

SC 2408
ENGLISH
TEST 1
(OFFICIAL)

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C. "Amidst the ruins, a quiet questioning stirs, / As if the broken stones whisper secrets / Of a past too painful, yet too vital to forget."

D. "There, in the labyrinth of our own making, / We search for meaning, threading through / The remnants of dreams and the relics of bygone days."

Reading Writing Question 11**COE: Textual**

TYPE 1 - INFORMATION AND IDEAS

From the previous study, during stress, the body releases hormones that trigger a “flight or fight” response. It is widely accepted that classical music, with its soothing melodies and harmonious compositions, has a calming effect on individuals. To investigate this further, a group of researchers led by Dr. Emily Harrison conducted an experiment involving a sample of college students. In their study, they exposed the participants to both classical music pieces and dissonant compositions from the avant-garde genre. Concurrently, they monitored the participants' physiological responses, including heart rate and skin conductivity, with both in low level as indicators of stress levels.

Which finding, if true, would most directly support the claim made in the underlined sentence?

- A. Both classical music and avant-garde compositions in the study were performed by highly skilled musicians.
- B. Participants' preferences for classical music over avant-garde compositions were influenced by their prior exposure to classical music.
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- D. Participants released hormones that trigger a “flight or fight” response during exposing to dissonant compositions compared to classical music.

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The renowned Comfocar company is renowned for its production of a highly regarded sedan, which offers a comfortable driving experience at a consistent speed of 80 miles per hour. Recently, their formidable competitor, Turbocar, entered the market with a sedan equipped with similar comforts, but with an impressive feature – it's capable of cruising at a remarkable 110 miles per hour. Turbocar, in its bold marketing strategy, asserts that their advanced sedan will soon overshadow the offerings of Comfocar. Their primary argument hinges on the notion that the Turbocar sedan has the inherent ability to whisk customers to their desired destinations in considerably less time while ensuring an unparalleled level of comfort. This assertion aims to sway potential buyers away from Comfocar's tried-and-true sedans and towards the allure of speedier yet equally comfortable travel. The battle between these automotive giants underscores the complex interplay between comfort, speed, and consumer preferences in the ever-evolving world of luxury sedan competition.

Which finding, if true, would most directly weaken the Turbocar's claim?

- A) Numerous road surfaces are meticulously designed to enable smooth driving at velocities of up to 100 miles per hour.
- B) Authorities in automotive safety assert that surpassing a speed of 100 miles per hour is inherently unsafe for any vehicle.
- C) Exhaustive research has ascertained that, despite the Turbocar model's superior acceleration and higher maximum speed when compared to the Comfocar sedan, both vehicles exhibit roughly equivalent fuel efficiency.
- D) Within the primary marketing regions of these two automotive companies, there exists neither a legal framework nor practical feasibility for driving at speeds exceeding 70 miles per hour.

Reading Writing Question 13

COE: Quantitative

TYPE 1 - INFORMATION AND IDEAS

Participants' Perception of Accuracy and Thoughtfulness of Reviews of a Cleaning Services under Various Rating and Default-Rating Conditions				
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Figures adapted from Daniella Kupor and Zakary Tormala, "When Moderation Fosters Persuasion: The Persuasive Power of Deviatory Reviews." ©2018 by Daniella Kupor and Zakary Tormala.

Online reviews can play a big role in influencing people's purchase decisions. The researchers found that not only bad reviews can dissuade customers, but good reviews can too. They claimed that a moderately positive review is even more persuasive when the default review selection is extremely positive, for the reason that reviews that deviate from a default review selection are perceived to be more thoughtful - and thus more accurate - than reviews that conform to the default. This claim is proved in cleaning services, in which the data pointed out _____

Which choice best uses data from the graph to complete the sentence?

- A) Participants found rating systems with eight-star defaults to be highly accurate.
- B) Participants did not find ten-star reviews to be thoughtful or accurate.
- C) Participants trusted deviatory reviews only when the default rating was extremely high.
- D) Participants trusted deviatory reviews more than non-deviatory reviews regardless of the default rating.

Reading Writing Question 14
Inference

TYPE 1 – INFORMATION AND IDEAS

In the 19th century, a brilliant but reclusive mathematician named Amelia Grace spent most of her life in seclusion, working diligently on her theories of prime numbers. Her groundbreaking work remained hidden from the world until her death in 1864. However, it wasn't until a century later, in the 1960s, that mathematicians stumbled upon her meticulously kept notebooks. At that time when they delved into her writings, they began to realize the content of her works closely related to number theory, identifying in many details about advances in cryptography and computer science. Consequently, we can infer that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

- A) despite Amelia Grace's obscurity during her lifetime, her work set as a significant foundation for the preceding development of number theory.
- B) development of cryptography in 19th century could not be attributed to the works of Amelia Grace.
- C) scholars could base on Amelia's work to find out more profound theory since there must have contained much more useful information for the scientific foundation.
- D) since her great contribution in identifying advances in cryptography and computer science, the researchers could use her works as an educational sources in university.

Reading Writing Question 15
Inference

TYPE 1 – INFORMATION AND IDEAS

Recent political events have raised questions about the relationship between democracy and the epistemic quality of decision-making. The rise of populist politics, among other things, has contributed to the formation of a post-truth political climate in which citizens' distrust in scientific knowledge and expertise, and the formation of political views based on partisan identities, are commonplace. Under these circumstances, philosophers and political scientists have started to doubt the epistemic value of democracy, and some have arrived at the view that in many cases political participation renders people irrational and biases. These insights have been supported by recent findings in cognitive and political science, which demonstrate that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

- A) the citizens' decisions in the election vote matches with what they have learnt by themselves about the rules and considered pros and cons brought by their chosen party.
- B) the deliberative view of citizens as epistemic agents does not correspond with the empirical evidence concerning citizens' political behavior, but with the favor of a particular party.
- C) the citizens are more likely to be influenced by the speech given by an educator than that of a political leaders.
- D) there is no correlation between liberal politics and epistemic quality of decision-making.

Reading Writing Question 16

Details

TYPE 1 - INFORMATION AND IDEAS

In the Great Basin desert in Utah is a kind of time machine. Homestead Cave has been inhabited for the past 13,000 years by owls, beneath whose roosts accumulated millennia-deep piles of undigested fur and bone. By examining these piles, researchers have been able to reconstruct the region's ecological history. It contains a very timely lesson. Those 13,000 years spanned some profound environmental upheavals. Indeed, the cave opened when Lake Bonneville receded at the last ice age's end and the Great Basin shifted from rainfall-rich coolness to its present hot, dry state. Yet despite these changes, life was pretty stable. Different species flourished at different times, but the total amount of biological energy – a metric used by ecologists to describe all the metabolic activity in an ecosystem – remained steady.

According to the text, what is true about life?

- A) It experienced a climatically balanced.
- B) It lacked in diversity.
- C) It expressed emotionally secure.
- D) It was consistently vigorous.

Reading Writing Question 17
CROSS-TEXT CONNECTION

TYPE 2 – CRAFT AND STRUCTURE

Text 1

Traditional medical practices have been the cornerstone of healthcare in many cultures for centuries, relying on natural remedies, herbs, and rituals to promote healing. Modern medicine, on the other hand, is firmly grounded in scientific research and technological advancements, often utilizing pharmaceutical drugs and cutting-edge treatments.

Text 2

In a recent study published in a medical journal, researchers argue that there has always been a degree of flexibility in healthcare practices. They highlight historical instances where traditional and modern medicine coexisted, with individuals and communities adapting their approaches based on circumstances.

Based on the texts, how would the researchers in Text 2 most likely respond to the prevailing view presented in Text 1?

- A) By advocating for the total relinquishment of conventional medical methodologies in favor of contemporary medical practices.
- B) By accentuating the deficiencies of conventional medical practices and advocating for a steadfast reliance on modern scientific methodologies.
- C) By spotlighting historical instances in which traditional and contemporary medical practices coexisted and adjusted, thus maybe questioning the rigid demarcation between the two.
- D) By asserting that traditional medicine lacks historical or cultural prominence in comparison to the strides achieved in modern medical science.

Reading Writing Question 18
Transitions

TYPE 3 – EXPRESSION OF IDEAS

The archaeological dig was a long-term process, with layers of earth and history waiting to be uncovered. The team worked tirelessly, sifting through remnants of ancient civilizations. They meticulously documented their findings, realizing that each artifact had a story to tell. _____ it took years of research and exploration to piece together the full narrative of this lost world, a testament to the dedication of the archaeologists.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) Conversely,
- B) Accordingly,
- C) However,
- D) All told,

Reading Writing Question 19
Transitions

TYPE 3 – EXPRESSION OF IDEAS

The mutual support is one of human characteristics, especially in the harsh condition. After the flood, the community came together to help with the cleanup and offer support to those affected. _____local businesses generously donated supplies and resources, demonstrating a remarkable spirit of unity. The shared determination to rebuild and recover was a testament to the resilience of this close-knit town.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) Moreover,
- B) Therefore,
- C) In other words,
- D) On the other hand,

Reading Writing Question 20

TYPE 4 - STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

On its way from flight to fossil, an ancient beetle's wings lost its color and and squished by sand, the glittering green wings darkend and turned blue, then indigo, then black. That tale of insects' life, death and fossilization sounds simple enough, but ____ took paleobiologist Maria McNamara years of painstaking work to piece together.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A) its
- B) their
- C) them
- D) theirs

Reading Writing Question 21

TYPE 4 - STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

Fossilization is not a gentle process. To simulate it, _____ in pond water for 18 months baked them at temperatures as high as 518 degrees Fahrenheit, hotter than most home ovens, with pressures almost 500 times the atmosphere's to simulate the crushing and heat that convert mud-trapped debris into subterranean stone fossils.

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- A. researchers left the insect wings
- B. the insect wings was left
- C. research was conducted with insect wings left
- D. researchers leaving the insect wings

Reading Writing Question 22

TYPE 4 - STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

At the turn of the twenties century, forest covered as much as 90 percent of Thailand and accommodated as many as 300,000 elephants, a third of them domesticated and _____ various essential tasks.

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- A) performed
- B) had performed
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- D) perform

Reading Writing Question 23

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Amidst the turbulence of the 19th century, Southern Wonderland experienced a surge of revolutions. Notable figures such as Maria Fernandez and Carlos Rodriguez played pivotal roles during this epoch. Fernandez, originating from Aequatoria, championed the cause of Southern Wonderland's independence through two influential political treaties – the Amazonian Accord and the Pampas Declaration. However, Fernandez's contributions extended beyond the realm of ink and parchment. She personally led armies against colonial forces, securing the liberation of three significant Southern Wonderland territories – Veridia (modern-day Greenia and Bluetopia), Elysia, and Montis (present-day _____ from dictatorship.

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- A) Mountainara,)
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Boundaries

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From the early years of her life, the African-American _____ who first wrote about the fairness between the white and the black, found herself immersed in narrative literacy.

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- A) author Kayla Shianne
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Post-MBA compensation for investment bankers tends to surge far ahead of that for management _____ if not hundreds, of thousands of dollars a year.

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Reading Writing Question 27

Rhetorical Synthesis

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While researching a topic, a student takes the following notes:


- Methods in science and research are systematic approaches used to investigate and solve complex questions.
- In the realm of mathematics, the scientific method guides the process of hypothesis, experimentation, and analysis.
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- In problem-solving, the trial-and-error method is often a valuable tool, allowing for iterative refinement of solutions.
- The scientific method, characterized by observation, hypothesis, experimentation, and analysis, is the cornerstone of empirical inquiry, driving progress across scientific disciplines.

The student wants to exemplify the role of a method's numerous functions within a field. Which choice best uses information from the notes to accomplish the goal?

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In "The New Insight" by T.S. Camelia, a seminal modernist poem, the fragmented narrative explores the disillusionment and despair of the post-World War I generation. The poem is rich with portrayal of a civilization grappling with the aftermath of cataclysmic events and searching for belief in the midst of pervasive disillusionment, which is combined in the juxtaposition of current situation.

Which quotation from "The Waste Land" most effectively illustrate its main theme?

A. "In the shadow of forgotten battles, we walk, / Where echoes of lost voices murmur in the wind, / Seeking solace in the silence of history's pages."

B. "Beneath the veneer of a reborn world, lies / A fractured tapestry, woven with strands of despair, / And the faint, persistent hope of redemption."

C. "Amidst the ruins, a quiet questioning stirs, / As if the broken stones whisper secrets / Of a past too painful, yet too vital to forget."

D. "There, in the labyrinth of our own making, / We search for meaning, threading through / The remnants of dreams and the relics of bygone days."

Reading Writing Question 11**COE: Textual**

TYPE 1 - INFORMATION AND IDEAS

From the previous study, during stress, the body releases hormones that trigger a “flight or fight” response. It is widely accepted that classical music, with its soothing melodies and harmonious compositions, has a calming effect on individuals. To investigate this further, a group of researchers led by Dr. Emily Harrison conducted an experiment involving a sample of college students. In their study, they exposed the participants to both classical music pieces and dissonant compositions from the avant-garde genre. Concurrently, they monitored the participants' physiological responses, including heart rate and skin conductivity, with both in low level as indicators of stress levels.

Which finding, if true, would most directly support the claim made in the underlined sentence?

- A. Both classical music and avant-garde compositions in the study were performed by highly skilled musicians.
- B. Participants' preferences for classical music over avant-garde compositions were influenced by their prior exposure to classical music.
- C. Participants released more hormones that initiate a “flight or fight” response when they experiencing an increase of heart rate than those when they in an increase of skin conductivity.
- D. Participants released hormones that trigger a “flight or fight” response during exposing to dissonant compositions compared to classical music.

Reading Writing Question 12**COE: Textual**

TYPE 1 – INFORMATION AND IDEAS

The renowned Comfocar company is renowned for its production of a highly regarded sedan, which offers a comfortable driving experience at a consistent speed of 80 miles per hour. Recently, their formidable competitor, Turbocar, entered the market with a sedan equipped with similar comforts, but with an impressive feature – it's capable of cruising at a remarkable 110 miles per hour. Turbocar, in its bold marketing strategy, asserts that their advanced sedan will soon overshadow the offerings of Comfocar. Their primary argument hinges on the notion that the Turbocar sedan has the inherent ability to whisk customers to their desired destinations in considerably less time while ensuring an unparalleled level of comfort. This assertion aims to sway potential buyers away from Comfocar's tried-and-true sedans and towards the allure of speedier yet equally comfortable travel. The battle between these automotive giants underscores the complex interplay between comfort, speed, and consumer preferences in the ever-evolving world of luxury sedan competition.

Which finding, if true, would most directly weaken the Turbocar's claim?

- A) Numerous road surfaces are meticulously designed to enable smooth driving at velocities of up to 100 miles per hour.
- B) Authorities in automotive safety assert that surpassing a speed of 100 miles per hour is inherently unsafe for any vehicle.
- C) Exhaustive research has ascertained that, despite the Turbocar model's superior acceleration and higher maximum speed when compared to the Comfocar sedan, both vehicles exhibit roughly equivalent fuel efficiency.
- D) Within the primary marketing regions of these two automotive companies, there exists neither a legal framework nor practical feasibility for driving at speeds exceeding 70 miles per hour.

Reading Writing Question 13

COE: Quantitative

TYPE 1 - INFORMATION AND IDEAS

Participants' Perception of Accuracy and Thoughtfulness of Reviews of a Cleaning Services under Various Rating and Default-Rating Conditions				
	Ten-star default rating		Eight-star default rating	
	Ten-star review	Eight-star review	Ten-star review	Eight-star review
Mean perception of the review's accuracy (1="not at all"; 7="very much")	3.59	5.48	5.06	3.41
Mean perception of the review's thoughtfulness (1="not at all"; 7="very much")	3.26	5.41	5.10	3.08

Figures adapted from Daniella Kupor and Zakary Tormala, "When Moderation Fosters Persuasion: The Persuasive Power of Deviatory Reviews." ©2018 by Daniella Kupor and Zakary Tormala.

Online reviews can play a big role in influencing people's purchase decisions. The researchers found that not only bad reviews can dissuade customers, but good reviews can too. They claimed that a moderately positive review is even more persuasive when the default review selection is extremely positive, for the reason that reviews that deviate from a default review selection are perceived to be more thoughtful - and thus more accurate - than reviews that conform to the default. This claim is proved in cleaning services, in which the data pointed out _____

Which choice best uses data from the graph to complete the sentence?

- A) Participants found rating systems with eight-star defaults to be highly accurate.
- B) Participants did not find ten-star reviews to be thoughtful or accurate.
- C) Participants trusted deviatory reviews only when the default rating was extremely high.
- D) Participants trusted deviatory reviews more than non-deviatory reviews regardless of the default rating.

Reading Writing Question 14
Inference

TYPE 1 – INFORMATION AND IDEAS

In the 19th century, a brilliant but reclusive mathematician named Amelia Grace spent most of her life in seclusion, working diligently on her theories of prime numbers. Her groundbreaking work remained hidden from the world until her death in 1864. However, it wasn't until a century later, in the 1960s, that mathematicians stumbled upon her meticulously kept notebooks. At that time when they delved into her writings, they began to realize the content of her works closely related to number theory, identifying in many details about advances in cryptography and computer science. Consequently, we can infer that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

- A) despite Amelia Grace's obscurity during her lifetime, her work set as a significant foundation for the preceding development of number theory.
- B) development of cryptography in 19th century could not be attributed to the works of Amelia Grace.
- C) scholars could base on Amelia's work to find out more profound theory since there must have contained much more useful information for the scientific foundation.
- D) since her great contribution in identifying advances in cryptography and computer science, the researchers could use her works as an educational sources in university.

Reading Writing Question 15
Inference

TYPE 1 – INFORMATION AND IDEAS

Recent political events have raised questions about the relationship between democracy and the epistemic quality of decision-making. The rise of populist politics, among other things, has contributed to the formation of a post-truth political climate in which citizens' distrust in scientific knowledge and expertise, and the formation of political views based on partisan identities, are commonplace. Under these circumstances, philosophers and political scientists have started to doubt the epistemic value of democracy, and some have arrived at the view that in many cases political participation renders people irrational and biases. These insights have been supported by recent findings in cognitive and political science, which demonstrate that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

- A) the citizens' decisions in the election vote matches with what they have learnt by themselves about the rules and considered pros and cons brought by their chosen party.
- B) the deliberative view of citizens as epistemic agents does not correspond with the empirical evidence concerning citizens' political behavior, but with the favor of a particular party.
- C) the citizens are more likely to be influenced by the speech given by an educator than that of a political leaders.
- D) there is no correlation between liberal politics and epistemic quality of decision-making.

Reading Writing Question 16

Details

TYPE 1 - INFORMATION AND IDEAS

In the Great Basin desert in Utah is a kind of time machine. Homestead Cave has been inhabited for the past 13,000 years by owls, beneath whose roosts accumulated millennia-deep piles of undigested fur and bone. By examining these piles, researchers have been able to reconstruct the region's ecological history. It contains a very timely lesson. Those 13,000 years spanned some profound environmental upheavals. Indeed, the cave opened when Lake Bonneville receded at the last ice age's end and the Great Basin shifted from rainfall-rich coolness to its present hot, dry state. Yet despite these changes, life was pretty stable. Different species flourished at different times, but the total amount of biological energy – a metric used by ecologists to describe all the metabolic activity in an ecosystem – remained steady.

According to the text, what is true about life?

- A) It experienced a climatically balanced.
- B) It lacked in diversity.
- C) It expressed emotionally secure.
- D) It was consistently vigorous.

Reading Writing Question 17
CROSS-TEXT CONNECTION

TYPE 2 – CRAFT AND STRUCTURE

Text 1

Traditional medical practices have been the cornerstone of healthcare in many cultures for centuries, relying on natural remedies, herbs, and rituals to promote healing. Modern medicine, on the other hand, is firmly grounded in scientific research and technological advancements, often utilizing pharmaceutical drugs and cutting-edge treatments.

Text 2

In a recent study published in a medical journal, researchers argue that there has always been a degree of flexibility in healthcare practices. They highlight historical instances where traditional and modern medicine coexisted, with individuals and communities adapting their approaches based on circumstances.

Based on the texts, how would the researchers in Text 2 most likely respond to the prevailing view presented in Text 1?

- A) By advocating for the total relinquishment of conventional medical methodologies in favor of contemporary medical practices.
- B) By accentuating the deficiencies of conventional medical practices and advocating for a steadfast reliance on modern scientific methodologies.
- C) By spotlighting historical instances in which traditional and contemporary medical practices coexisted and adjusted, thus maybe questioning the rigid demarcation between the two.
- D) By asserting that traditional medicine lacks historical or cultural prominence in comparison to the strides achieved in modern medical science.

Reading Writing Question 18
Transitions

TYPE 3 – EXPRESSION OF IDEAS

The archaeological dig was a long-term process, with layers of earth and history waiting to be uncovered. The team worked tirelessly, sifting through remnants of ancient civilizations. They meticulously documented their findings, realizing that each artifact had a story to tell. _____ it took years of research and exploration to piece together the full narrative of this lost world, a testament to the dedication of the archaeologists.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) Conversely,
- B) Accordingly,
- C) However,
- D) All told,

Reading Writing Question 19
Transitions

TYPE 3 – EXPRESSION OF IDEAS

The mutual support is one of human characteristics, especially in the harsh condition. After the flood, the community came together to help with the cleanup and offer support to those affected. _____local businesses generously donated supplies and resources, demonstrating a remarkable spirit of unity. The shared determination to rebuild and recover was a testament to the resilience of this close-knit town.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) Moreover,
- B) Therefore,
- C) In other words,
- D) On the other hand,

Reading Writing Question 20

TYPE 4 - STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

On its way from flight to fossil, an ancient beetle's wings lost its color and and squished by sand, the glittering green wings darkend and turned blue, then indigo, then black. That tale of insects' life, death and fossilization sounds simple enough, but ____ took paleobiologist Maria McNamara years of painstaking work to piece together.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A) its
- B) their
- C) them
- D) theirs

Reading Writing Question 21

TYPE 4 - STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

Fossilization is not a gentle process. To simulate it, _____ in pond water for 18 months baked them at temperatures as high as 518 degrees Fahrenheit, hotter than most home ovens, with pressures almost 500 times the atmosphere's to simulate the crushing and heat that convert mud-trapped debris into subterranean stone fossils.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. researchers left the insect wings
- B. the insect wings was left
- C. research was conducted with insect wings left
- D. researchers leaving the insect wings

Reading Writing Question 22

TYPE 4 - STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

At the turn of the twenties century, forest covered as much as 90 percent of Thailand and accommodated as many as 300,000 elephants, a third of them domesticated and _____ various essential tasks.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A) performed
- B) had performed
- C) performing
- D) perform

Reading Writing Question 23

TYPE 4 - STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

Amidst the turbulence of the 19th century, Southern Wonderland experienced a surge of revolutions. Notable figures such as Maria Fernandez and Carlos Rodriguez played pivotal roles during this epoch. Fernandez, originating from Aequatoria, championed the cause of Southern Wonderland's independence through two influential political treaties – the Amazonian Accord and the Pampas Declaration. However, Fernandez's contributions extended beyond the realm of ink and parchment. She personally led armies against colonial forces, securing the liberation of three significant Southern Wonderland territories – Veridia (modern-day Greenia and Bluetopia), Elysia, and Montis (present-day _____ from dictatorship.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A) Mountainara,)
- B) Mountainara) –
- C) Mountainara)
- D) Mountainara),

Reading Writing Question 24

TYPE 4 - STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

During the workshop on time management, the instructor emphasizes the significance of effective _____ it helps individuals allocate their resources wisely and stay organized, efficient planning keeps things go straight in the correct direction.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A) planning: because
- B) planning, because
- C) planning because
- D) planning because:

Reading Writing Question 25
Boundaries

TYPE 4 – STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

From the early years of her life, the African-American _____ who first wrote about the fairness between the white and the black, found herself immersed in narrative literacy.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A) author Kayla Shianne
- B) author Kayla Shianne,
- C) author, Kayla Shianne
- D) author, Kayla Shianne,

Reading Writing Question 26
Boundaries

TYPE 4 – STANDARD ENGLISH CONVENTIONS

Post-MBA compensation for investment bankers tends to surge far ahead of that for management _____ if not hundreds, of thousands of dollars a year.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the convention of Standard English?

- A) consultants – by ten,
- B) consultants, by ten,
- C) consultants. By ten,
- D) consultants; by ten

Reading Writing Question 27

Rhetorical Synthesis

TYPE 3 - EXPRESSION OF IDEAS

While researching a topic, a student takes the following notes:


- Methods in science and research are systematic approaches used to investigate and solve complex questions.
- In the realm of mathematics, the scientific method guides the process of hypothesis, experimentation, and analysis.
- In programming, methods are functions or procedures that encapsulate specific tasks, promoting code modularity and reusability.
- Teaching methods vary widely, from traditional lectures to experiential learning, catering to diverse learning styles.
- In problem-solving, the trial-and-error method is often a valuable tool, allowing for iterative refinement of solutions.
- The scientific method, characterized by observation, hypothesis, experimentation, and analysis, is the cornerstone of empirical inquiry, driving progress across scientific disciplines.

The student wants to exemplify the role of a method's numerous functions within a field. Which choice best uses information from the notes to accomplish the goal?

- A) Method both used in science and research or math focuses on investigating, solving conundrums, or guiding the process of hypothesis, experimentation, and analysis.
- B) Teaching methods are those varying widely, from tradition lectures to experimental learning, catering to diverse learning styles.
- C) All fields using methods display their distinctive functions such as investigating and solving (science), guiding process (math), encapsulating tasks (programming), catering to diverse learning styles (teaching)...
- D) Though used in various field, methods in each realm display a distinct role to get the final goal.

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