Questions 34-44 are based on the following passage.

Creating Worlds: A Career in Game Design

If you love video games and have thought about how the games you play might be changed or improved, or if you've imagined creating a video game of your own, you might want to consider a career as a video game designer. There **34** were a number of steps you can take to determine whether game design is the right field for you and, if it is, to prepare yourself for such a career.

Before making the choice, you should have some sense of what a video game designer does. Every video game, whether for a console, computer, or mobile device, starts with a concept that originates in the mind of a designer. The designer envisions the game's fundamental **35** elements: the settings, characters, and plots that make each game unique, and is thus a primary creative force behind a video game.

Conceptualizing a game is only the beginning of a video game designer's **36** job, however, no matter how good a concept is, it will never be translated into a video game unless it is communicated effectively to all the other members of the video game development team. **37** A designer must generate extensive documentation and

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A) NO CHANGE
B) has been
C) are
D) was

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A) NO CHANGE
B) elements: the settings, characters, and plots that make each game unique—
C) elements—the settings, characters, and plots that make each game unique—
D) elements; the settings, characters, and plots that make each game unique;

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A) NO CHANGE
B) job, however. No
C) job—however, no
D) job however no

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At this point, the writer is considering adding the following sentence.

> Successful communication is essential if a designer's idea is to become a reality.

Should the writer make this addition here?

A) Yes, because it supports the conclusion drawn in the following sentence.
B) Yes, because it illustrates a general principle discussed in the paragraph.
C) No, because it distracts from the focus of the paragraph by introducing irrelevant material.
D) No, because it merely reformulates the thought expressed in the preceding sentence.

[38] explain his or her ideas clearly in order to ensure that the programmers, artists, and others on the team all share the same vision. [39] Likewise, anyone considering a career as a video game designer must be [40] skilled writers and speakers. In addition, because video game development is a collaborative effort and because the development of any one game may take months or even years, a designer must be an effective team player as well as detail oriented.

[1] A basic understanding of computer programming is essential. [2] In fact, many designers [41] initially begin their pursuits as programmers. [3] Consider taking some general computer science courses as well as courses in artificial intelligence and graphics in order to increase your understanding of the technical challenges involved in developing a video game. [4] Courses in psychology and human behavior may help you develop [42] emphatic collaboration skills, while courses in the humanities, such as in literature and film, should give you the background necessary to develop effective narrative structures. [5] A

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Which choice results in a sentence that best supports the point developed in this paragraph?

A) NO CHANGE
B) possess a vivid imagination
C) assess his or her motivations carefully
D) learn to accept constructive criticism

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A) NO CHANGE
B) Nevertheless,
C) Consequently,
D) However,

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A) NO CHANGE
B) a skilled writer and speaker.
C) skilled both as writers and speakers.
D) both skilled writers and speakers.

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A) NO CHANGE
B) start to begin their work
C) initiate their progression
D) begin their careers

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A) NO CHANGE
B) paramount
C) eminent
D) important

designer also needs careful educational preparation.
[6] Finally, because a designer should understand the
business aspects of the video game industry, such as
budgeting and marketing, you may want to consider
taking some business courses. [7] Although demanding
and deadline driven, **43** video game design can be a
lucrative and rewarding field for people who love gaming
and have prepared themselves with the necessary skills
and knowledge. **44**

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A) NO CHANGE
B) the choice of video game design
C) you should choose video game design because it
D) choosing to design video games

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To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5
should be

A) placed where it is now.
B) placed before sentence 1.
C) placed after sentence 3.
D) DELETED from the paragraph.

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Do not turn to any other section.