



FOCUS: Answering multiple-choice reference questions about sentences and short passages.

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- 1 One room of the ancient structure featured windows in the barrel vault, a tub of hot water at the curved end, or apse, of the room, and a window in the apse's half dome, **which** may have had a shutter to control temperature.

The word **which** in the passage refers to

- ☐ the room
- ☐ the barrel vault
- ☐ the apse
- ☐ the apse's window



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- 2 Unlike a physical change, which causes a change in appearance only, a chemical change involves the conversion of substances into new products having properties and compositions that are entirely different from **those** of the starting material.

The word **those** in the passage refers to

- ☐ new products
- ☐ changes in appearance
- ☐ properties and compositions
- ☐ physical and chemical changes



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- 3 In 1972, regulations were issued that both hurt cable development and established its legitimacy as a medium. Cable stations had to offer a public or government access channel and carry all local stations that were significantly viewed. **These rules** had been sparked by interest groups that had seen in cable a solution to problems with commercial television.

The phrase **These rules** in the passage refers to

- ☐ regulations
- ☐ stations
- ☐ problems
- ☐ offerings



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- 4 Many new archeological sites are named after a prominent topographic feature, for example, the canyon in which the site is located, or a nearby mountain, river, town, or rock formation. Sites on private land, **some of which** become the namesakes of the archaeologists who find them, are commonly named after the landowners.

The phrase **some of which** in the passage refers to

- ☐ archaeological sites
- ☐ sites on private land
- ☐ topographic features
- ☐ namesakes of archaeologists



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- 5 One of the limitations of monetary policy is that it must be carried out through the commercial banking system. The banks must take the steps to adjust the money supply. Usually, when the Federal Reserve is trying to constrain monetary expansion, there is no difficulty in getting **them** to make appropriate responses.

The word **them** in the passage refers to

- ☐ the limitations of monetary policy
- ☐ the banks
- ☐ the steps to adjust the money supply
- ☐ the Federal Reserve



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- 6 Diseased maple trees are able to send airborne chemical signals that are received by uninfected trees nearby. Cells of the uninfected trees increase their chemical defenses so that they are more resistant to the disease-causing organisms, thus ensuring that **none** is infected.

The word **none** in the passage refers to

- ☐ chemical signals
- ☐ disease-causing organisms
- ☐ cells of uninfected trees
- ☐ diseased trees



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- 7 Practitioners of this extremely diverse genre have been influenced by many movements, including the Spoken Word Movement. Some contemporary artists embrace the narrative form; others favor the lyric. Some write free verse while others experiment with traditional forms; and still **others** use varying typographical sizes and fonts to form pictures on a page.

The word **others** in the passage refers to

- ☐ forms
- ☐ genres
- ☐ artists
- ☐ movements



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- 8 Although the overall structure is easy to understand, the song may be difficult to sing because it goes fast and does not have a regular meter. **Most of it** follows the three-beat pattern, but occasionally a four-beat phrase is sung, which is marked by horizontal brackets in the transcription. Notice that the melody also dips whenever the meter breaks into four.

The phrase **Most of it** in the passage refers to

- ☐ the meter
- ☐ the structure
- ☐ the melody
- ☐ the song



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- 9 The sun emits huge amounts of energy, which originates in a natural fusion reaction in its interior. The sun is composed mostly of hydrogen and, at the core, **its** temperature is around 15 million degrees Celsius and the pressure is enormous. Under these conditions, the hydrogen undergoes a series of fusion reactions that results in the formation of helium.

The word **its** in the passage refers to

- ☐ the sun
- ☐ hydrogen
- ☐ the core
- ☐ helium



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- 10 The construction of several huge telescopes at the top of Mauna Kea ("White Mountain") in Hawaii made the mountain the site of one of the world's major observatories. It was chosen because of its clear and steady air. **Those conditions** stem from the fact that its summit is so high--4,200 m (13,800 ft) above sea level--and that the mountain is surrounded by ocean.

The phrase **Those conditions** in the passage refers to

- ☐ several huge telescopes
- ☐ clear and steady air
- ☐ high summit and surrounding ocean
- ☐ major observatories



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- 11 All deserts, including the Sahara, cover about 30 percent of the Earth's land surface and are found mostly in tropical and subtropical regions. They have extremely hot days and very cold nights as a result of **their** soil having little vegetation and moisture to help store heat, and, in addition, the fact that the skies above are usually clear which allows the heat to escape.

The word **their** in the passage refers to

- ☐ the Sahara and all other deserts
- ☐ the Earth's land surface
- ☐ tropical and subtropical regions
- ☐ vegetation and moisture



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- 12 The discovery of radioactivity in 1898 by Henri Becquerel revolutionized the study of geologic time in the twentieth century. The natural decay of radioactive isotopes gave rise to the development of radiometric dating, a way of measuring the age of certain geologic materials. With **this new tool**, the modern geologist could start assigning numerical values to some rock materials to complement their relative ages.

The phrase **this new tool** in the passage refers to

- ☐ a way to study radioactivity
- ☐ a way to decay isotopes
- ☐ a way to assign values to rocks
- ☐ a way to measure geologic age



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- 13 The Pilates training system, designed to help strengthen the body's core by developing pelvic stability and abdominal control coupled with focused breathing patterns, was originally developed in the 1920s by German physical therapist Joseph Pilates. **The system** has become increasingly popular in recent years throughout U.S., where it is used to help lose weight, increase lean tissue, and manage stress.

The phrase **The system** in the passage refers to

- ☐ U.S. strength training
- ☐ German physical therapy
- ☐ weight loss
- ☐ Pilates training



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- 14 Point Reyes National Seashore, one of the windiest and foggiest coastlines in the United States, is located north of San Francisco on the rugged California coast. It is an area of great natural beauty with wind-sculpted trees, grasslands, rocky sea cliffs, and long sandy beaches, although the sea **itself** is not hospitable for swimming due to uncomfortably cool seawater, large surf, and dangerous rip currents.

The word **itself** in the passage refers to

- ☐ the coast
- ☐ the sea
- ☐ seawater
- ☐ the surf



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- 15 Although the metric system is the most widely used measurement system in the world, the U.S. Customary system is only used in the United States and a few smaller countries. Measurements can be converted from one unit to another within the same system or between the two systems, but **that** involves developing a conversion factor based on equivalent measures for the units being converted.

The word **that** in the passage refers to

- ☐ using the metric system
- ☐ measuring units
- ☐ converting measurements
- ☐ developing conversion factors