



SAT June 2026 Exam Predictions

EBRW Module 1

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The traditional Puerto Rican dish mofongo, characterized broadly by its base of mashed plantains, is often _____ in its preparation and serving style. Coastal families typically serve it with fresh-caught octopus and shrimp, mountain families tend to prepare it with chicharrones, and restaurant chefs in San Juan explore innovations like topping the dish with guarapo.

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

- A) meticulous
- B) seasonal
- C) localized
- D) proprietary

2

An ancient statue from the Huasteca region of Mexico represents a subject not seen before in artifacts from the area: a woman in an assertive stance wearing items used in a ceremonial ballgame. Archaeologist María Eugenia Maldonado notes that this image of a powerful athlete _____ the idea that women in pre-Columbian societies held only passive roles.

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

- A) forgets
- B) predicts
- C) reveals
- D) challenges

3

Although more documentaries are being made than ever before, too many seem _____, offering stories without any depth. In a refreshing contrast, Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson's 2021 documentary Summer of Soul draws from present-day interviews to supply compelling historical and social context for footage of the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival.

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

- A) cryptic
- B) inaccessible
- C) haughty
- D) perfunctory

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The dinosaur displays at museums such as the American Museum of Natural History in New York are notable for the _____ of the research behind them-the museum staff consulted numerous sources to ensure the accuracy of the displays.

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

- A) novelty
- B) obscurity
- C) rigor
- D) shallowness

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Among saltwater fish species, there is a clear association between habitat latitude and morphological variety. While tropical species are _____ deep-bodied physical forms, polar and temperate species are highly dispersed across the morphological spectrum.

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

- A) authenticated by
- B) concentrated among
- C) habituated
- D) contemporary with

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Cane is a 1923 novel by Jean Toomer. In the novel, Toomer mentions a road in rural Georgia called Dixie Pike and describes it as having a "deep connection in a faraway place," writing,

Which quotation from Cane most effectively illustrates the claim?

- A) "And when the wind is from the South, soil of my homeland falls like a fertile shower upon the lean streets of [Washington, DC]."
- B) "[Tom and I] walked down the [Dixie] Pike with people on all the porches gaping at us."
- C) "The Dixie Pike has grown from a goat path in Africa."
- D) "[The wagon] bumps, and groans, and shakes as it crosses the railroad track."

The following text is adapted from Mark Twain's 1876 novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Aunt Polly is having dinner with Tom, her mischievous young nephew.

Aunt Polly asked [Tom] questions that were full of guile, and very deep—for she wanted to trap him into damaging revelations. Like many other simple-hearted souls, it was her pet vanity to believe she was endowed with a talent for dark and mysterious diplomacy, and she loved to contemplate her most transparent devices as marvels of low cunning.

Which choice best describes how Aunt Polly is presented in the text?

- A)** The narrator characterizes Aunt Polly as being excessively nosy about other people's private lives.
- B)** The narrator emphasizes that Aunt Polly's intentions are good even when her behavior is rude.
- C)** The narrator gently makes fun of Aunt Polly's mistaken confidence in her subtlety.
- D)** The narrator humorously exaggerates Aunt Polly's view of herself as an intellectual.

The Monster is an 1898 story by Stephen Crane. In the story, the character of Jim, a young boy, accidentally damages a peony (a flower) in the yard while his father is tending to the lawn. Crane depicts the dedication and care with which his father typically cares for his lawn, writing, _____

Which quotation from *The Monster* most effectively illustrates the claim?

- A)** "After some trouble Jim's father found the subject of the incident, the broken flower. Turning then, he saw the child lurking at the rear and examining his countenance."
- B)** "[Jim's father] was shaving his lawn as if it were a priest's chin. All during the season he had worked at it in the coolness and peace of the evenings after supper. Even in the shadow of the cherry-trees the grass was strong and healthy."
- C)** "[Jim's father] paused, and with the howl of the machine no longer occupying the sense, one could hear the robins in the cherry trees arranging their affairs."
- D)** "[Jim] went on to the lawn, very slowly, and kicking wretchedly at the turf. Presently his father came along with the whirring machine, while the sweet, new grass blades spun from the knives."

The following text is adapted from Jerome K. Jerome's 1889 novel *Three Men in a Boat (To Say Nothing of the Dog)*.

We [people] are creatures of the sun. We love light and life. That is why we crowd into the towns and cities, and the country grows more and more deserted every year. In the sunlight-in the daytime, when Nature is alive and busy all around us, we like the open hill-sides and the deep woods well enough-but in the night, when our Mother Earth has gone to sleep, and left us waking, oh! the world seems so lonesome, and we get frightened, like children in a silent house. Then we sit and sob, and long for the gas-lit streets, and the sound of human voices, and the answering throb of human life.

Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

- A)** To address common traits that motivate many people to choose to live in urban environments
- B)** To demonstrate that most people tend to prefer being alone in the country to being alone in towns or cities
- C)** To explain that people sometimes become fearful as a result of being in crowded areas
- D)** To caution people not to be so quick to dismiss the natural beauty that can be found in rural areas

The following text is from Anthony Trollope's 1855 novel *The Warden*. The narrator is describing a rectory, the residence of a clergyman.

There was an air of heaviness about the rooms which might have been avoided without any sacrifice of propriety; colours might have been better chosen and lights more perfectly diffused; but perhaps in doing so the thorough clerical aspect of the whole might have been somewhat impaired. At any rate, it was not without ample consideration that those thick, dark, costly carpets were put down, those embossed, but sombre wallpapers hung up, those heavy maroon curtains draped so as to half exclude the light of the sun.

What does the text most strongly suggest about the rooms in the rectory?

- A)** They are meant to feel comfortable but are instead deeply uninviting.
- B)** They have been furnished with the intention of maintaining a sense of clerical appropriateness.
- C)** They are decorated in a style that strikes the narrator as too extravagant.
- D)** They have many decorations the narrator finds good-looking, but they are not particularly practical.

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Cane is a 1923 novel by Jean Toomer. In one portion of the novel, Toomer uses figurative language to connect the narrator's urban environment of Washington, DC, and the rural South of the narrator's past, writing, _____

Which quotation from Cane most effectively illustrates the claim?

- A) "And when the wind is from the South, soil of my homeland falls like a fertile shower upon the lean streets of [Washington, DC]."
- B) "The young trees had not outgrown their [planter] boxes then. V Street [in Washington, DC] was lined with them."
- C) "The Capitol dome looked like a gray ghost ship drifting in from sea."
- D) "The [train] engines of this valley have a whistle, the echoes of which sound like iterated gasps and sobs. I always think of them as crude music."

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Several moth species emit ultrasonic pulses as warning signals to bats. Researchers found that sphingid moths, which are not noxious, emit pulses similar to those of noxious dalcerid moths. They therefore concluded that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

- A) the sphingid and the dalcerid moths likely exhibit a form of protective mimicry in which two or more unpalatable species develop nearly identical signals to repel predators.
- B) acoustic mimicry is an ineffective defense strategy because bats such as Brandt's myotis are able to discriminate between the ultrasonic pulses of an unpalatable species and those of a palatable mimic.
- C) the sphingid moths likely exemplify a phenomenon in which palatable species gain protection from predators by resembling or mimicking unpalatable or otherwise well-defended species.
- D) in both noxious and palatable moths, acoustic aposematic signaling may be more prevalent than previous studies of defenses against bat predation had suggested.

The following text is from George Eliot's 1857 short story *The Sad Fortunes of the Rev. Amos Barton*. The Countess Czerlaski is a newcomer to the town of Milby.

It is true, the Countess was a little vain, a little ambitious, a little selfish, a little shallow and frivolous, a little given to white lies-But who answers such slight blemishes, such moral pimples as these, disqualifications for entering into the most respectable society? Indeed, the severest ladies in Milby would have been perfectly aware that these characteristics would have created no wide distinction between the Countess Czerlaski and themselves; and since it was clear there was a wide distinction-why, it must lie in the possession of some vices from which they were untainted.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

- A)** The residents of Milby had initially viewed the Countess Czerlaski with suspicion, but they have gradually come to see her as mostly harmless.
- B)** Although the Countess Czerlaski actively cultivated a sense of mystery about her, her background is less interesting than what many residents of Milby have been led to believe.
- C)** Although the residents of Milby are generally thought to be hospitable, the Countess Czerlaski has committed many social blunders that have caused her to be widely disliked.
- D)** Some residents of Milby are determined to disapprove of the Countess Czerlaski even though the reasons for their dislike are largely groundless.

Researchers recently theorized that Copper Age owl-shaped carvings from Iberia were likely toys created by children. This hypothesis is supported by the objects predominantly being crafted from slate-a material that, because of its _____ be easily carved by small hands using rudimentary tools.

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

- A)** malleability could
- B)** malleability could-
- C)** malleability-could
- D)** malleability, could

15

Ancient Roman engineering techniques-many of which are still visible in modern infrastructure-_____ for centuries the blueprint for European road construction.

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

- A) , providing
- B) providing
- C) , provided
- D) provided

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The British Museum's collection features a rare 18th-century engraving of a bustling London marketplace. Produced by an anonymous artist, the detailed print _____ the architectural elegance of the era, the soft morning light illuminating the cobblestone streets.

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

- A) to capture
- B) having captured
- C) captures
- D) capturing

17

Following her breakout architectural design in 2010, British-Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid received widespread international acclaim. By 2016, she _____ one of the most influential figures in contemporary architecture, having designed dozens of iconic structures and won numerous prestigious awards.

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

- A) will become
- B) will have become
- C) becomes
- D) had become

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Developed by a consortium of international aerospace engineers, a solar sail that harnesses the momentum of photons, reflecting them off vast sheets of mirrored polymers, _____ the probe toward the outer solar system.

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

- A) propel
- B) propels
- C) propelling
- D) are propelling

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"Biomimicry," a framework frequently utilized by engineers to solve complex human problems through nature-inspired designs, has gained significant traction as a sustainable design philosophy. In the writings of environmental architect Elena Rossi, biomimicry is a technical methodology widely evident in imposing structures like the Milwaukee Art Museum and the Bird's Nest stadium-defined by "_____ seamless integration of organic forms and functional efficiency."

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

- A) it's
- B) its
- C) their
- D) they're

20

In "The Raven," one of the most famous poems by Edgar Allan Poe, the speaker describes a soul-crushing sense of loss. Such _____ continue to captivate readers with their gothic atmosphere.

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

- A) verses, crafted with a haunting rhythmic intensity
- B) verses, crafted with a haunting rhythmic intensity,
- C) verses crafted with a haunting rhythmic intensity,
- D) verses crafted, with a haunting rhythmic intensity,

21

The 1922 discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb and the 1799 unearthing of the Rosetta Stone are monumental landmarks in archaeological _____ former revealing the opulence of the New Kingdom and the latter providing the key to deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphs.

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

- A) discovery the
- B) discovery
- C) discovery, the
- D) discovery, the

22

Recent archaeological excavations in the Indus Valley have identified what researchers believe to be the civilization's primary _____ maritime trading partner that supplied the region with lapis lazuli and other semi-precious stones during the Bronze Age.

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

- A) source; Meluhha, a
- B) source: Meluhha, a
- C) source Meluhha a
- D) source, Meluhha. A

23

In the Pakistani truck art tradition, elaborately decorated cargo vehicles feature poetic verses, religious messages, or slogans. _____ they invest considerably in decorating their trucks, seeing them as personal artistic creations and contributions to their country's folk art tradition.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) However, owners must balance these aesthetic elements with practical functionality:
- B) Finally, owners complete the artistic process after months of planning:
- C) As a result, owners expect significant financial returns from their decorated vehicles:
- D) Indeed, owners prize their vehicles as canvases for creative expression:

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Nineteenth-century Modernista architects championed nature in their designs. Granted, the wavy stone façade and ornate floral tilework of Casa Batlló, a Modernista private home designed by Antoni Gaudí, couldn't exactly grow in a forest. _____ one sees natural influences in Gaudí's penchant for curves (rather than right angles) and plant- and animal-inspired flourishes.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) Furthermore,
- B) Similarly,
- C) Still,
- D) In other words,

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

- The Expedition of Humphry Clinker (1771) is an epistolary novel by English author Tobias Smollett.
- Epistolary novels are novels written primarily as a series of fictional documents.
- These documents can be letters, journal entries, newspaper clippings, and more.
- The Expedition of Humphry Clinker consists primarily of letters.
- The letters are sent between four family members, their maid, and a young man.

The student wants to define the term "epistolary novel." Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A)** Tobias Smollett's novel *The Expedition of Humphry Clinker* was published in 1771 and consists primarily of letters sent between four family members, their maid, and a young man.
- B)** Consisting primarily of letters sent between four family members, their maid, and a young man, Tobias Smollett's *The Expedition of Humphry Clinker* is an epistolary novel.
- C)** Published in 1771, *The Expedition of Humphry Clinker* is an epistolary novel by English author Tobias Smollett.
- D)** An epistolary novel is a novel written primarily as a series of fictional documents, such as letters, journal entries, or newspaper clippings.

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

- The capital of Jamaica is Kingston.
- The largest city in Jamaica by population is Kingston.
- The capital of Morocco is Rabat.
- The largest city in Morocco by population is Casablanca.

The student wants to make a generalization about capital cities. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A)** Casablanca and Rabat are both cities in Morocco.
- B)** A country's capital city is not always the country's most populous city.
- C)** Rabat, not Casablanca, is the capital of Morocco.
- D)** The capital of Morocco is Rabat, while the capital of Jamaica is Kingston.

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

- The A.M. Turing Award is a prestigious award given by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).
- The ACM gives the award for "major contributions of lasting importance to computing."
- It is named after groundbreaking British mathematician Alan Turing.
- Barbara Liskov won the award in 2008.

The student wants to explain whom the award is named for and identify one recipient of it. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A)** In 2008, Barbara Liskov won the A.M. Turing Award, which is given for "major contributions of lasting importance to computing."
- B)** The A.M. Turing Award, which is named for British mathematician Alan Turing, was given to Barbara Liskov in 2008.
- C)** The A.M. Turing Award is given for "major contributions of lasting importance to computing."
- D)** It was in 2008 that Barbara Liskov won the A.M. Turing Award.

EBRW Module 2

1

The preponderance of studies on aqueous uranium (U)-including a 1997 study by Moran et al.-were in oceanic contexts. In a 2020 investigation of factors influencing the abundance of the isotope U-238 in Xiligou Lake and three other lakes in northwest China, Zhao et al. therefore aimed to address the relative _____ of scientific knowledge on uranium isotopes in inland bodies of water.

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

- A) aggregation
- B) obsolescence
- C) diminution
- D) dearth

2

Palenque, the famed Maya city located in the highlands of southeastern Mexico, was likely _____ of achievements attained in the lesser-known polities of the Mirador Basin. As Morales-Aguilar et al. have shown, developments at those earlier Mirador sites were a historical precondition for the sophistication exhibited by the architects of later cities.

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

- A) an archetype
- B) a replica
- C) a beneficiary
- D) dearth

3

Rare tree species growing in the Tyson Research Center are much likelier than common species to be found in conspecific aggregations, but in the Mo Singto plot, conspecific aggregation and abundance are nearly _____, which is to be expected given that rare species in Mo Singto are heavily reliant on seed dispersion via animals, while those in the Tyson Center tend to drop seeds directly to the ground.

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

- A) indistinguishable
- B) independent
- C) intermittent
- D) inverted

4

The following text is adapted from Edith Wharton's 1911 novella *Ethan Frome*. The narrator has asked the woman he rents a room from about Ethan Frome, a town resident he encountered recently. Her mind was a store-house of innocuous anecdote and any question about her acquaintances brought forth a volume of detail; but on the subject of Ethan Frome I found her unexpectedly reticent. There was no hint of disapproval in her reserve; I merely felt in her an insurmountable reluctance to speak of him.

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

- A) Misgiving
- B) Constraint
- C) Composure
- D) Modesty

5

The 2023 anthology *The Big Book of Cyberpunk* contains 108 stories, including Fritz Leiber's "Coming Attraction" and Erica Satifka's "Act of Providence". With its chronological scope, it is more comprehensive than the much shorter 1986 cyberpunk anthology *Mirrorshades*, but *Mirrorshades*'s careful selection of stories makes that anthology more _____

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

- A) capacious
- B) outmoded
- C) cursory
- D) discerning

6

The work of Tobias Gerstenberg et al. on tracking eye movements supports a theory that people envision _____ scenarios when making causal judgments: when subjects were asked to look at two colliding billiard balls and judge whether one caused or prevented the other's movement through a gate, their eyes looked at where the target ball would have gone if the ball that altered its path did not exist.

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

- A) ambivalent
- B) retrospective
- C) counterfactual
- D) analogical

The following text is from Anne Spencer's 1922 poem "Translation".

We trekked into a far country, My friend and I. Our deeper content was never spoken, But each knew all the other said. He told me how calm his soul was laid By the lack of anvil and strife. "The wooing kestrel," I said, "mutes his mating-note To please the harmony of this sweet silence."

Which choice best describes the function of the reference to "anvil and strife" in the text as a whole?

- A)** It symbolizes the speaker's friend's view that meaningful work and social engagement are core components of a fulfilling life.
- B)** It illustrates how the speaker and her friend can feel a close connection even though they do not talk about their feelings.
- C)** It emphasizes an opposition between nature and the relationship of the speaker and her friend.
- D)** It represents a strong contrast to the speaker's friend's current experience of tranquility.

The Clouds is a 423 BCE play by Aristophanes, originally written in Ancient Greek.

At the time, professional intellectuals called sophists taught paying customers a variety of subjects and sometimes engaged in what would now be described as research. Aristophanes satirized sophists' practices and views as foolish, as seen when the character _____

Which choice most effectively uses a quotation from a translation of The Clouds to illustrate the claim?

- A)** Socrates, a sophist, explains why he studies astronomy while sitting in a basket hanging a few feet off the ground, saying, "I should not have rightly discovered things celestial had I not suspended the intellect, and mixed the thought in a subtle form with its kindred air."
- B)** Socrates, a sophist, says to a new customer: "Come now, what do you now wish to learn first of those things in none of which you have ever been instructed?"
- C)** Strepsiades, after taking lessons from a sophist, says to his son, "Approach, that you may know more; and I will tell you a thing, by learning which you will be a man. But see that you do not teach this to any one."
- D)** Strepsiades encourages his son to learn to be a sophist, saying, "Reform your habits as quickly as possible, and go and learn what I advise."

Uncle Vanya: Scenes from Country Life in Four Acts is an 1898 play by Anton Chekhov, originally written in Russian.

In the play, Professor Serebrakoff and his wife Helene have come to stay at their country estate, which Vanya manages with the help of Sonia, the professor's daughter from a previous marriage. Chekhov portrays Vanya as feeling underappreciated by the professor, as is evident when _____

Which quotation from a translation of Uncle Vanya most effectively illustrates the claim?

- A)** It symbolizes the speaker's friend's view that meaningful work and social engagement are core components of a fulfilling life.
- B)** It illustrates how the speaker and her friend can feel a close connection even though they do not talk about their feelings.
- C)** It emphasizes an opposition between nature and the relationship of the speaker and her friend.
- D)** It represents a strong contrast to the speaker's friend's current experience of tranquility.

The Arapaho language of the Plains region in the United States has 16 vowel and consonant sounds. In contrast, the Taa language of southern Africa has over 100. Why would languages differ in this way? One researcher has hypothesized that when modern humans arose in Africa, they spoke a single language, but as humans gradually spread throughout Africa and then around the globe, that language developed into new languages. Those developed into still more languages as small bands of humans spread even farther, with each new language retaining fewer sounds from humanity's original language.

Which finding, if true, would best support the researcher's hypothesis?

- A)** The Piraha language of South America has only 11 sounds, far fewer than any Southwest Asian language has, and South America is much farther away from Africa than Southwest Asia is.
- B)** The Lhasa Tibetan language has 38 sounds and emerged in East Asia, far from Africa, whereas the Nkore language of East Africa has only 27 sounds.
- C)** The Ainu language has only 16 sounds, whereas the Nivkh language has 34 sounds, but both languages emerged in East Asia, in regions that are roughly the same distance from Africa.
- D)** The Sicilian language of Western Europe has only 30 sounds, fewer than most Southeast Asian languages have, and Western Europe is much closer to Africa than Southeast Asia is.

The Bantu expansion refers to the gradual dispersal of Bantu-speaking peoples across sub-Saharan Africa. Some researchers assert it can be explained by the farming/language dispersal hypothesis, which proposes that agriculture drove the spread of many large language families.

Which finding, if true, would most directly challenge the assertion about the Bantu expansion presented in the text?

- A)** The earliest unambiguous archaeobotanical evidence of plant cultivation in West-Central Africa dates to around 2,200 - 2,350 years ago, which is later than the start of the Bantu expansion.
- B)** Reconstructed vocabulary from Proto-Bantu contains terms for wild plant species that were managed but never fully domesticated.
- C)** Lexical reconstructions indicate that early Bantu speakers' words for yams were inherited from languages predating the arrival of Bantu ancestral groups in their homeland.
- D)** Among the earliest evidence of plant farming in East Africa are traces of cowpea, a crop from West Africa, discovered in present-day Kenya.

Episodes where technologies fall into disuse, like the loss of bow-and-arrow in northern Europe, are informative but it can be unclear if artifact absence reflects cultural change or gaps in the record. A dataset of gold objects from Caucasus sites shows a steep drop beginning around 1500 BCE. That this represents genuine cultural change is likely, given that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

- A)** the proportion of gold objects to other types of objects recovered is significantly higher at Nosiri than at Oshakan despite the two sites' close proximity.
- B)** a much larger number of Caucasus sites dating from after 1500 BCE are represented in the dataset than sites dating from before 1500 BCE are.
- C)** far fewer gold objects dating to earlier than 1500 BCE have been recovered from sites in the Caucasus than have been recovered from comparably old sites outside the region.
- D)** there is a positive relationship between the number of gold objects found at Caucasus sites and the sites' respective distances from nearby sources of gold.

Editor Jared Shurin's 2023 anthology *The Big Book of Cyberpunk* contains 108 stories, an enormous number. The anthology has a vast chronological scope, including both James Tiptree Jr.'s "The Girl Who Was Plugged In" and Lavanya Lakshminarayan's "Études". In his introduction, Shurin defines cyberpunk as a subgenre of speculative fiction concerning "the influence of technology on the scale, the pace, or the pattern of human affairs"; however, many critics have previously argued that cyberpunk is a literary movement that is not just idea driven but that has distinctive aesthetic components as well.

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

- A) It points out a characteristic that is shared by the work of Tiptree and Lakshminarayan.
- B) It explains one of several points of disagreement that an editor of a cyberpunk anthology has with a group of critics.
- C) It explains why some critics think that a particular anthology of cyberpunk stories should not be considered a definitive summary of its genre.
- D) It suggests a way in which a particular editor's definition of cyberpunk may be considered incomplete.

The Age of Innocence is a 1920 novel by Edith Wharton set in New York City in the 1870s. In the novel, Newland Archer arrives late to an opera performance, which the narrator attributes to Newland's enjoyment of anticipation.

Which quotation from *The Age of Innocence* best illustrates the claim?

- A) "To come to the Opera in a [carriage for hire] was almost as unpardonable a way of arriving as [arriving in an omnibus]."
- B) "Thinking over a pleasure to come often gave [Newland] a subtler satisfaction than its realization."
- C) "When Newland Archer opened the door at the back of the club box the curtain had just gone up on the garden scene. There was no reason why the young man should not have come earlier, for he had dined at seven, alone with his mother and sister..."
- D) "No expense had been spared on the setting, which was acknowledged to be very beautiful even by people who shared [Newland's] acquaintance with the Opera houses of Paris and Vienna."

15

The gradual loss of grammatical gender in Middle English was a transformative shift. With the erosion of complex inflectional endings providing the catalyst, this _____ maintains linguist Albert Baugh, underpins the remarkable fluidity of modern English syntax.

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

- A) evolution:
- B) evolution;
- C) evolution
- D) evolution,

16

The acclaimed architect and urban planner Zaha Hadid's _____ widely celebrated for their futuristic curves and radical deconstructivism during her career, have, since the global expansion of her firm, influenced a new generation of structural engineers across the world.

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

- A) designs,
- B) designs, were
- C) designs were
- D) designs had been

17

Most traditional violin varnishes are "oil varnishes," prized for their flexibility and the way they enhance the instrument's resonance over centuries. "Spirit varnishes," by contrast, are made from resins dissolved in alcohol and dry much faster, often resulting in a more brittle finish that can stifle a violin's sound. Renowned for its ability to yield a supple, vibrating surface, _____

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

- A) the avoidance of spirit varnish by master luthiers is due to its tendency to stifle tonal quality.
- B) spirit varnish lacks the essential oils required to maintain the wood's natural elasticity.
- C) oil varnish has been the preferred choice for artisans seeking to maximize an instrument's acoustic potential.
- D) oil varnish's superior resonance explains why it remains the standard for high-end professional violins.

18

Introduced in 1958, the Fairchild Semiconductor 2N697 silicon transistor offered significantly higher reliability for military computer systems. As the complexity of microelectronics grew rapidly over the subsequent decades, so too did the difficulty of wiring millions of discrete components together. _____ a "tyranny of numbers" in which manufacturing defects escalated exponentially led engineers to develop the monolithic integrated circuit.

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

- A) They faced
- B) Facing
- C) When they faced
- D) Upon facing

19

For over a century, paleontologists hypothesized that the delicate wing membranes of Pterodactylus fossils would inevitably disintegrate during the rapid mineralization of surrounding lakeside limestone. Exceptionally few of these soft-tissue details have actually been _____ since the hyper-saline water of the ancient lagoon retarded bacterial decay, the exquisite structural patterns of the prehistoric flyers largely endured.

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

- A) lost; however,
- B) lost. However,
- C) lost, however;
- D) lost, however,

20

The global demand for rare earth elements has grown so rapidly-this growth is driven largely by the expansion of the electric vehicle and renewable energy _____ mining companies are now exploring remote deep-sea locations for new sources.

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

- A) sectors, that
- B) sectors that-
- C) sectors-that
- D) sectors. That

21

The most recent inflation rates for food, housing, and transportation were 2.5%, 1.8%, and _____ a stabilizing economy).

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

- A)** 3.2%, (respectively, these rates are lower than the previous year's figures, indicating
- B)** 3.2%, respectively, (these rates are lower than the previous year's figures, indicating
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- D)** 3.2%, respectively (these rates are lower than the previous year's figures, indicating

22

A 2023 analysis by marine biologist Dr. Elena Vance and her team _____ that microplastic concentrations in the deep-sea trenches of the Pacific Ocean are rising faster than previously estimated provides undeniable evidence that anthropogenic waste has penetrated the planet's most remote ecosystems.

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

- A)** concluded
- B)** has concluded
- C)** conclude
- D)** concluding

23

On most of the earth's coastal travel destinations, shoreline sand is a predictable white or golden color. The famous Reynisfjara beach in Iceland is an _____ sand gets its shade from the slow weathering of continental granite, relentless volcanic activity near this Nordic shore lent the landscape a stark, midnight-black coloration.

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

- A)** exception: though most
- B)** exception, though. Most
- C)** exception, though, most
- D)** exception, though most

Radiocarbon dating, a nuclear-decay technique that measures the residual carbon-14 in organic remains, can be used to estimate when ancient populations abandoned prehistoric settlements. The application of this method requires precise atmospheric correction based on the sample's historical timeline and _____ solar activity variations, geomagnetic field shifts, and localized marine reservoir effects are known to alter global carbon baselines.

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

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A) location, though, | B) location, though: |
| C) location; though | D) location though |

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

- Shanawdithit (1801-1829) was a Beothuk cartographer (mapmaker).
- Her maps of Newfoundland's Beothuk Lake outline both the lake and various points around the lake where encounters between the Indigenous Beothuk people and British colonists occurred.
- Her maps are notable for depicting the experiences the Beothuk had within the landscape.
- Contemporary Potawatomi cartographer Margaret Pearce: Indigenous cartography emphasizes "experienced space, or place, as opposed to the Western convention of depicting space as universal, homogenized, and devoid of human experience."
- Pearce: "Indigenous cartographies are as diverse as Indigenous cultures, from Hawaiian performative cartographies to Navajo verbal maps and sand paintings."

The student wants to describe Shanawdithit's approach and explain its significance. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A)** By depicting experiences of the Beothuk that occurred around Beothuk Lake, Shanawdithit's maps reflect Indigenous cartography's emphasis on "experienced space, or place" rather than the landscape alone.
- B)** According to Pearce, Indigenous cartography, such as Shanawdithit's maps of Beothuk Lake, emphasizes "experienced space, or place," with a variety of approaches that reflect the diversity of Indigenous cultures.
- C)** Shanawdithit mapped Beothuk Lake through significant encounters that occurred there, an approach that Pearce describes as "depicting space as universal [and] homogenized."
- D)** Shanawdithit's maps are part of a broader tradition of Indigenous cartography that, according to Pearce, ranges from "Hawaiian performative cartographies to Navajo verbal maps and sand paintings."

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

- Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity allows for potential shortcuts through spacetime.
- These hypothetical spacetime tunnels are known as wormholes.
- For matter to travel through a wormhole, it would need to have negative energy density.
- Negative energy density means that the matter would have less energy than empty space.
- Such matter has not been shown to exist.

The student wants to acknowledge a complication affecting travel through wormholes. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A)** The hypothetical tunnels known as wormholes would be potential shortcuts through spacetime were it not for one complication: they have less energy than empty space.
- B)** Einstein's theory of general relativity allows for potential spacetime shortcuts called wormholes but does not explain how matter with negative energy density could travel through them.
- C)** For matter to travel through a wormhole, the matter would need to have less energy than empty space; such matter has not been shown to exist.
- D)** Wormholes are hypothetical tunnels in spacetime that could allow for shortcuts, but no matter has yet been found that can travel through them without being destroyed.

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

- When the electrons of a chemical element change energy states, certain wavelengths of light are released.
- This unique collection of wavelengths is known as the emission spectrum of the element.
- Titanium's emission spectrum includes the 430.5 nanometer (nm) wavelength.
- Krypton's emission spectrum includes the 583.2 nm wavelength.
- The violet portion of the visible spectrum is made up of light with wavelengths of 380-450 nm.

The student wants to identify an emission spectrum that includes a wavelength in the violet portion of the visible spectrum. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A)** The 583.2 nm wavelength, which is in the violet portion of the visible spectrum, is one wavelength in the emission spectrum of krypton.
- B)** Since the 430.5 nm wavelength of light is within the 380-450 nm range, it is part of the violet portion of the visible spectrum.
- C)** Containing the 430.5 nm and 583.2 nm wavelengths, respectively, both titanium's and krypton's emission spectra include wavelengths in the violet portion of the visible spectrum.
- D)** Titanium's emission spectrum includes the 430.5 nm wavelength, which is in the violet portion of the visible spectrum.

Math Module 1

1

An arborist measured and recorded the heights of red maple trees in a certain area. Of the red maple tree heights recorded in this area, the minimum was 41 feet and the maximum was 57 feet. Which inequality is true for all possible values of t , where t represents the recorded height, in feet, of a red maple tree in this area?

- A) $t \leq 41$ B) $t \geq 57$
C) $t \geq 98$ D) $41 \leq t \leq 57$

2

The equation $40 = 2a + 2b$ gives the relationship between the side lengths a and b of a certain parallelogram. If $a = 6$, what is the value of b ?

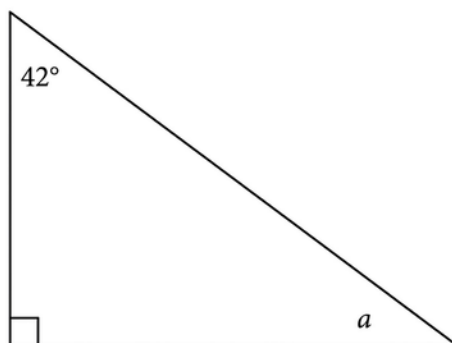
Answer...

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What value of p is the solution to the equation $20p - 21p = 8$?

- A) -8 B) $-\frac{1}{8}$
C) $\frac{1}{8}$ D) 8

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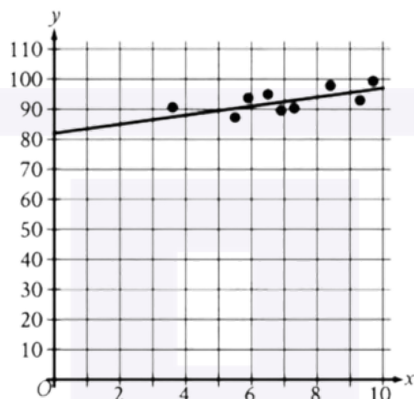
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In the right triangle shown, what is the value of a ?

- A) 42 B) 48
C) 90 D) 132

5

The scatterplot shows the relationship between two variables, x and y . A line of best fit for the data is also shown.



For how many of the 9 data points is the actual y -value greater than the y -value predicted by the line of best fit?

- A) 8 B) 7
C) 5 D) 2

6

The function h is defined by $h(x) = 100x - 80$. What is the value of $h(x)$ when $x = 6$?

Answer...

7

What value of p is the solution to the equation $6p - 7p = 9$?

- A) -9 B) $-\frac{1}{9}$
C) $\frac{1}{9}$ D) 9

8

A polygon with 15 sides has a perimeter of 49 inches. The length of one side is 7 inches. The other 14 sides have equal lengths. What is the length, in inches, of one of the 14 sides with equal lengths?

Answer...

9

If $6x = 60$, what is the value of $7x + 3$?

A) 73

B) 63

C) 55

D) 45

10

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 8y &= 93 \\ y &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

The solution to the given system of equations is (x, y) . What is the value of x ?

Answer...

11

The table summarizes the distribution of average pitching speed, in miles per hour mph, for a sample of 21 pitchers in a youth softball league.

Average pitching speed	Number of pitches
At least 30 mph but less than 35 mph	11
At least 35 mph but less than 40 mph	5
At least 40 mph but less than 45 mph	4
At least 45 mph but less than 50 mph	1

According to the table, how many pitchers in the sample have an average pitching speed of at least 30 mph but less than 35 mph?

A) 11

B) 5

C) 4

D) 1

12

The function f is defined by $f(x) = 5 \times 3^x$. What is the value of $f(x)$ when $x = 4$?

- A) 64 B) 81
C) 170 D) 405

13

A cube has an edge length of 7 inches. What is the volume, in cubic inches, of the cube?

- A) 28 B) 49
C) 294 D) 343

14

$$\begin{aligned} y &< x \\ x &< 31 \end{aligned}$$

For which of the following tables are all the values of x and their corresponding values of y solutions to the given system of inequalities?

A)

x	y
28	27
29	28
30	29

B)

x	y
28	29
29	30
30	31

C)

x	y
32	31
33	32
34	33

D)

x	y
32	33
33	32
34	31

15

For the linear function f , $f(4) = 17$ and $f(8) = 1$. Which equation defines f ?

- A)** $f(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x + 18$ **B)** $f(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x - 1$
C) $f(x) = -4x + 21$ **D)** $f(x) = -4x + 33$

16

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 9(x - 3) \\ y &= (x - 3)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Which ordered pair (x, y) is a solution to the given system of equations?

- A)** $(6, -9)$ **B)** $(3, 12)$
C) $(12, 81)$ **D)** $(12, -9)$

17

A triangle has a base length of 90 centimeters and a height of 40 centimeters. What is the area, in square centimeters, of the triangle?

Answer...

18

Hector receives a gift card worth 60.00 to pay for movies online. He uses his gift card to buy 3 movies for 6.50 each. He will spend the rest of his gift card on renting movies for 1.50 each. How many movies can Hector rent?

- A)** 24 **B)** 26
C) 27 **D)** 29

19

$$y - 31 = px$$

The given equation relates the positive numbers p , x , and y . Which equation correctly expresses y in terms of p and x ?

- A)** $y = \frac{px}{31}$ **B)** $y = 31px$
C) $y = px + 31$ **D)** $y = 31x + p$

20

x	f(x)
0	9
1	14
2	19

For a linear function f , the table shows three values of x and their corresponding values of $f(x)$. Which of the following could define f ?

- A)** $f(x) = 5x$ **B)** $f(x) = x + 9$
C) $f(x) = 5x + 9$ **D)** $f(x) = 9x + 5$

21

For the linear function f , $f(-2) = -9$, and the slope of the graph of $y = f(x)$ in the xy -plane is 8. Which equation defines f ?

- A)** $f(x) = 8x - 11$ **B)** $f(x) = 8x - 9$
C) $f(x) = 8x - 2$ **D)** $f(x) = 8x + 7$

22

Line j is defined by $y = 2x + 3$. Line k is parallel to line j in the xy -plane. What is the slope of line k ?

- A)** 1 **B)** 2
C) 3 **D)** 6

Math Module 2

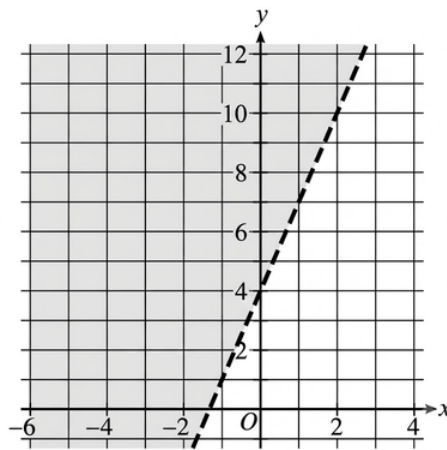
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If $7(x - 4)^2 = 448$, what is the value of $x^2 - 8x$?

- A) 32 B) 48
C) 64 D) 80

2

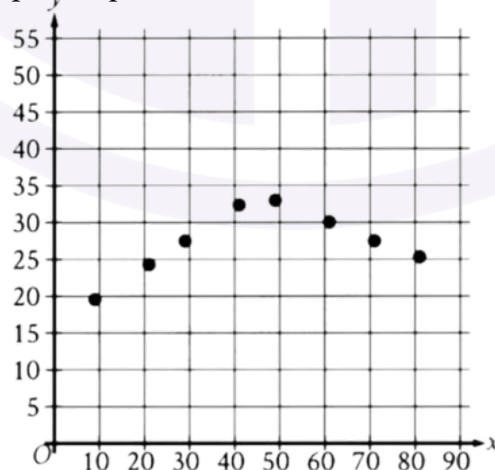
The shaded region shown represents the solutions to which inequality?



- A) $y < 3x + 4$ B) $y < 3x - 4$
C) $y > 3x + 4$ D) $y > 3x - 4$

3

The scatterplot shows the relationship between two variables, x and y . Which of the following equations is the most appropriate quadratic model for the data shown?



- A) $y = -0.008(x - 50)^2 + 32$ B) $y = -0.008(x - 32)^2 + 50$
C) $y = -0.008(x + 32)^2 + 50$ D) $y = -0.008(x + 50)^2 + 32$

4

The amount of water y , in gallons, in a reservoir x minutes after the reservoir begins to drain using a pump is given by the equation $y = 3,600 - 4x$. If the equation is graphed in the xy -plane, which of the following is the best interpretation of the x -intercept?

- A)** The reservoir drains at a rate of 4 gallons per minute.
- B)** There are 900 gallons of water in the reservoir before it begins to drain.
- C)** There are 3,600 gallons of water in the reservoir before it begins to drain.
- D)** The water will completely drain from the reservoir 900 minutes after the reservoir begins to drain.

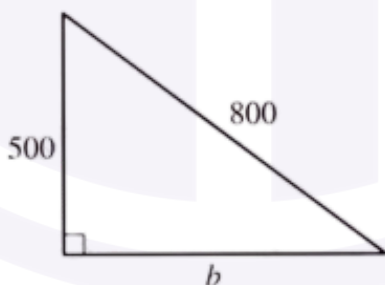
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The predicted population of a city x years after 1989, where $x \leq 10$, can be modeled by the function $f(x) = 47,000(1.04)^x$. Which of the following is the best interpretation of the statement " $f(6)$ is approximately equal to 59,470" in this context?

- A)** 6 years after 1989, the predicted population of the city is approximately 59,470 people.
- B)** 6 years after 1989, the population of the city is predicted to decrease by approximately 59,470 people.
- C)** Every 6 years after 1989, the population of the city is predicted to decrease by approximately 59,470 people.
- D)** Every 6 years after 1989, the population of the city is predicted to increase by approximately 59,470 people.

6

For the right triangle shown, which expression represents the value of b ?



Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

- A)** $\sqrt{800^2 - 500^2}$
- B)** $\sqrt{800 + 500}$
- C)** $\sqrt{(800)(500)}$
- D)** $800 - 500$

7

$$f(x) = 28(1.40)^{\frac{x}{3}}$$

For the given function f , the value of $f(x)$ increases by $p\%$ for every increase of x by 6. What is the value of p ?

- A) 40 B) 49
C) 80 D) 96

8

The expression $(3x + 2)(x + 6)$ can be written in the form $ax^2 + bx + c$, where a , b , and c are constants. What is the value of $a + b + c$?

- A) 23 B) 29
C) 35 D) 41

9

If $5(x - 3)^2 = 405$, what is the value of $x^2 - 6x$?

- A) 64 B) 72
C) 81 D) 90

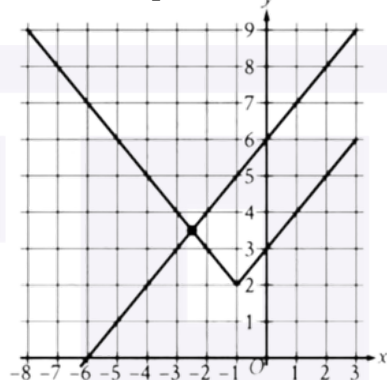
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The function h is defined by $h(x) = 9x + 54$. The graph of $y = h(x)$ in the xy -plane has an x -intercept at $(a, 0)$ and a y -intercept at $(0, b)$, where a and b are constants. What is the value of $a + b$?

- A) 48 B) 54
C) 60 D) 63

11

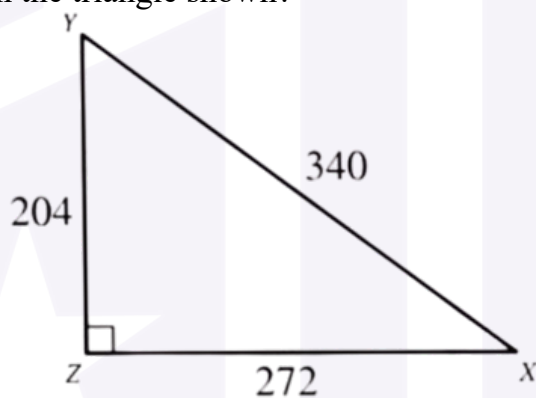
The graph of a system of an absolute value function and a linear function is shown. What is the solution (x, y) to this system of two equations?



- A)** $(0, 6)$ **B)** $(2.5, 3.5)$
C) $(-2.5, 3.5)$ **D)** $(-1, 2)$

12

What is the value of $\tan X$ in the triangle shown?

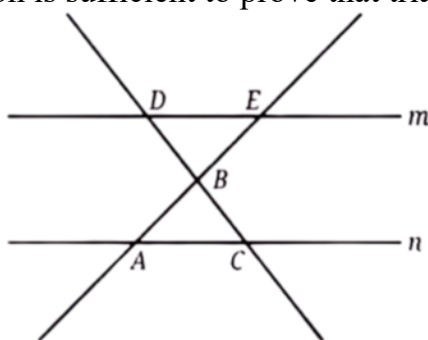


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- A)** $\frac{4}{3}$ **B)** $\frac{4}{5}$
C) $\frac{3}{4}$ **D)** $\frac{3}{5}$

13

In the figure, line m is parallel to line n , and lines AE and CD intersect at point B . Which additional piece of information is sufficient to prove that triangle ABC is congruent to triangle EBD ?



Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

- A)** $AB = 31$ and $DB = 31$. **B)** $AB = 31$ and $EB = 31$.
C) Triangles ABC and EBD are isosceles. **D)** No additional information is necessary to determine that the two triangles are congruent.

14

A circle has center G , and points M and N lie on the circle. Line segments MH and NH are tangent to the circle at points M and N , respectively. If the radius of the circle is 247 millimeters and the perimeter of quadrilateral $GMHN$ is 5,174 millimeters, what is the distance, in millimeters, between points G and H ?

Answer...

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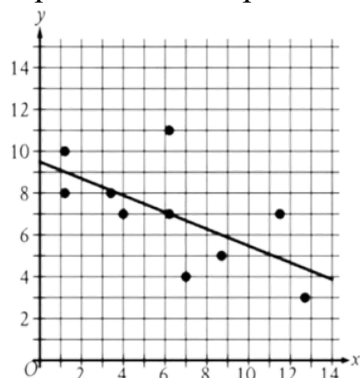
$$y = 5x^2 - 40x + 35$$

The given equation represents a parabola in the xy -plane. Which of the following equations that represent the same parabola displays the x -intercepts as constants or coefficients?

- A)** $y = 5x^2 - 8x + 35$ **B)** $y = 5x(x - 8) + 35$
C) $y = 5(x - 4)^2 - 45$ **D)** $y = 5(x - 1)(x - 7)$

16

The scatterplot shows the relationship between two variables, x and y . A line of best fit is also shown. Which of the following equations best represents the line of best fit shown?



A) $y = 9.5 + 0.4x$

B) $y = 9.5 - 0.4x$

C) $y = -9.5 + 0.4x$

D) $y = -9.5 - 0.4x$

17

$$y = 10x + 52$$

One of the two equations in a system of linear equations is given. The system has infinitely many solutions. Which equation could be the second equation in this system?

A) $y - 10x = -52$

B) $y - 10x = 52$

C) $y - 13x = 26$

D) $y - 13x = 0$

18

The graph of the polynomial function f in the xy -plane, where $y = f(x)$, passes through the point $(9, 8)$. Which of the following must be true?

A) $f(0) = 8$

B) $f(8) = 9$

C) $f(9) = 0$

D) $f(9) = 8$

19

On January 1, there were 238 views of a video posted on a social media site. Every 2 days after January 1, the number of views of the video had increased by 60% of the number of views 2 days earlier. The function f gives the predicted number of views x days after January 1. Which equation defines f ?

A) $f(x) = 238(0.60)^{\frac{x}{2}}$

B) $f(x) = 238(0.60)^{2x}$

C) $f(x) = 238(1.60)^{\frac{x}{2}}$

D) $f(x) = 238(1.60)^{2x}$

20

Line p is defined by $2y + 10x = 7$. Line r is perpendicular to line p in the xy -plane. What is the slope of line r ?

- A)** -5 **B)** -0.2
C) 0.2 **D)** 5

21

For the polynomial function f , when $f(x)$ is divided by $x - 2$, the remainder is 7. Which of the following must be true about the graph of $y = f(x)$ in the xy -plane?

- A)** It passes through the point $(7, -2)$. **B)** It passes through the point $(-2, 7)$.
C) It passes through the point $(7, 2)$. **D)** It passes through the point $(2, 7)$.

22

A circle in the xy -plane has its center at $(-5, 5)$. Line t is tangent to this circle at the point $(6, -1)$. Which of the following points also lies on line t ?

- A)** $(0, 11/6)$ **B)** $(1, 16)$
C) $(12, 10)$ **D)** $(17, 5)$