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1. The following passage appeared in a *Scientific American* blog by Buddhini Samarasinghe:

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"In 2000, Robert Weinberg and Douglas Hanahan published a review article in the journal *Cell* titled "The Hallmarks of Cancer." It was a seminal paper in every sense of the word; downloaded 20,000 times a year between 2004 and 2007, with over 15,000 citations in other research papers."

Which of the following would constitute an example of plagiarism of this passage?

- ☐ Robert Weinberg and Douglas Hanahan's 2000 paper in *Cell* entitled "The Hallmarks of Cancer" was a seminal paper in every sense of the word. It was downloaded 20,000 times a year between 2004 and 2007, and has been cited by 15,000 other research papers.
- ☐ Robert Weinberg and Douglas Hanahan's 2000 *Cell* paper "The Hallmarks of Cancer" was downloaded 20,000 times a year between 2004 and 2007, and cited 15,000 times in other research papers. It was a seminal paper in every sense of the word.
- ☐ Robert Weinberg and Douglas Hanahan's 2000 *Cell* paper "The Hallmarks of Cancer" has been referenced more than 15,000 times and was downloaded 20,000 times a year between 2004 and 2007. It was a pioneering paper in every sense of the word.
- ☒ All of the above
- ☐ None of the above

✓ Correct

This answer is correct. All of these slight re-writes of the original author's words constitute plagiarism.

2. The following passage appeared in a *Scientific American* blog by Buddhini Samarasinghe:

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"Weinberg and Hanahan simplified this dauntingly complex disease to six underlying principles. The hugely complicated beast that is cancer, so diverse that even the same organ can have many different tumor types, was reduced to just six common traits that every single cancer shares, to facilitate that transformation from a normal cell to a cancer cell. It answers the 'how does cancer happen' question very elegantly, and we gain insight into all the different things that go wrong in a cancer cell."

Which of the following constitutes an acceptable paraphrase of this passage?

- ☐ Weinberg and Hanahan simplified this hugely complicated disease to six underlying principles. This dauntingly complex disease was reduced to just six common traits that every single cancer shares. They not only elegantly answered the question 'how does cancer happen,' but also gave us insight into all the different things that go wrong in a cancer cell.
- ☐ Weinberg and Hanahan simplified the dauntingly complex disease of cancer to just six common traits that every single cancer shares. They answered the 'how does cancer happen' question very elegantly, and they gave us insight into all the different things that go wrong in a cancer cell.
- ☐ Weinberg and Hanahan were the first to propose six underlying principles that govern the hugely complicated beast that is cancer. These six principles answer the 'how does cancer happen' question very elegantly, and give insight into all the different things that go wrong in a cancer cell.
- ☐ All of the above
- ☒ None of the above

✓ Correct

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3. Would the following constitute plagiarism?

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Original: "Sabrina was the *brainy* Angel. Yet another example of how every girl had to be one or the other: Pretty or smart. Guess which one I got. You'll see where it's gotten me."

New version: "Money penny was the *brainy* female character. Yet another example of how every girl had to be one or the other: smart or pretty. I had long resigned myself to category one, and as long as it got me to Harvard, I was happy. Except, it hadn't gotten me to Harvard. Clearly, it was time to switch to category two."

- ☒ Yes, this is plagiarism.
- ☐ No, this is not plagiarism.

✓ Correct

Yes, this is from a real case of plagiarism. The writer has clearly borrowed material from the original author.

4. Would the following constitute plagiarism?

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Original: "Under the current program, child care providers send monthly invoices to GSA for each child, and the agency pays its portion of the bill when it verifies the information it receives from applicants and providers. Families have to pay all child care costs up front while waiting for GSA approval."

New version: "The program worked this way: Child-care providers send monthly invoices to the GSA for each child, and the agency pays its part of the cost once it verifies the information it receives from families and providers. Families have to pay all child-care costs up front while they wait for approval."

- ☒ Yes, this is plagiarism.
- ☐ No, this is not plagiarism.

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5. True or False. Everyone who makes any contribution to a paper, no matter how minor, should be offered authorship.

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- ☐ True
- ☒ False

✓ Correct

This is the correct answer. Only those who can take public responsibility for an article's content should be given authorship.