

Question ID 1078a3a4

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 1078a3a4

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

- Pauline Hopkins (1859-1930) was an African American writer.
- In her career, she created many genre-defining stories.
- Her serialized novel *Hagar’s Daughter* was published from 1901 to 1902 in *The Colored American Magazine*.
- It is considered the first African American mystery novel.

The student wants to introduce Pauline Hopkins to an audience unfamiliar with her career. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Pauline Hopkins is the author of *Hagar’s Daughter*, a serialized novel published from 1901 to 1902.
- B. African American writer Pauline Hopkins created many genre-defining stories during her career, including the first African American mystery novel, *Hagar’s Daughter*.
- C. Published in *The Colored American Magazine* from 1901 to 1902, *Hagar’s Daughter* is a serialized novel by Pauline Hopkins.
- D. *Hagar’s Daughter* by Pauline Hopkins is considered the first African American mystery novel.

ID: 1078a3a4 Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is the best answer. The sentence introduces Pauline Hopkins to an audience unfamiliar with her career, identifying her as a genre-defining African American writer and noting a career accomplishment.

Choice A is incorrect. The sentence emphasizes that Pauline Hopkins wrote a serialized novel but doesn’t introduce Hopkins to an audience unfamiliar with her career. Choice C is incorrect. The sentence introduces Hopkins’s novel; it doesn’t introduce Hopkins. Choice D is incorrect. The sentence explains that a novel written by Hopkins is considered the first African American mystery novel; it doesn’t introduce Hopkins to an audience unfamiliar with her career.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID abeb6c59

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ID: abeb6c59

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

- The calendar used by most of the world (the Gregorian calendar) has 365 days.
- Because 365 days can't be divided evenly by 7 (the number of days in a week), calendar dates fall on a different day of the week each year.
- The Hanke-Henry permanent calendar, developed as an alternative to the Gregorian calendar, has 364 days.
- Because 364 can be divided evenly by 7, calendar dates fall on the same day of the week each year, which supports more predictable scheduling.

The student wants to explain an advantage of the Hanke-Henry calendar. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. The Gregorian calendar has 365 days, which is one day longer than the Hanke-Henry permanent calendar.
- B. Adopting the Hanke-Henry permanent calendar would help solve a problem with the Gregorian calendar.
- C. Designed so calendar dates would occur on the same day of the week each year, the Hanke-Henry calendar supports more predictable scheduling than does the Gregorian calendar.
- D. The Hanke-Henry permanent calendar was developed as an alternative to the Gregorian calendar, which is currently the most-used calendar in the world.

ID: abeb6c59 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is the best answer. The sentence explains an advantage of the Hanke-Henry calendar, noting that it supports more predictable scheduling than does the Gregorian calendar and describing how it does so (by having calendar dates occur on the same day each year).

Choice A is incorrect. The sentence compares the number of days in the Gregorian and Hanke-Henry calendars; it doesn't explain an advantage of the Hanke-Henry calendar. Choice B is incorrect. While the sentence refers to a possible reason to adopt the Hanke-Henry calendar—that doing so would help solve a problem with the Gregorian calendar—it doesn't identify the problem or the solution and thus doesn't explain the advantage of the Hanke-Henry calendar. Choice D is incorrect. The sentence describes the origins of the Hanke-Henry calendar; it doesn't explain an advantage of it.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 0fe917af

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0fe917af

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

- Muslins are woven cotton fabrics with a variety of uses.
- Dhaka muslin is a handmade fabric produced in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- It has an extremely fine weave and is primarily used to make luxury clothing.
- Sheeting muslin is a machine-made fabric produced in factories.
- It has a coarse weave and is primarily used to upholster furniture and create backdrops for theater sets.

The student wants to emphasize a difference between the two muslins. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Dhaka muslin is a handmade fabric with an extremely fine weave, while sheeting muslin is machine made with a coarse weave.
- B. Dhaka muslin and sheeting muslin are two different types of woven cotton fabrics.
- C. Muslins can be used in a variety of ways, from making luxury clothing to upholstering furniture and creating backdrops for theater sets.
- D. Sheeting muslin is machine made, has a coarse weave, and is used for furniture and theater sets.

ID: 0fe917af Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. The difference between the two different kinds of muslin is emphasized.

Choice B is incorrect. This choice lists two kinds of muslins, but does not say how they are different from one another.

Choice C is incorrect. This choice does not emphasize a difference between the two muslins. Choice D is incorrect. This choice does not emphasize a difference between the two muslins. It only describes sheeting muslin.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID d539eaf3

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d539eaf3

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

- In 2013, paleontology professor Hesham Sallam and his students from Mansoura University in Egypt made a discovery.
- The team found a partial dinosaur skeleton at a site in Egypt’s Dakhla Oasis.
- The skeleton belonged to a dinosaur species that lived approximately 80 million years ago.
- The new species was named *Mansourasaurus* to recognize the team that discovered it.

The student wants to explain the origin of the species’ name. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. *Mansourasaurus*, a new species discovered in Egypt in 2013, lived approximately 80 million years ago.
- B. A partial dinosaur skeleton found in Egypt’s Dakhla Oasis belonged to a species named *Mansourasaurus*.
- C. *Mansourasaurus*, a species that lived approximately 80 million years ago, was discovered in 2013 by Egyptian paleontologist Hesham Sallam and a team of university students.
- D. The new species was named *Mansourasaurus* to recognize the team that discovered it, a professor and students from Mansoura University.

ID: d539eaf3 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is the best answer. It explains where the dinosaur’s name came from.

Choice A is incorrect. This choice does not explain the origin of the dinosaur’s name. Choice B is incorrect. This choice does not explain the origin of the dinosaur’s name. Choice C is incorrect. This choice does not explain the origin of the dinosaur’s name.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 652950b7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 652950b7

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

- In 1897, African American inventor Andrew Beard invented an automatic coupler.
- It improved on the existing design of train car couplers.
- It made the job of connecting train cars safer.
- In 1938, African American inventor Frederick Jones invented a mobile refrigeration system.
- It improved on the existing design of food transport trucks.
- It enabled trucks to carry perishable foods farther.

The student wants to emphasize a similarity between Beard’s invention and Jones’s invention. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Beard’s automatic coupler and Jones’s mobile refrigeration system both improved on existing designs.
- B. In 1897, Beard invented an automatic coupler, which made the job of connecting train cars safer.
- C. Beard’s invention made the job of connecting train cars safer, whereas Jones’s invention enabled food transport trucks to carry perishables farther.
- D. Jones’s mobile refrigeration system, which he invented in 1938, made it possible for food transport trucks to carry perishable foods farther.

ID: 652950b7 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. It compares Beard’s and Jones’s inventions to one another, and emphasizes what they have in common.

Choice B is incorrect. This choice doesn’t emphasize a similarity. It only mentions Beard’s invention. It doesn’t compare it to Jones’s invention. Choice C is incorrect. This choice doesn’t emphasize a similarity between the two inventions. Instead, it emphasizes a difference. Choice D is incorrect. This choice doesn’t emphasize a similarity. It only mentions Jones’s invention. It doesn’t compare it to Beard’s invention.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 07446ee8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 07446ee8

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

- *Oracles of the Pink Universe* was a 2021 exhibition at the Denver Museum of Art in Colorado.
- It featured eight artworks by South African artist Simphiwe Ndzube.
- One of these works is a painting titled *Assertion of Will*.
- *Assertion of Will* depicts three standing figures.
- The figures wear clothing made of fabric pieces stitched to the painting’s canvas.

The student wants to describe how fabric is used in *Assertion of Will*. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. In *Assertion of Will*, the figures’ clothing is made of fabric pieces stitched to the painting’s canvas.
- B. The exhibition *Oracles of the Pink Universe* featured artworks by artist Simphiwe Ndzube.
- C. Depicting three standing, clothed figures, *Assertion of Will* is a painting by Simphiwe Ndzube.
- D. Simphiwe Ndzube’s *Assertion of Will* was one of eight artworks exhibited in *Oracles of the Pink Universe* at the Denver Museum of Art.

ID: 07446ee8 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. This choice directly describes how fabric is used in *Assertion of Will*, by explaining that the fabric pieces are part of the painting itself.

Choice B is incorrect. This choice provides contextual information about the exhibition, but it doesn’t mention anything about the painting or the fabric. Choice C is incorrect. This choice mentions that the figures are clothed, but it doesn’t explain how the fabric is integrated into the painting. Choice D is incorrect. This choice provides contextual information about the painting, but it doesn’t mention anything about the fabric or how it is used.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID e66c895b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e66c895b

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

- On January 3, 1959, Alaska became the 49th state to join the US.
- On August 21, 1959, Hawaii became the 50th state to join the US.
- A new 50-star US flag was unveiled the same day.

The student wants to emphasize the order in which Alaska and Hawaii became US states. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Alaska, the 49th US state, became a state several months before Hawaii, the 50th state, did.
- B. On August 21, 1959, a new 50-star US flag was unveiled.
- C. The 49th and 50th states to join the US did so in the same year.
- D. The same day that Hawaii became a US state—August 21, 1959—a new US flag was unveiled.

ID: e66c895b Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. The sentence emphasizes the order in which Alaska and Hawaii became US states, noting that Alaska became a US state several months before Hawaii did.

Choice B is incorrect. The sentence specifies when the 50-star US flag was unveiled; it doesn't emphasize the order in which Alaska and Hawaii became US states. Choice C is incorrect. While the sentence indicates that the 49th and 50th states became US states in the same year, it doesn't identify which state was the 49th and which was the 50th; as a result, it doesn't emphasize the order in which Alaska and Hawaii became states. Choice D is incorrect. The sentence indicates that a new US flag was unveiled when Hawaii became a US state; it doesn't emphasize the order in which Alaska and Hawaii became states.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID cfb5df86

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: cfb5df86

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

- Annie Wu is a prominent American flutist who graduated from the New England Conservatory.
- She has won multiple national flute competitions.
- She is best known for a 2011 YouTube video that has been viewed over two million times.
- The video shows her performing *Three Beats for Beatbox Flute*, an original work by composer Greg Pattillo.
- Wu combines flute playing and beatboxing in the video.

The student wants to emphasize Wu’s most well-known achievement. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Annie Wu, who has won multiple national flute competitions, has also combined flute playing and beatboxing.
- B. Among her many achievements, prominent American flutist Annie Wu graduated from the New England Conservatory and has won multiple national flute competitions.
- C. Annie Wu is best known for a 2011 YouTube video performance of *Three Beats for Beatbox Flute* that has been viewed over two million times.
- D. Composer Greg Pattillo’s original work *Three Beats for Beatbox Flute* combines flute playing and beatboxing.

ID: cfb5df86 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is the best answer. This describes the achievement for which Wu is best known.

Choice A is incorrect. This choice doesn’t emphasize Wu’s most well-known achievement. It mentions some of her general achievements, but not the one for which she is “best known.” Choice B is incorrect. This choice doesn’t emphasize Wu’s most well-known achievement—it describes several of her achievements equally. Choice D is incorrect. This choice doesn’t emphasize Wu’s most well-known achievement. It describes a piece of music featured in her most well-known achievement.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 8a79d04f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8a79d04f

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

- In 1897, twenty Black US Army infantrymen rode bicycles from Montana to Missouri.
- The 1,900-mile journey took forty-one days.
- The goal was to test the idea of forming a military bicycle corps.
- In 2022, Erick Cedeño, a Black long-distance cyclist, reenacted the journey.
- Cedeño wanted to honor the infantrymen on the journey’s 125th anniversary.

The student wants to emphasize how far the infantrymen traveled. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. The US infantrymen rode their bicycles from Montana to Missouri—traveling a total of 1,900 miles.
- B. The 125th anniversary of the infantrymen’s journey was in 2022.
- C. The goal of the 1897 journey was to test the idea of forming a military bicycle corps.
- D. Over a century later, Erick Cedeño honored the infantrymen by reenacting their 1897 journey.

ID: 8a79d04f Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. The sentence emphasizes how far the infantrymen traveled, indicating that they rode their bicycles from Montana to Missouri, a total of 1,900 miles.

Choice B is incorrect because the sentence mentions when the anniversary of the journey occurred; it doesn’t emphasize how far the infantrymen traveled. Choice C is incorrect because the sentence discusses the goal of the journey; it doesn’t emphasize how far the infantrymen traveled. Choice D is incorrect because the sentence notes that Cedeño honored the infantrymen by reenacting their journey; it doesn’t emphasize how far the infantrymen traveled.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 98919b8f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 98919b8f

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

- Komodo dragons are the largest lizards in the world.
- They live on four islands in Komodo National Park, Indonesia.
- The park has a total of twenty-nine islands.

The student wants to emphasize how many islands in Komodo National Park have Komodo dragons living on them. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Komodo dragons, the world’s largest lizards, live on islands in Komodo National Park, Indonesia.
- B. The largest lizards in the world are found in Komodo National Park.
- C. Only four of the twenty-nine islands in Komodo National Park have Komodo dragons living on them.
- D. There are twenty-nine islands in Indonesia’s Komodo National Park.

ID: 98919b8f Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is the best answer. The sentence emphasizes the number of islands in Komodo National Park that have Komodo dragons living on them, noting that four of the park’s twenty-nine islands have Komodo dragons.

Choice A is incorrect. While the sentence does explain that Komodo dragons live on the islands of Komodo National Park, it doesn’t emphasize how many of those islands Komodo dragons live on. Choice B is incorrect. The sentence explains that Komodo National Park contains the world’s largest lizards; it doesn’t identify these lizards as Komodo dragons or emphasize how many of the park’s islands the lizards live on. Choice D is incorrect. The sentence specifies the total number of islands in Komodo National Park; it doesn’t emphasize how many of those islands have Komodo dragons.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID fb4c5e62

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: fb4c5e62

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

- The Royal Alcázar of Seville is a historic royal palace in Andalucía, Spain.
- The palace is famous for its intricate tilework.
- The palace features majolica and arista tiles.
- In the majolica style, designs are painted directly on the ceramic tiles.
- In the arista style, designs are stamped into the ceramic tiles.

The student wants to contrast the two styles of tiles. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Tiles in the majolica and arista styles can be found in the Royal Alcázar of Seville in Andalucía, Spain.
- B. Featuring tiles in the majolica and arista styles, the Royal Alcázar of Seville in Spain is famous for its intricate tilework.
- C. In the arista style, designs are stamped into the ceramic tiles, whereas in the majolica style, the designs are painted directly on them.
- D. Among the famous tilework of the Royal Alcázar of Seville are majolica style tiles, made by painting designs directly on the ceramic tiles.

ID: fb4c5e62 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is the best answer. The sentence contrasts the two styles of tiles, noting that tiles in the arista style have designs stamped into them, whereas tiles in the majolica style have designs painted directly on them.

Choice A is incorrect because the sentence indicates that the two styles of tile can be found in the same location; it doesn't contrast the two styles of tile. Choice B is incorrect because the sentence indicates that the Royal Alcázar of Seville features tiles in both the majolica and arista styles; it doesn't contrast the two styles of tile. Choice D is incorrect because the sentence indicates that the tilework of the Royal Alcázar of Seville includes tiles in the majolica style; it doesn't contrast tiles in the majolica style with tiles in the arista style.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 0dce9176

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0dce9176

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

- In World War I, US soldiers who were members of the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma participated in the Choctaw Code Talkers program.
- The Choctaw Code Talkers were trained to relay coded military information in their native language.
- In World War II, the US Army recruited Navajo (Diné) soldiers to transmit coded messages in their native language.
- These soldiers were known as the Navajo Code Talkers.

The student wants to emphasize a similarity between the Choctaw Code Talkers and the Navajo Code Talkers. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. US soldiers who were members of the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma used their native language to relay coded information.
- B. In World War II, one group of Navajo (Diné) soldiers was known as the Navajo Code Talkers.
- C. Both the Choctaw Code Talkers and the Navajo Code Talkers transmitted coded military messages in the soldiers’ native languages.
- D. The Choctaw Code Talkers, not the Navajo Code Talkers, served in World War I.

ID: 0dce9176 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is the best answer. The sentence emphasizes a similarity between the Choctaw Code Talkers and the Navajo Code Talkers by explaining that both groups used their native languages to transmit coded messages for the military.

Choice A is incorrect. The sentence describes the Choctaw Code Talkers; it doesn’t emphasize a similarity between the Choctaw Code Talkers and the Navajo Code Talkers. Choice B is incorrect. The sentence introduces the Navajo Code Talkers; it doesn’t emphasize a similarity between the Choctaw Code Talkers and the Navajo Code Talkers. Choice D is incorrect. The sentence emphasizes a difference between the Choctaw Code Talkers and the Navajo Code Talkers; it doesn’t emphasize a similarity.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID d56ccd0a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d56ccd0a

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

- Bioluminescence is the emission of light by living organisms.
- This light is produced by chemical reactions in organisms’ cells.
- Jellyfish emit flashes of blue light.
- This behavior serves to startle predators.
- Black dragonfish emit a steady red light.
- This behavior helps them locate prey in deep waters.

The student wants to emphasize a difference between the behavior of jellyfish and that of black dragonfish. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Both jellyfish and black dragonfish are organisms that emit light, which is produced by chemical reactions in these organisms’ cells.
- B. Black dragonfish emit a steady red light, which helps them locate prey in deep waters.
- C. Bioluminescence, the emission of light by living organisms, results from chemical reactions in organisms’ cells.
- D. Jellyfish emit light to startle predators, whereas black dragonfish do so to locate prey.

ID: d56ccd0a Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is the best answer. The sentence emphasizes a difference between the behavior of jellyfish and that of black dragonfish, noting that jellyfish and black dragonfish emit light as part of different behaviors (protection and predation, respectively).

Choice A is incorrect. The sentence emphasizes a similarity between jellyfish and black dragonfish; it doesn’t emphasize a difference between the behavior of the two animals. Choice B is incorrect. The sentence emphasizes the type of bioluminescence exhibited by black dragonfish, noting that it’s used in predation; it doesn’t emphasize a difference between the behavior of the two animals. Choice C is incorrect. The sentence defines bioluminescence and explains how it works; the sentence doesn’t mention either animal or emphasize a difference between them.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 1d5b9a35

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1d5b9a35

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

- A wok is a cooking pan that originated in China during the Han dynasty (206 BCE–220 CE).
- The wok’s round, wide base helps to cook food evenly.
- The wok’s high, angled sides help to contain oil splatters.
- Grace Young is a cook and culinary historian.
- Her book *The Breath of a Wok* (2004) traces the history of the wok.

The student wants to describe the wok’s shape. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Grace Young’s 2004 book, *The Breath of a Wok*, traces the history of the cooking pan.
- B. Able to cook food evenly and contain oil splatters, the wok is the subject of Grace Young’s 2004 book.
- C. A wok is a cooking pan with a round, wide base and high, angled sides.
- D. The design of a wok, a type of cooking pan that originated in China during the Han dynasty, helps the pan cook food evenly and contain oil splatters.

ID: 1d5b9a35 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is the best answer. It summarizes the information that describes the wok’s shape from the second and third bullet points.

Choice A is incorrect. This choice doesn’t describe the shape of a wok. Choice B is incorrect. This choice doesn’t describe the shape of a wok, just some of its features. Choice D is incorrect. This choice doesn’t describe the shape of a wok, only some of its benefits or functions.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 6e005d00

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6e005d00

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

- The Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike was a road built between 1792 and 1794.
- It was the first private turnpike in the United States.
- It connected the cities of Philadelphia and Lancaster in the state of Pennsylvania.
- It was sixty-two miles long.

The student wants to emphasize the distance covered by the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. The sixty-two-mile-long Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike connected the Pennsylvania cities of Philadelphia and Lancaster.
- B. The Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike was the first private turnpike in the United States.
- C. The Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike, which connected two Pennsylvania cities, was built between 1792 and 1794.
- D. A historic Pennsylvania road, the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike was completed in 1794.

ID: 6e005d00 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. The sentence emphasizes the distance covered by the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike, noting that the turnpike, which connected the two Pennsylvania cities in its name, was sixty-two miles long.

Choice B is incorrect. The sentence emphasizes the significance of the turnpike; it doesn't emphasize the distance that the turnpike covered. Choice C is incorrect. While the sentence mentions that the turnpike connected two Pennsylvania cities, it doesn't emphasize the specific distance covered by the turnpike. Choice D is incorrect. The sentence emphasizes when the turnpike was built; it doesn't emphasize the distance that the turnpike covered.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 94129430

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 94129430

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

- The engineer Robert Fulton designed the *Clermont* steamboat in 1807.
- He designed it in New York City.
- *Clermont* was the world’s first commercially successful steamboat.
- The city of Fulton, Missouri, is named after Robert Fulton.
- New York City’s Fulton Street is named after him.

The student wants to indicate how Fulton, Missouri, got its name. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Fulton, Missouri, shares its name with Fulton Street in New York City.
- B. Fulton Street is in New York City, where the steamboat *Clermont* was designed in 1807.
- C. Designed in 1807 in New York City, *Clermont* was the first commercially successful steamboat.
- D. Fulton, Missouri, is named after Robert Fulton, designer of the first commercially successful steamboat.

ID: 94129430 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is the best answer. The sentence indicates how Fulton, Missouri, got its name, noting that the city was named after the designer of the first commercially successful steamboat, Robert Fulton.

Choice A is incorrect. The sentence indicates that Fulton, Missouri, has the same name as a street in New York City; it doesn’t indicate how the city of Fulton got its name. Choice B is incorrect. The sentence indicates that Fulton Street is in New York City; it doesn’t indicate how Fulton, Missouri, got its name. Choice C is incorrect. The sentence provides details about Fulton’s steamboat; it doesn’t indicate how Fulton, Missouri, got its name.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID ca7f2891

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ca7f2891

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

- Ibn Sina was a Persian philosopher and physician.
- His book *The Canon of Medicine* recorded the most advanced medical knowledge of his time.
- It was published in the year 1025 CE.
- It was used as a medical textbook in Middle Eastern and European universities for centuries.

The student wants to identify the year that *The Canon of Medicine* was published. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Ibn Sina’s book *The Canon of Medicine* was published in the year 1025 CE.
- B. A Persian philosopher and physician wrote a medical textbook called *The Canon of Medicine*.
- C. *The Canon of Medicine* was a medical textbook used by Middle Eastern and European universities for centuries.
- D. Ibn Sina recorded the most advanced medical knowledge of his time in his book *The Canon of Medicine*.

ID: ca7f2891 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. The sentence identifies the year in which the book was published.

Choice B is incorrect. While the sentence provides information about the book’s author, it doesn’t identify the year in which the book was published. Choice C is incorrect. While the sentence provides information about the book’s historical use, it doesn’t identify the year in which the book was published. Choice D is incorrect. While the sentence provides information about the book’s contents, it doesn’t identify the year in which the book was published.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID e839bdb1

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: e839bdb1

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

- The Seikan Tunnel is a rail tunnel in Japan.
- It connects the island of Honshu to the island of Hokkaido.
- It is roughly 33 miles long.
- The Channel Tunnel is a rail tunnel in Europe.
- It connects Folkestone, England, to Coquelles, France.
- It is about 31 miles long.

The student wants to compare the lengths of the two rail tunnels. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Some of the world’s rail tunnels, including one tunnel that extends from Folkestone, England, to Coquelles, France, are longer than 30 miles.
- B. The Seikan Tunnel is roughly 33 miles long, while the slightly shorter Channel Tunnel is about 31 miles long.
- C. The Seikan Tunnel, which is roughly 33 miles long, connects the Japanese islands of Honshu and Hokkaido.
- D. Both the Seikan Tunnel, which is located in Japan, and the Channel Tunnel, which is located in Europe, are examples of rail tunnels.

ID: e839bdb1 Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is the best answer. The sentence compares the lengths of the two rail tunnels, noting that the Channel Tunnel (about 31 miles long) is slightly shorter than the Seikan Tunnel (roughly 33 miles long).

Choice A is incorrect. The sentence makes a generalization about the length of some rail tunnels; it doesn’t compare the lengths of the two rail tunnels. Choice C is incorrect. The sentence describes a single rail tunnel; it doesn’t compare the lengths of the two rail tunnels. Choice D is incorrect. While the sentence mentions the two rail tunnels, it doesn’t compare their lengths.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 81d37c8f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 81d37c8f

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

- Chiura Obata was a Japanese American artist who lived in California.
- *Yosemite Falls* is a notable painting by Obata.
- It uses a Japanese method of black ink painting called sumi-e.
- This painting was completed in 1930.

The student wants to indicate the year *Yosemite Falls* was completed. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. While living in California, Obata created black ink paintings.
- B. Obata, a Japanese American artist, created a notable painting.
- C. *Yosemite Falls* was completed in 1930.
- D. Obata used a Japanese painting method called sumi-e.

ID: 81d37c8f Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is the best answer. The sentence indicates the year *Yosemite Falls* was completed, stating that it was completed in 1930.

Choice A is incorrect. The sentence indicates where Obata created black ink paintings; it doesn't indicate when the painting was completed. Choice B is incorrect. While the sentence identifies Obata as an artist who created a notable painting, it doesn't indicate when that painting was completed. Choice D is incorrect. The sentence identifies the method Obata used; it doesn't indicate when the painting was completed.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 9daa4075

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 9daa4075

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

- The painter Frida Kahlo is one of the most influential artists of the twentieth century.
- She was born in Coyoacán, Mexico, in 1907.
- She is best known for her vivid and richly symbolic self-portraits.
- *The Two Fridas* (1939) features two versions of Kahlo sitting together.
- One version wears a European-style dress and the other a traditional Tehuana dress.

The student wants to introduce Kahlo to an audience unfamiliar with the artist. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Known for being vivid and richly symbolic, Frida Kahlo’s self-portraits include *The Two Fridas* (1939).
- B. The 1939 painting *The Two Fridas* is one example of a self-portrait by Frida Kahlo.
- C. One painting by Frida Kahlo features two versions of herself, with one version wearing a European-style dress and the other a traditional Tehuana dress.
- D. One of the most influential artists of the twentieth century, Mexican painter Frida Kahlo is best known for her self-portraits, which are vivid and richly symbolic.

ID: 9daa4075 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is the best answer. By identifying Kahlo as an influential artist from Mexico, and by describing the work she’s best known for, this choice provides the background information necessary to introduce Kahlo to an unfamiliar audience.

Choice A is incorrect. This choice doesn’t effectively introduce Kahlo. It doesn’t include any background information about who Kahlo is or where she’s from. It simply identifies one of her paintings. Choice B is incorrect. This choice doesn’t effectively introduce Kahlo. It doesn’t include any background information about who Kahlo is or where she’s from. It simply identifies one of her paintings. Choice C is incorrect. This choice doesn’t effectively introduce Kahlo. It doesn’t include any background information about who Kahlo is or where she’s from. Instead, it describes one of her paintings in detail.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID dd18368e

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: dd18368e

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

- Archaeologist Dr. Sada Mire founded the Horn Heritage Foundation to preserve the cultural history of regions in the Horn of Africa.
- Horn Heritage has overseen a preservation project to create 3D digital scans of ancient rock art in Somaliland.
- Paintings found at the Laas Geel caves are included in the scans.
- The Laas Geel paintings feature human figures and animals.
- Paintings found at the Dhagah Nabi Galay caves are included in the scans.
- The Dhagah Nabi Galay caves feature what are thought to be the earliest examples of writing in East Africa.

The student wants to emphasize a similarity between the Laas Geel paintings and the Dhagah Nabi Galay paintings. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. The earliest examples of writing in East Africa are thought to be featured in the paintings at the Dhagah Nabi Galay caves in Somaliland.
- B. The paintings at the Dhagah Nabi Galay caves feature examples of writing, while those at the Laas Geel caves feature humans and animals.
- C. In Somaliland, the paintings in the Laas Geel caves feature human figures and animals.
- D. The Laas Geel paintings and the Dhagah Nabi Galay paintings are both examples of ancient rock art found in Somaliland.

ID: dd18368e Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is the best answer. This choice compares the Laas Geel paintings and the Dhagah Nabi Galay paintings to one another and emphasizes what they have in common: they are both ancient rock art found in the same region.

Choice A is incorrect. This choice only mentions the Dhagah Nabi Galay paintings. It doesn’t compare them to the Laas Geel paintings. Choice B is incorrect. This choice doesn’t emphasize a similarity between the two paintings. Instead, it emphasizes a difference: the type of content they depict. Choice C is incorrect. This choice only mentions the Laas Geel paintings. It doesn’t compare them to the Dhagah Nabi Galay paintings.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID a62df833

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: a62df833

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

- Angana Chaudhuri is a scientist.
- Chaudhuri studies sedimentary rocks.
- A scientist who studies sedimentary rocks is called a sedimentologist.
- Shale, chalk, and sandstone are examples of sedimentary rocks.

The student wants to identify what type of scientist Chaudhuri is. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Chalk is a type of sedimentary rock.
- B. Some scientists study shale, chalk, and sandstone.
- C. There are scientists who study sedimentary rocks.
- D. Chaudhuri is a sedimentologist.

ID: a62df833 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is the best answer. The sentence identifies the type of scientist Chaudhuri is, noting that she is a sedimentologist.

Choice A is incorrect. The sentence provides an example of a type of sedimentary rock; it doesn't identify what type of scientist Chaudhuri is. Choice B is incorrect. The sentence indicates types of rock that some scientists study; it doesn't identify what type of scientist Chaudhuri is. Choice C is incorrect. While the sentence states that some scientists study sedimentary rocks, it doesn't identify Chaudhuri as this type of scientist.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID e034ecd3

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: e034ecd3

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

- Georeferencing is the process of assigning geographic coordinates to an image.
- This process enables mapping software to place the image in its real-world location.
- A 2017 project by Tania López Marrero and colleagues georeferenced a set of aerial photographs of Puerto Rico’s coastline taken in 1930.
- These photographs are the earliest known aerial photographs of Puerto Rico.
- López Marrero’s project provided data that can help researchers analyze changes in Puerto Rico’s coastline.

- The student wants to define the term “georeferencing.” Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?
- A. A 2017 project by Tania López Marrero and colleagues assigned geographic coordinates to photographs of Puerto Rico’s coastline and also used georeferencing.
 - B. Tania López Marrero and colleagues used georeferencing in their analysis of the earliest known aerial photographs of Puerto Rico.
 - C. Georeferenced aerial photographs from 1930 can help researchers analyze changes in Puerto Rico’s coastline.
 - D. Georeferencing is the process of assigning geographic coordinates to an image so that mapping software can place it in its real-world location.

ID: e034ecd3 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is the best answer. The sentence defines the term "georeferencing," stating that it is the process of assigning geographic coordinates to an image so that mapping software can place the image in its real-world location.

Choice A is incorrect. The sentence describes López Marrero’s team’s 2017 project; it doesn’t provide a definition of the term "georeferencing." Moreover, it misrepresents the information in the notes by characterizing the team’s assignment of geographic coordinates to photographs as a process distinct from georeferencing. Choice B is incorrect. The sentence states that López Marrero’s team used georeferencing, but it doesn’t provide a definition of the term. Choice C is incorrect. The sentence explains why a particular group of georeferenced aerial photographs is potentially useful for researchers; it doesn’t provide a definition of the term "georeferencing."

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 88c38e13

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 88c38e13

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

- NASA uses rovers, large remote vehicles with wheels, to explore the surface of Mars.
- NASA’s rovers can’t explore regions inaccessible to wheeled vehicles.
- Rovers are also heavy, making them difficult to land on the planet’s surface.
- Microprobes, robotic probes that weigh as little as 50 milligrams, could be deployed virtually anywhere on the surface of Mars.
- Microprobes have been proposed as an alternative to rovers.

The student wants to explain an advantage of microprobes. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Despite being heavy, NASA’s rovers can land successfully on the surface of Mars.
- B. Microprobes, which weigh as little as 50 milligrams, could explore areas of Mars that are inaccessible to NASA’s heavy, wheeled rovers.
- C. NASA currently uses its rovers on Mars, but microprobes have been proposed as an alternative.
- D. Though they are different sizes, both microprobes and rovers can be used to explore the surface of Mars.

ID: 88c38e13 Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is the best answer. The sentence explains an advantage of microprobes, noting that because microprobes weigh as little as 50 milligrams, they can explore areas inaccessible to rovers.

Choice A is incorrect. The sentence indicates that rovers can land successfully on Mars despite their weight; it doesn’t explain an advantage of microprobes. Choice C is incorrect. While the sentence mentions that microprobes have been proposed as an alternative to rovers, it doesn’t explain an advantage of microprobes. Choice D is incorrect. The sentence emphasizes a similarity between microprobes and rovers; it doesn’t explain an advantage of microprobes.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 9a325bd6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 9a325bd6

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

- The Sasanian Empire lasted about 400 years (AD 224 to AD 651).
- The Sasanians controlled an area spanning 1.4 million square miles.
- This area included present-day Iran and Iraq.
- The empire’s capital was the ancient city of Ctesiphon.
- Ctesiphon was located near present-day Baghdad, Iraq.

The student wants to specify the location of Ctesiphon. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. The Sasanian Empire began in AD 224 and ended in AD 651.
- B. The capital of the Sasanian Empire, which spanned 1.4 million square miles, was Ctesiphon.
- C. The Sasanians controlled an area of 1.4 million square miles, including present-day Iran and Iraq.
- D. Ctesiphon, the capital of the Sasanian Empire, was located near present-day Baghdad, Iraq.

ID: 9a325bd6 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is the best answer. The sentence specifies the location of Ctesiphon, noting that it was located near present-day Baghdad, Iraq.

Choice A is incorrect because the sentence explains when the Sasanian Empire began and ended; it doesn’t specify the location of Ctesiphon. Choice B is incorrect because the sentence emphasizes that Ctesiphon was the capital of the Sasanian Empire; it doesn’t specify Ctesiphon’s location. Choice C is incorrect because it emphasizes the size of the Sasanian Empire; it doesn’t specify the location of Ctesiphon.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 7cfb1325

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 7cfb1325

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

- Samuel Delany is a US writer known for his science fiction.
- Delany’s science fiction novel *Babel-17* was published in 1966.
- The novel won a Nebula Award in 1967.
- The Nebula Awards are given each year to the best works of science fiction published in the US.

The student wants to indicate the title of a novel that won a Nebula Award. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. *Babel-17*, by Samuel Delany, won a Nebula Award in 1967.
- B. Samuel Delany published a science fiction novel in 1966.
- C. Samuel Delany is an award-winning US writer known for his science fiction.
- D. One of Samuel Delany’s novels was among the best works of science fiction published in the US.

ID: 7cfb1325 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. The sentence indicates the title of a novel that won a Nebula Award, noting that *Babel-17* by Samuel Delany won the award in 1967.

Choice B is incorrect because the sentence identifies the year that Samuel Delany published a science fiction novel; it doesn’t indicate the novel’s title or that it won a Nebula Award. Choice C is incorrect because the sentence provides an introduction of Samuel Delany; it doesn’t indicate the title of a novel that has won a Nebula Award. Choice D is incorrect because the sentence indicates that one of Samuel Delany’s novels met the qualification for a Nebula Award; it doesn’t indicate the novel’s title or that it won an award.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 809a3da0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 809a3da0

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

- The tundra is a type of environment characterized by especially harsh winter conditions.
- Winter temperatures in the tundra average a frigid -30 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Animals that have adapted to these conditions can survive tundra winters.
- During the tundra’s short growing season, average temperatures can reach a relatively mild 54 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Around 1,700 different kinds of plants are able to grow in the tundra.

The student wants to emphasize how harsh the conditions can be in the tundra. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Winters in the tundra are especially harsh, with temperatures averaging a frigid -30 degrees Fahrenheit.
- B. Animals that have adapted to harsh winter conditions can survive tundra winters.
- C. There are around 1,700 different kinds of plants that can live in the tundra, where average temperatures can reach a mild 54 degrees Fahrenheit.
- D. Along with animals that have adapted to the tundra’s conditions, around 1,700 different kinds of plants can live in the tundra.

ID: 809a3da0 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. The sentence emphasizes how harsh the conditions in the tundra can be, noting that the winters are especially harsh and describing the average temperatures as “frigid.”

Choice B is incorrect because the sentence explains that some animals can survive harsh tundra winters; it doesn’t emphasize how harsh the conditions can be. Choice C is incorrect because the sentence specifies how many different kinds of plants can live in the tundra; it doesn’t emphasize how harsh the conditions in the tundra can be. Choice D is incorrect because the sentence explains that both plants and animals can survive in the tundra; it doesn’t emphasize how harsh the conditions in the tundra can be.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 163548ba

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 163548ba

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

- The green iguana is a species of reptile.
- It can be found in Central America and Brazil.
- The green iguana primarily eats leaves and fruit.
- It has an average length of 4.8 feet.

The student wants to specify the average length of the green iguana. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. The green iguana can be found in Central America.
- B. The green iguana has an average length of 4.8 feet.
- C. One species of reptile found in Brazil primarily eats leaves and fruit.
- D. The green iguana is a reptile that primarily eats leaves and fruit.

ID: 163548ba Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is the best answer. The sentence specifies the average length of the green iguana: 4.8 feet.

Choice A is incorrect. While the sentence provides information about the green iguana, it doesn't specify the green iguana's average length. Choice C is incorrect. The sentence describes the diet of a species of reptile in Brazil; it doesn't specify the green iguana's average length. Choice D is incorrect. While the sentence provides information about the green iguana, it doesn't specify the green iguana's average length.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID b0015dd7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: b0015dd7

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

- Jon Ching is a Los Angeles-based painter.
- He uses the term “flauna” to describe the plant-animal hybrids that he depicts in his surreal paintings.
- “Flauna” is a combination of the words “flora” and “fauna.”
- His painting *Nectar* depicts a parrot with leaves for feathers.
- His painting *Primaverai* depicts a snow leopard whose fur sprouts flowers.

The student wants to provide an explanation and example of “flauna.” Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. The term “flauna,” used by Los Angeles-based painter Jon Ching, is a combination of the words “flora” and “fauna.”
- B. Jon Ching uses the term “flauna,” a combination of the words “flora” and “fauna,” to describe the subjects of his surreal paintings: plant-animal hybrids such as a parrot with leaves for feathers.
- C. Jon Ching, who created *Nectar*, refers to the subjects of his paintings as “flauna.”
- D. The subjects of *Nectar* and *Primaverai* are types of “flauna,” a term that the paintings’ creator, Jon Ching, uses when describing his surreal artworks.

ID: b0015dd7 Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is the best answer because it provides both an explanation and an example of “flauna.” The sentence explains that flauna, a combination of the words “flora” and “fauna,” is a term used by Jon Ching to describe the plant-animal hybrids in his paintings. The sentence also mentions an example of Ching’s flauna: a parrot with leaves for feathers.

Choice A is incorrect. While the sentence partially explains what “flauna” is, it doesn’t provide a full explanation or specific example of Ching’s flauna. Choice C is incorrect. While the sentence partially explains what “flauna” is and includes a title of a Ching painting, it doesn’t provide a full explanation or specific example of Ching’s flauna. Choice D is incorrect. While the sentence partially explains what “flauna” is and includes the titles of two Ching paintings, it doesn’t provide a full explanation of Ching’s flauna.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID b97f36d1

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: b97f36d1

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

- The Azores is a group of islands about 870 miles off the coast of Portugal.
- Historians have long believed that in the fifteenth century Portuguese mariners were the first humans to populate the Azores.
- A 2015 study coauthored by Sofia Gabriel and Maria da Luz Mathias found that Vikings from Scandinavia may have populated the Azores as early as the ninth century.
- The researchers found a genetic connection between house mice in the Azores and house mice in Scandinavia.
- House mice may have traveled from Scandinavia to the Azores on Viking ships.

The student wants to specify who may have first populated the Azores, according to the 2015 study. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Historians have long believed that the first humans to populate the Azores, a group of islands about 870 miles off the coast of Portugal, arrived in the fifteenth century.
- B. Portuguese mariners may not have been the first humans to populate the Azores.
- C. In their 2015 study, the researchers found a genetic connection between house mice in the Azores and those in Scandinavia.
- D. According to a 2015 study, the first humans to populate the Azores may have been Vikings from Scandinavia, not mariners from Portugal as previously believed.

ID: b97f36d1 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is the best answer. This choice effectively specifies who may have first populated the Azores, according to the 2015 study: the Vikings.

Choice A is incorrect. This choice doesn't effectively specify who may have first populated the Azores, according to the 2015 study. It only mentions the historical belief that the Portuguese were first. The 2015 study drew a different conclusion. Choice B is incorrect. This choice casts doubt on the Portuguese claim but doesn't name the group of people who may have arrived before the Portuguese. Choice C is incorrect. This choice mentions the evidence that the researchers found but not the conclusion they drew from it. It doesn't name the possible group of people who may have arrived before the Portuguese.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 1c336da8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 1c336da8

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

- Dr. Sunil Bajpai studies dinosaurs at the Indian Institute of Technology.
- Bajpai’s research team recently found a 167-million-year-old dicraeosaurid fossil.
- It is the oldest fossil from the dicraeosaurid dinosaur group ever recovered.
- It was found in the Thar Desert in western India.

The student wants to indicate where the dicraeosaurid fossil was found. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. The dicraeosaurid fossil was found in western India’s Thar Desert.
- B. Bajpai’s team recently found the oldest dicraeosaurid fossil ever recovered.
- C. Dr. Sunil Bajpai, of the Indian Institute of Technology, is part of a research team.
- D. The fossil, which is from the dicraeosaurid dinosaur group, is 167 million years old.

ID: 1c336da8 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. The sentence indicates where the dicraeosaurid fossil was found: western India’s Thar Desert.

Choice B is incorrect. The sentence states that Bajpai’s team discovered the dicraeosaurid fossil; it doesn’t specify where they found it. Choice C is incorrect. The sentence provides information about Dr. Sunil Bajpai; it doesn’t indicate where the fossil was found. Choice D is incorrect. While the sentence provides information about the fossil, it doesn’t indicate where the fossil was found.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID cb822294

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: cb822294

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

- Yellowstone is a national park in the northwest United States.
- In 1995, gray wolves were reintroduced into the park.
- Since then, the number of gray wolves in the park has stabilized at roughly 100.
- This number is believed to be the park’s carrying capacity.
- Carrying capacity describes the maximum number of a species that a specific environment’s resources can sustain over time.

The student wants to specify the number of gray wolves in Yellowstone. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. Gray wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone, a national park in the northwest United States, in 1995.
- B. As of 1995, there were gray wolves living in Yellowstone, a national park in the northwest United States.
- C. The carrying capacity of an environment, such as Yellowstone, describes the maximum number of species that the environment can sustain over time.
- D. Yellowstone is a national park that has roughly 100 gray wolves living in it.

ID: cb822294 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is the best answer. This choice uses relevant information from the third bullet point to state the approximate number of gray wolves in Yellowstone.

Choice A is incorrect. This choice mentions the year gray wolves in Yellowstone were reintroduced but not how many there are currently. Choice B is incorrect. This choice mentions the year gray wolves in Yellowstone were reintroduced but not how many there are currently. Choice C is incorrect. This choice defines the term carrying capacity but doesn’t connect it to the specific number of gray wolves currently living in Yellowstone.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 7ee269b7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 7ee269b7

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

- Some atoms contain an excess of neutrons.
- Often, these neutrons form a “skin” on the atom’s surface.
- An atom of lead-208 has a neutron skin.
- The thickness of its neutron skin is approximately 0.28 trillionths of a millimeter.

The student wants to emphasize the thickness of lead-208’s neutron skin. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. The neutron skin surrounding an atom of lead-208 measures about 0.28 trillionths of a millimeter.
- B. Atoms with excess neutrons will often acquire a neutron skin.
- C. An atom of lead-208, like some other atoms, is surrounded by a neutron skin.
- D. Neutrons surround the surface of an atom of lead-208.

ID: 7ee269b7 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. The sentence emphasizes the thickness of lead-208’s neutron skin, noting that it is about 0.28 trillionths of a millimeter thick.

Choice B is incorrect. The sentence makes a generalization about atoms, stating that atoms with excess neutrons will often acquire a neutron skin; it doesn’t emphasize the thickness of lead-208’s neutron skin. Choice C is incorrect. The sentence states that lead-208 has a neutron skin; it doesn’t emphasize the thickness of that skin. Choice D is incorrect. The sentence indicates that lead-208 is surrounded by neutrons; it doesn’t emphasize the thickness of lead-208’s neutron skin.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 2e05d87a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 2e05d87a

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

- Novelist Willa Cather grew up in Nebraska and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Some of Cather’s best-known novels are set in Nebraska.
- Two such novels are *O Pioneers!* (1913) and *My Ántonia* (1918).
- Cather’s novels describe the experiences of immigrants who settled in the Great Plains.

The student wants to identify the setting of Cather’s novel *My Ántonia*. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. *My Ántonia* is set in Nebraska, where Cather grew up.
- B. Cather, author of *My Ántonia*, described the experiences of immigrants in her novels.
- C. Among Cather’s best-known novels are *O Pioneers!* (1913) and *My Ántonia* (1918).
- D. Cather attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and set some of her novels in Nebraska.

ID: 2e05d87a Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. This choice directly identifies the setting of Cather’s novel *My Ántonia* as Nebraska.

Choice B is incorrect. This choice mentions that Cather wrote about immigrants, but it doesn’t indicate where they lived. Choice C is incorrect. This choice mentions that *My Ántonia* is one of Cather’s best-known novels but doesn’t state where it takes place. Choice D is incorrect. This choice mentions that some of Cather’s novels are set in Nebraska, but it doesn’t specify which ones, so we can’t be certain that *My Ántonia* is one of them. It also includes irrelevant information about Cather’s education.

Question Difficulty: Easy

Question ID 9c2e2308

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Reading and Writing	Expression of Ideas	Rhetorical Synthesis	Easy

ID: 9c2e2308

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

- “Raymond’s Run” is a short story.
- It was written by African American author Toni Cade Bambara.
- It was first published in her book *Gorilla, My Love* in 1972.
- It is told from a first person perspective.
- It takes place in Harlem.

The student wants to indicate where the short story takes place. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A. “Raymond’s Run” takes place in Harlem.
- B. “Raymond’s Run” was published in *Gorilla, My Love*.
- C. “Raymond’s Run” is told from a first person perspective.
- D. “Raymond’s Run” was written by Toni Cade Bambara.

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Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is the best answer. The sentence indicates where "Raymond’s Run" takes place, stating that it takes place in Harlem.

Choice B is incorrect. The sentence identifies the book in which the story "Raymond’s Run" was published; it doesn’t indicate where the story takes place. Choice C is incorrect. The sentence indicates the point of view used in "Raymond’s Run"; it doesn’t indicate where the story takes place. Choice D is incorrect. The sentence identifies the author of "Raymond’s Run"; it doesn’t indicate where the story takes place.

Question Difficulty: Easy