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1. True or False: Students should never write narrative reviews, as they don't have enough expertise or authority in their fields.

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True

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False

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Correct

This answer is correct. Writing a narrative review is a great way for students to delve into a field and become an expert on a topic.
2. True or False: Submitting a grant has benefits even if you are unsuccessful in obtaining funding.

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True

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False

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Correct

This answer is correct. Writing grants has multiple benefits, including giving you the chance to practice your writing skills and to clarify your research goals.
3. True or False: Personal essays are a good place to address any gaps or weaknesses in your record.

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True

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False

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Correct

This answer is correct. Reviewers will likely have concerns about these gaps and weaknesses; by addressing them directly, you help alleviate these concerns and also demonstrate your ability to overcome obstacles.
4. True or False: Asking students to draft their own letters of recommendation is appropriate and ethical.

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False

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True

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Correct

This answer is correct. Though this approach may be employed by some, it is neither appropriate nor ethical.
5. True or False: When writing grants, it is important to include a detailed timeline for the research, as this demonstrates feasibility.

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True

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False

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Correct

This answer is correct. Including a timeline demonstrates the feasibility of the project.
6. Which of the following versions provides a stronger statement for the methods section of a grant?

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We expect that the method will be successful.

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We will try to get the method to work.

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We hope that the method will be successful.

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Correct

This answer is correct. When writing your methods, you should use strong words like "expect" and "can" and avoid weak words like "hope" and "try."
7. A grant's background/significance section should address which of the following?

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All of the above

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How the proposed research will fill in the gaps and limitations in previous research.

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Gaps and limitations in previous research

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The importance of the research question

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Correct

This answer is correct. The background/significance section is similar to the introduction section of a manuscript. It should motivate the importance of the research question; point out gaps and limitations in the previous research; and briefly say how the new research will fill in these gaps and limitations.
8. Which of the following statements represents a strong endorsement in a letter of recommendation?

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She is one of the most productive trainees that I've had the pleasure of working with in my 20 years at Dartmouth.

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She is a hard worker and a team player.

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She puts forth her best effort in understanding not just the project but its purpose and background.

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She is a good writer, who with guidance will develop her writing skills in English. She is also proficient in presenting at conferences.

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Correct

This answer is correct. This is strong praise, as the letter writer is ranking the student among the best (at least in terms of productivity) over a long time-frame.
9. Which of the following statements expresses hesitation about a candidate?

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He was generally punctual and respectful of our appointments. He had a long commute for his graduate studies and he was good at informing me when he would be late for our meetings.

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None of the above

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Although he encountered difficulties in his research, he was never discouraged and was able to find creative ways of troubleshooting and solving the problems.

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I have never had a former student demonstrate such ongoing commitment to a research effort.

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Correct

This answer is correct. Though the letter writer is polite, he is subtly communicating that the candidate was not always punctual.
10. Which of the following excerpts best illustrates the concept of "show, don't tell."

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When he went to purchase a ticket, however, he not only purchased a ticket for himself, but he also purchased an additional ticket so he could take the young boy who was the live-in house help at the apartment where he was spending his spring break. It was an opportunity for the young boy to attend an event that he would never have otherwise experienced.

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In all of these contexts, he has amply demonstrated the confidence and creativity that will make his graduate path a thoroughly positive and successful one.

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She has the self-motivation, intelligence, and work ethic to be a successful researcher in a multidisciplinary scientific field.

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He is a very diligent student and research assistant, and is particularly well-liked by everyone because of his charming personality.

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Correct

This answer is correct. This story illustrates that the candidate is kind and generous without telling the reader.