsequent generations. After careful documentation, he published his conclusion that eye color genes were located on the X chromosome.

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Based on the texts after his experiments, how would Thomas Hunt Morgan (Text 2) most likely describe the view Sutton and Boveri presented in Text 1?

A. It is largely correct, but it requires some adjustment concerning minor details.
B. It is not compelling because Morgan had definitive data contradicting the theory.
C. It may seem plausible, but it is not supported by scientific findings.
D. It probably holds true despite Morgan's initial skepticism of it.

10. The Panama Canal stands as one of the greatest feats of engineering in all time. The idea was not new—in 1534, Charles, King of Spain, ordered a survey of the region—but ittook until 1904 for the self-educated engineer John Frank Stevens to solve the technical problems with an intricate lock system and numerous inventions of equipment for the specialized tasks. Equally important were the efforts of sanitation engineer William C. Gorgas, who tirelessly oversaw the efforts to keep the work crews healthy. Entire cities of workers and their families needed food, clean water, medical care, and other essential services.

Based on the passage, why was William Gorgas key in building the Panama Canal?

A. He was able to invent equipment that performed different functions.
B. He was a doctor who took care of the workers' medical needs.
C. He was zealous about fulfilling duties regarding the health of workers.
D. He surveyed the area to determine the best way to build cities for workers.

11. The following text is from Upton Sinclair's 1908 novel The Metropolis. Montague is a young man who has struck up a conversation with the older and more experienced Judge at a social event.

Montague explained that he had only been in New York about six hours. "Oh, I see," said the Judge. "And shall you remain long?"

"I have come to stay," was the reply.

"Well, well!" said the other, cordially. "Then we may see more of you. Are you going into business?"

"I am a lawyer," said Montague. "I expect to practise."

The Judge's quick glance had been taking the measure of the tall, handsome man before him, with his raven-black hair and grave features. "You must give us a chance to try your mettle," he said.

Based on the text, how does the Judge respond to Montague?

A. He evaluates Montague in a precise manner, even though his dialogue with Montague is friendly.
B. He encourages Montague to perform great feats, even though his reflections convey a sense of doubt.
C. He asks about Montague's plans, even though Montague's intentions are widely known.
D. He approves of Montague's first impression of New York, even though he does not think highly of Montague's profession.

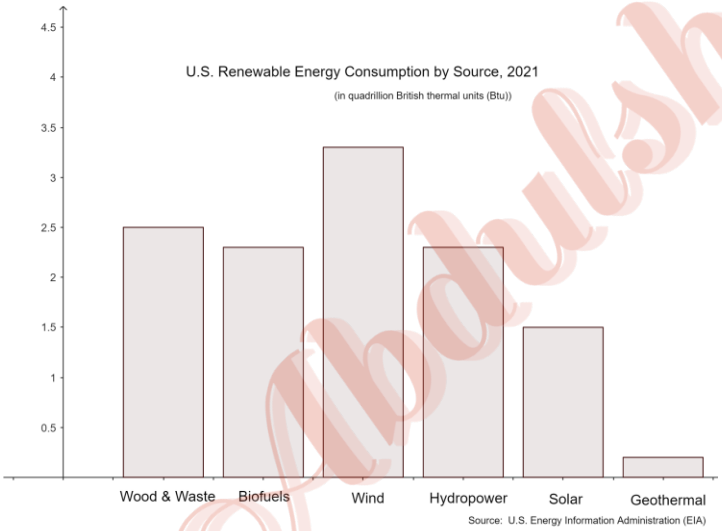
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12. “Stanzas Written at Walden” is a poem by Henry David Thoreau, an American philosopher who at one point occupied a small cabin near Walden Pond in Massachusetts. In its depictions of nature, Thoreau’s poem emphasizes the visual splendor of the speaker’s surroundings: _____

Which quotation from “Stanzas Written at Walden” best illustrates the claim?

A. “The snow is summer’s canopy, / Which she herself put on.”
B. “Fair blossoms deck the cheerful trees, / And dazzling fruits depend”
C. “Out on the silent pond straightway / The restless ice doth crack”
D. “Eager I hasten to the vale, / As if I heard brave news”

13.



Renewable energy in the United States comes from six different sources: wood and waste, biofuels, wind, hydropower, solar, and geothermal. The first two categories—wood/waste and biofuels—are often put together under a single heading: biomass. Biomass is defined as renewable organic material that comes from plants and animals. This category includes everything from firewood for wood stoves to ethanol for gasoline. According to the chart, in 2021 the US consumed, in quadrillion British thermal units (Btus), _____

Which choice most effectively uses the data from the bar chart to complete the statement?

A. 2.3 of biomass energy and 0.2 of geothermal.
B. about the same amount of biomass energy as solar and geothermal combined.
C. 4.8 of biomass energy and 1.5 of solar.
D. more wind power than all other sources combined.

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14. Published in 1794 by William Blake, “The Tyger” is a classic poem from a larger collection titled Songs of Experience. The poem uses the imagery of fire to delve into the question of who might have created such a dangerous creature: _____

Which quotation from “The Tyger” most effectively illustrates the claim?

A. “In what distant deeps or skies, / Burnt the fire of thine eyes?”
B. “In what furnace was thy brain? / What the anvil? what dread grasp / Dare its deadly terrors clasp?”
C. “When the stars threw down their spears, / And water'd heaven with their tears, / Did he smile his work to see?
D. “Did he who made the Lamb make thee?”

15. To better understand tree species dominance in the field of biodiversity, ecologists have researched how certain variables may affect the ecosystem. The distribution and abundance of tree species can often be more heavily influenced by chance events than by their specific adaptations. For example, recent research by James Clark suggests that seed dispersal, whether through animal activity or wind, is often a critical factor in determining a species’ success within a given ecosystem. This is because seed dispersal plays a key role in determining where and how a particular species is able to grow and compete for resources like water and sunlight. Seeds that are dispersed over a wide area are more likely to find suitable conditions for germination and growth, while those that are only dispersed in a limited area may struggle to establish themselves.

Which finding, if true, would most weaken Clark’s claim?

A. A study reveals that species with greater seed dispersal distances are more likely to maintain their dominance and resist invasion by competing species within a given ecosystem.
B. A study shows that limiting seed dispersal in a controlled setting can have a significant negative impact on the growth and survival of certain tree species.
C. A study found that many tree species with an adaptation to produce a specialized seed coating to attract a particular group of soil fungi were able to enhance species abundance in a given ecosystem.
D. A study found that tree species near a larger bird population were significantly more likely to colonize and persist in disturbed habitats compared to areas with smaller bird populations.

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16. When students enroll into college, they are faced with the weighty decision to settle on a major that will thereafter dictate the course of their education and its curriculum. According to the US Department of Education, about one third of students changed their majors within the first couple years of enrollment. Specifically, 35% of students who pursued a STEM-related major (science, technology, engineering, or mathematics) changed within three years, though this percentage increased to 52% of students if they specialized in math. Comparatively, 29% of students with a non-STEM major switched within the first few years. These findings suggest that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A. students who change majors are significantly less likely to graduate on time.
B. students should not decide on a major until their junior year, since they are likely to change degrees within the first couple of years.
C. students obtaining a degree in education are less likely to change their major than those obtaining a degree in science.
D. the majority of students change their major at least once before starting their junior year.

17. Sea glass, sometimes referred to as beach glass, is formed through the gradual erosion process of glass shards being tumbled and weathered through bodies of water. Over the course of many years, eventually the shards wear down into opaque stones, taking on a frosted appearance. Some beach or lakefronts, such as off the coast of Lake Erie, Ohio, seem to have a more plentiful supply than others. Unlike some coastal regions, which are surrounded by more scenic landscapes and open sea, Lake Erie is adjacent to a colony of factories and manufacturing plants. Therefore, it can be concluded that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A. freshwater lakes like Lake Erie tend to have higher concentrations of beach glass.
B. the lakefronts near Lake Erie are naturally abundant in beach glass.
C. beach glass is abundant in areas highly impacted by industrial pollution.
D. Lake Erie's lakefront contains higher concentrations of beach glass due to the minerals deposited by the nearby factories and plants.

18. Homemade red Thai chili paste is an excellent way to add authentic flavor and excitement to any dish. Most cooks opt for store-bought substitutes, however, because traditionally it takes over 30 minutes to grind ingredients such as chili pepper, lemongrass, garlic, _____ in a mortar and pestle.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. shallots and, makrut lime peel
B. shallots, and makrut lime peel
C. shallots, and makrut lime peel,
D. shallots, and, makrut lime peel

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19. The largest known fish species, the whale shark, is actually a slow-moving filter feeder that primarily subsists on plankton. Therefore, despite its _____ is not a threat to humans.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. size. It
B. size it
C. size—it
D. size, it

20. When the Erie Canal was opened in 1825, it was forty feet wide and four feet deep. Over half of the original canal was taken out of use with the 1918 opening of a 120-feet wide and 12-feet deep section that _____ about ten years earlier to accommodate the larger barges of the modern era.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. had been designed
B. had designed
C. designed
D. is designed

21. Many organizations are turning to a policy called “job sharing” in an effort to retain good employees. Dividing one full-time job between two employees _____ a company to recruit talented workers who do not have the time or inclination to work 40 hours every week.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. allow
B. allows
C. allowing
D. to allow

22. Incorporating exercise into one's daily routine is a common goal, though the optimal time for exercise remains a subject of debate. According to sports scientists, exercise performance is closely correlated with body temperature, _____ typically peaks in the early evening.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. it
B. when
C. which
D. that

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23. Recently, astronomers discovered two Earth-sized planets that are orbiting a red dwarf star known as HD260655. Smaller than our Sun, _____ making the two planets orbiting it potentially close enough for us to study their atmospheres in detail. Since the cooler of the two is estimated to be 543 degrees Fahrenheit (284 degrees Celsius), there is little chance of life as we know it, though.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. there are only 33 light years between HD260655 and our solar system,
B. only 33 light years separate HD260655 from our solar system,
C. our solar system is only 33 light years away from HD260655,
D. HD260655 is only 33 light years away from our solar system,

24. In 2007, Xenia, Ohio, used community funds to build the Arati Gupta Saha Memorial Natatorium. Since its construction, the new facility has brought an increase in activity among the _____.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A. area's competitive swimmer's
B. areas' competitive swimmer's
C. area's competitive swimmers
D. areas' competitive swimmers'

25. In Finland, coffee is the most popular drink aside from water, and it is enjoyed in many different ways. _____ it can be served hot, cold, or with additions such as milk or spices.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

A. Regardless,
B. Nevertheless,
C. Indeed,
D. Additionally,

26. Several international organizations monitor the position of space debris larger than 10 centimeters across to ensure safe space travel. _____ those efforts are not sufficient, as there are about twenty times as many smaller objects that are moving at speeds fast enough to damage even a heavily protected spacecraft.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

A. However,
B. Likewise,
C. Therefore,
D. Alternatively,

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27. While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- Ada Lovelace (née Byron) was born in 1815 and was very interested in science and math from an early age, so her tutor introduced her to the mathematician Charles Babbage.
- Babbage is considered the "father of the computer" because he invented the "Analytical Engine," which he used to calculate numbers.
- Lovelace may have written the first computer program in the world because she helped design programs for the Analytical Engine.
- In 1842–1843, she wrote down a program in an appendix that was not in the original materials provided by Babbage.
- She realized that the Analytical Engine could be used for non-numerical purposes if other symbols such as letters or musical notes were substituted.

The student wants to emphasize that Ada Lovelace's contributions to mathematics were just as important as Charles Babbage's were. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

A. Charles Babbage is famous for creating the Analytical Engine, but Ada Lovelace also was interested in explaining how it worked to others.
B. Ada Lovelace wrote a program for the Analytical Engine in 1842–1843, without which Charles Babbage would not have been able to create a working computer.
C. Charles Babbage, Ada Lovelace's tutor, introduced her to the Analytical Engine, and she excelled beyond his abilities at using it.
D. Although Babbage invented the Analytical Engine, Ada Lovelace was able to explain how it worked, create effective programs, and offer additional uses beyond mathematical calculations.

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