464. Critical reading is a demanding process. To read critically, you must slow down your reading and, with pencil in hand, perform speciﬁc operations on the text. Mark up the text with your reactions, conclusions, and questions. When you read, become an active participant. This paragraph best supports the statement that a. critical reading is a slow, dull, but essential process. b. the best critical reading happens at critical times in a person’s life. c. readers should get in the habit of questioning the truth of what they read. d. critical reading requires thoughtful and careful attention. e. critical reading should take place at the same time each day.