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Literary Response and Analysis (Performance Level: Advanced) – Question 01

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In the final paragraph, Goodman Brown tells the man he meets in the woods that “Faith kept me back a while.” Literally, he means that his wife made him late. What other meaning could this remark have had?

- A His religious faith almost kept him from the journey.
- B His faith in his marriage was more important than the journey.
- C Faith is necessary to complete the things one is required to do.
- D The remark could have no meaning beyond the literal one.



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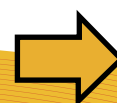
Literary Response and Analysis (Performance Level: Advanced) – Question 02

The Wood-Pile

by Robert Frost (1874–1963)

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And leave it there far from a useful fireplace
To warm the frozen swamp as best it could
40 With the slow smokeless burning of decay.

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1Clematis: a vine plant that bears white or variously colored flowers.

Which philosophical attitude of the Modern period does the speaker reveal in lines 35 through 40?

- ☐ A courage in the face of suffering
- ☐ B the desire for freedom
- ☐ C superstitious beliefs
- ☐ D a dislike of wastefulness



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One feature of this poem that classifies it as modern American poetry, rather than poetry of the Colonial period, is that

- A it is not strongly moralistic or religious.
- B it has only one main character.
- C it provides a description of nature.
- D it lends itself to various interpretations.



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Literary Response and Analysis (Performance Level: Advanced) – Question 04

The Solace of Open Spaces
by Gretel Ehrlich

1 It's May and I've just awakened from a nap, curled against sagebrush the way my dog taught me to sleep— sheltered from wind. A front is pulling the huge sky over me, and from the dark a hailstone has hit me on the head. I'm trailing a band of two thousand sheep across a stretch of Wyoming badlands, a fifty-mile trip that takes five days because sheep shade up in hot sun and won't budge until it's cool. Bunched together now, and excited into a run by the storm, they drift across dry land, tumbling into draws¹ like water, and surge out again onto the rugged, choppy plateaus that are the building blocks of this state.



2 The name Wyoming comes from an Indian word meaning “at the great plains,” but the plains are really valleys, great arid valleys, sixteen hundred square miles, with the horizon bending up on all sides into mountain ranges. This gives the vastness a sheltering look.

3 Winter lasts six months here. Prevailing winds spill snowdrifts to the east, and new storms from the northwest replenish them. This white bulk is sometimes dizzying, even nauseating, to look at. At twenty, thirty, and forty degrees below zero, not only does your car not work, but neither do your mind and body. The landscape hardens into a dungeon of space. During the winter, while I was riding to find a new calf, my jeans froze to the saddle, and in the silence that such cold creates I felt like the first person on earth, or the last.

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4 Today the sun is out—only a few clouds billowing. In the east, where the sheep have started off without me, the benchland tilts up in a series of eroded red-earthed mesas, planed flat on top by a million years of water; behind them, a bold line of muscular scarps rears up ten thousand feet to become the Big Horn Mountains. A tidal pattern is engraved into the ground, as if left by the sea that once covered this state. Canyons curve down like galaxies to meet the oncoming rush of flat land.

5 To live and work in this kind of open country, with its hundred-mile views, is to lose the distinction between background and foreground. When I asked an older ranch hand to describe Wyoming's openness, he said, "It's all a bunch of nothing—wind and rattlesnakes—and so much of it you can't tell where you're going or where you've been, and it don't make much difference." John, a sheepman I know, is tall and handsome and has an explosive temperament. He has a perfect intuition about people and sheep. They call him "Highpockets," because he's so long-legged; his graceful stride matches the distances he has to cover. He says, "Open space hasn't affected me at all. It's all the people moving in on it." The huge ranch he was born on takes up much of one county and spreads into another state; to put 100,000 miles on his pickup in three years and never leave home is not unusual. A friend of mine has an aunt who ranched on Powder River and didn't go off her place for eleven years. When her husband died, she quickly moved to town, bought a car, and drove around the States to see what she'd been missing.

6 Most people tell me they've simply driven through Wyoming, as if there were nothing to stop for. Or else they've skied in Jackson Hole, a place Wyomingites acknowledge uncomfortably because its green beauty and chic affluence are mismatched with the rest of the state. Most of Wyoming has a "lean-to" look. Instead of big, roomy barns and Victorian houses, there are dugouts, low sheds, log cabins, sheep camps, and fence lines that look like driftwood blown haphazardly into place. People here still feel pride because they live in such a harsh place, part of the glamorous cowboy past, and they are determined not to be the victims of a mining-dominated future.



7 Most characteristic of the state's landscape is what a developer euphemistically describes as "indigenous growth right up to your front door"—a reference to waterless stands of salt sage, snakes, jack rabbits, deerflies, red dust, a brief respite of wildflowers, dry washes, and no trees. In the Great Plains the vistas look like music, like Kyries² of grass, but Wyoming seems to be the doing of a mad architect—tumbled and twisted, ribboned with faded, deathbed colors, thrust up and pulled down as if the place had been startled out of a deep sleep and thrown into a pure light.

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1draws: gullies that are shallower than ravines.

2Kyries: short prayers.

In paragraph 5, the author mainly uses quotations by Wyoming residents to

- A invite the reader to identify with people from Wyoming.
- B enhance the clarity of the passage.
- C explain how she slowly came to appreciate Wyoming.
- D illustrate the relationship between Wyoming and its people.



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This excerpt suggests that all people must, at some time, choose between good and evil. All of the following contribute to the reader's perception that Goodman Brown knows that he is about to embrace evil except

- A paragraph 3, Goodman Brown says, "... of all nights in the year, this one night must I tarry away from thee."
- B paragraph 7, Goodman Brown thinks, "... [it was] as if a dream had warned her what work is to be done to-night."
- C paragraph 8, "... Goodman Brown felt himself justified in making more haste on his present evil purpose."
- D paragraph 1, "Young Goodman Brown came forth at sunset into the street at Salem village ..."



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Literary Response and Analysis (Performance Level: Proficient) – Question 02

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Robert Frost wrote and published from 1894 until his death in 1963. What literary trend of Frost's era can be found in this poem?

- A focus on everyday things
- B intricate rhyme schemes
- C instances of dialogue
- D dramatic ending



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What is ironic about the winter setting of the poem?

- A Animals cannot make use of the wood because they are hibernating.
- B The wood could be keeping someone warm, but instead it is rotting in the swamp.
- C The speaker would not have noticed the wood-pile if the trees had not been bare.
- D The person who cut the wood wanted to come back to it, but the snow hid his tracks.



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Reading Comprehension (Focus on Informational Materials) (Performance Level: Basic) – Question 01

Dear Superstar Customer:

You have just purchased one of the finest food processors on the market. Thousands of cooks around the world use the Superstar food processor to chop, slice, and blend their way to healthful, delicious meals. The Superstar's powerful motor can handle any task without overheating. Whether you are making salsa or homemade bread, or simply chopping vegetables, you'll find the Superstar food processor will greatly reduce preparation time. Read on to learn how to operate your new food processor. For best results, use only Superstar replacement parts with your Superstar food processor.

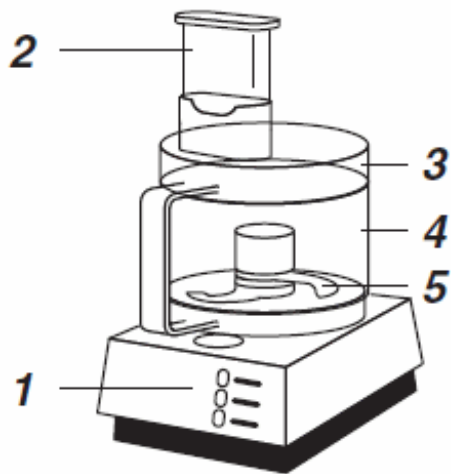


Figure 1

THE PARTS OF YOUR NEW SUPERSTAR FOOD PROCESSOR

1. Motor base with motor shaft and 3-position control switch
2. Pusher—fits into feed tube and guides food being sliced or shredded
3. Cover with feed tube
4. Work bowl
5. Metal blade—chops raw and cooked food to any consistency from coarse chop to fine puree (page 7)
6. Slicing disc (not pictured)—makes perfect slices (page 11)
7. Shredding disc (not pictured)—shreds vegetables, cheese, nuts, and chocolate (page 11)

PUTTING YOUR SUPERSTAR FOOD PROCESSOR TOGETHER

Read all instructions on these two pages before you start. Check that your household voltage matches that shown on the label on the bottom of your Superstar food processor base.

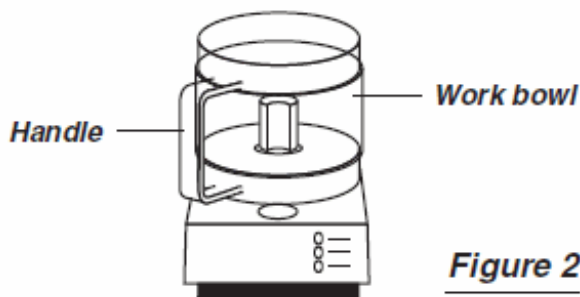


Figure 2

1. Put base on counter or table near an electrical outlet. Do not plug in until your Superstar food processor has been fully assembled. Pick up empty work bowl, holding it with handle toward you. Put bowl on base, fitting center tube over shaft on base and placing handle slightly to left of front center (7 o'clock).

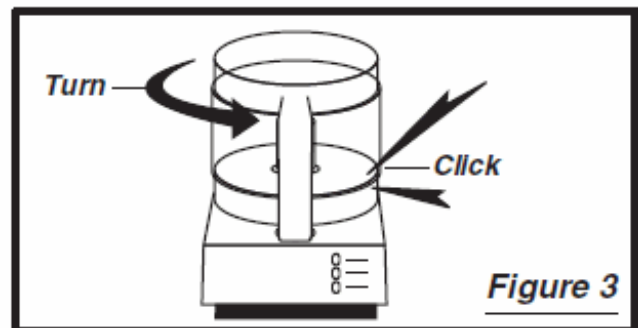


Figure 3

2. Turn bowl counterclockwise as far as it will go. It will click into locked position.

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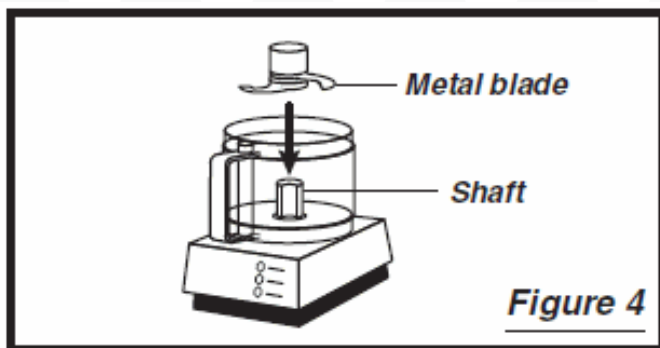


Figure 4

3. Pick up metal blade by the center plastic part. Never touch metal cutting blades, which are razor sharp.

Place blade over motor shaft. If it doesn't go down, twist it gently clockwise until it does. Push top of center plastic part to push blade down as far as it will go. Lower blade should almost touch bottom of bowl.

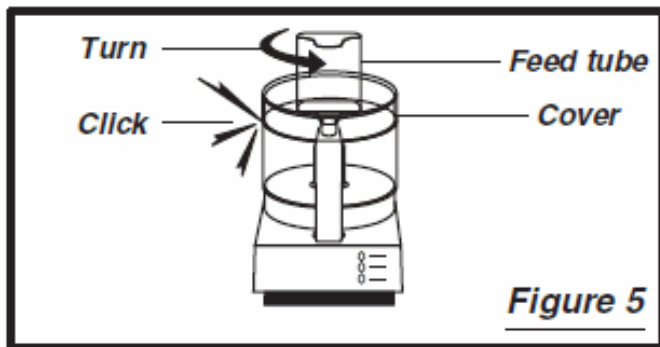


Figure 5

4. Put cover on bowl, with feed tube at front, slightly to left of front center.

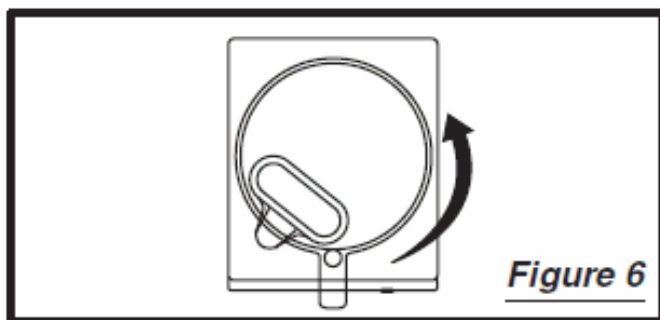


Figure 6

5. Turn cover counterclockwise to lock it into place. It will click into position.

The motor of your Superstar food processor will not start unless work bowl is securely locked in position and cover is securely locked on work bowl.

6. Insert the pusher into the feed tube. Always use the pusher to guide food through the feed tube. **NEVER USE YOUR FINGERS!** Plug your Superstar food processor into a household electrical outlet.

OPERATING CONTROLS

The control switch on the base of the machine has 3 positions that give you fingertip control of operation:

(1) For continuous operation, move the control switch up to the ON position.

(2) For ON-OFF operation (pulse chopping), press the control switch down to PULSE. The motor will run until the control switch is released.

(3) The machine should always be kept in the OFF position (center) when not in use.

PRACTICING WITH FOOD

Try chopping some food to get a feel for how the processor works. (Try starting out with a soft fruit or vegetable.)

First, cut the food into 1-inch pieces. Note: using different-sized food pieces could result in an inconsistent chop texture. Insert metal blade in work bowl and put in food pieces. Put on cover and lock it. Press control switch down to PULSE, then release it.

Repeat two or three times. Watch what happens to the food. New users are usually surprised by how fast the Superstar food processor works. You will quickly get used to its great speed. Using this technique, you can get an even chop without the danger of overprocessing. For a coarse chop, pulse only a few times. For a finer chop, continue pulse/chopping until you get the texture you want. (Note: Onions and other foods with high water content can turn into a smooth puree very quickly. Do not overchop. Pulse in short intervals. Check food after each pulse.)

ADDING FOOD WHILE PROCESSING

When you want to add liquid while the machine is running, pour it through the open feed tube. This is especially useful when making mayonnaise, bread dough, cakes, and many other recipes. See index for a list of recipes.

You can also add small pieces of food like cheese, meat, or garlic cloves while the machine is running by dropping the food through the open feed tube. To prevent spills, use a funnel when adding flour, sugar, and other dry ingredients.

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Which of the following is not evidence supporting the claim “You have just purchased one of the finest food processors on the market”?

- A Thousands of cooks around the world use the Superstar food processor . . .
- B The Superstar's powerful motor can handle any task . . .
- C . . . the Superstar food processor will greatly reduce preparation time.
- D . . . use only Superstar replacement parts with your Superstar food processor.



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Reading Comprehension (Performance Level: Advanced) – Question 01

Eleanor Roosevelt Speaks to the Members of the American Civil Liberties Union, Chicago, IL, March 14, 1940

1 Now I listened to the broadcast this afternoon with a great deal of interest. I almost forgot what a fight had been made to assure the rights of the working man. I know there was a time when hours were longer and wages lower, but I had forgotten just how long that fight for freedom, to bargain collectively, and to have freedom of assembly, had taken.

2 Sometimes, until some particular thing comes to your notice, you think something has been won for every working man, and then you come across, as I did the other day, a case where someone had taken the law into his own hands and beaten up a labor organizer. I didn't think we did those things any more in this country, but it appears that we do. Therefore, someone must be always on the lookout to see that someone is ready to take up the cudgels¹ to defend those who can't defend themselves. That is the only way we are going to keep this country a law-abiding country, where law is looked upon with respect and where it is not considered necessary for anybody to take the law into his own hands. The minute you allow that, then you have acknowledged that you are no longer able to trust in your courts and in your law-enforcing machinery, and civil liberties are not very well off when anything like that happens; so I think that after listening to the broadcast today, I would like to remind you that behind all those who fight for the Constitution as it was written, for the rights of the weak and for the preservation of civil liberties, we have a long line of courageous people, which is something to be proud of and something to hold on to. Its only value lies, however, in the fact that we profit by example and continue the tradition in the future.

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3 We must not let those people in back of us down; we must have courage; we must not succumb to fears of any kind; and we must live up to the things that we believe in and see that justice is done to the people under the Constitution, whether they belong to minority groups or not. This country is a united country in which all people have the same rights as citizens. We are grateful that we can trust in the youth of the nation that they are going on to uphold the real principles of democracy and put them into action in this country. They are going to make us an even more truly democratic nation.

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1 cudgels: short, heavy clubs.

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Roosevelt argues that citizens should not take the law into their own hands because

- ☐ A doing so leads to mob violence.
- ☐ B enforcing the law is the government's job.
- ☐ C people should fight with words rather than violence.
- ☐ D people have to defend themselves rather than depend on others.



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I understand that I may not rent if I do not satisfy your current standard rental qualifications.

1. Vehicle — I understand that you own the Vehicle. The Vehicle includes tires, tools, equipment, accessories, keys and Vehicle documents. The Vehicle is delivered to me in good operating condition solely for rental purposes. No one may service or repair the Vehicle without your prior approval.

I AGREE THAT YOU MAKE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY AS TO ANY MATTER WHATSOEVER INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE CONDITION OF THE VEHICLE, ITS MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE. COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE RENTAL OF THE VEHICLE TO ME.

2. Who May Drive the Vehicle — Authorized Drivers and Additional Authorized Drivers.
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- i. leaving the Vehicle and failing to remove the keys and the Vehicle is stolen
- j. for any use in a foreign country without the prior written permission of the renting location.

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- A discuss the main terms and conditions of the agreement.
- B make the agreement appear more official and binding.
- C show renters the main things they cannot do with the car.
- D provide the customer with all the facts relating to the car.



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Reading Comprehension (Performance Level: Proficient) – Question 02

adapted from The Art of Optimism

by William De Witt Hyde, LL.D.

1 The world we live in is a world of mingled good and evil. Whether it is chiefly good or chiefly bad depends on how we take it. To look at the world in such a way as to emphasize the evil is the art of pessimism. To look at it in such a way as to bring out the good, and throw the evil into the background, is the art of optimism. The facts are the same in either case. It is simply a question of perspective and emphasis. Whether we shall be optimists or pessimists depends partly on temperament, but chiefly on will. If you are happy it is largely to your own credit. If you are miserable it is chiefly your own fault. I propose to show you both pessimism and optimism, give a prescription for each, and leave you to take whichever you like best: for whether you are a pessimist or an optimist doesn't depend on whether the world is wholly good or wholly bad, or whether you have a hard lot or an easy one. It depends on what you like, and what you want and what you resolve to be. Perchance you are the most fortunate and happy person among my hearers. There are thousands of people who would be miserable were they situated precisely as you are. They would make themselves miserable because that is their temperament; that is their way of looking at things. And even in your happy and enviable condition, with all your health and wealth, and hosts of friends, and abundance of interests, they would find plenty of stuff to make their misery out of. On the other hand, you may be the person of all others among my hearers who has the hardest time, who has lost dearest friends, who has the severest struggle with poverty, who has worst enemies, who meets cruelest unkindness, who seems to have least to live for. Thousands of people would be supremely happy if they were in precisely your circumstances. Life is like the ocean. It drowns one man, because he yields to it passively and blindly. It buoys up the other because he strikes it skillfully, and buffets it with lusty sinews.

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2 There is enough that is bad in every life to make one miserable who is so inclined. We all know people who have plenty to eat, a roof over their heads, a soft bed to lie in, money in the bank to cover all probable needs for the rest of their days, plenty of friends, good social position, an unbroken family circle, good education, even the profession of some sort of religion; who yet by magnifying something that happened to them a long while ago; or something that may happen to them at some time to come; or what somebody has said about them; or the work they have to do; or the slight someone has shown them, or even without anything as definite as even these trifles, contrive to make themselves and everybody else perpetually wretched and uncomfortable. These people have acquired the art of pessimism.

3 Practically, anybody can be a pessimist who wants to. The art is easily acquired. Here are the rules for it.

4 Live in the passive voice, intent on what you can get, rather than on what you can do. In the subjunctive mood, meditate on what might be, rather than what actually is. In the past or future tense, either harp on what has been, or worry about what will be, rather than facing the facts of the present. In the third person, find fault with other people instead of setting your own affairs in order. In the plural number, follow the standards of respectability of other people rather than your own perception of what is fit and proper.

5 Keep these rules faithfully, always measuring the worth of life in terms of personal pleasure, rather than in terms of growth of character or service of high ends, and you will be a pessimist before you know it. For pessimism is the logical and inevitable outcome of that way of looking at life.

6 A sound optimism accepts with open eyes all the hard facts on which pessimism builds. Enjoyment is fleeting. Nothing can permanently satisfy us. As Browning said to an artist who complained that he was so dissatisfied with what he had done, "But think, if you were satisfied, how little you would be satisfied with!" Optimism proclaims this very incapacity of ours to be satisfied with anything finite, the glory of our nature, the promise and potency of our progress and development, the assurance of our immortality. If good is a satisfied feeling, which is to be given to us ready-made, then indeed we shall never get it, and pessimism is the ultimate truth. If good is a state of eager and enthusiastic activity of will, then this world of ours is just the best place imaginable to give field for this activity.



7 Having given rules for the art of pessimism, I suppose I ought to be equally explicit in regard to optimism. I will here again adopt the easily rememberable form in which the rules for pessimism were cast. Indeed, the rules for optimism are simply the inverse of the rules for pessimism.

8 Live in the active voice, intent on what you can do rather than on what happens to you. In the indicative mood, be concerned with facts as they are rather than as they might be. In the present tense, concentrate on the duty at hand, without regret for the past or worry about the future. In the first person, criticize yourself rather than condemning others. In the singular number, seek the approval of your own conscience rather than popularity with the many. Whoever lives the life of such unselfish devotion to the good of others and of all, and lives it in the active voice, indicative mood, present tense, first person, singular number, is bound to find his life full and rich and glad and free; is bound, in other words, to be an optimist.

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The Pursuit of Happiness

by Charles Dudley Warner

1 Perhaps the most curious and interesting phrase ever put into a public document is "the pursuit of happiness." It is declared to be an inalienable right. It cannot be sold. It cannot be given away. It is doubtful if it can be left by will. The right of every man to be six feet high and of every woman to be five feet four was regarded as self-evident, until women asserted their undoubted right to be six feet high also, when some confusion was introduced into the interpretation of this rhetorical fragment of the eighteenth century.

2 The pursuit of happiness! It is not strange that men call it an illusion. But I am satisfied that it is not the thing itself, but the pursuit, that is an illusion. Instead of thinking of the pursuit, why not fix our thoughts upon the moments, the hours, perhaps the days, of this divine peace, this merriment of body and mind, that can be repeated, and perhaps indefinitely extended by the simplest of all means, namely, the disposition to make the best of whatever comes to us? Perhaps the Latin poet was right in saying that no man can count himself happy while in this life, that is, in a continuous state of happiness; but as there is for the soul no time save the conscious moment called "now," it is quite possible to make that "now" a happy state of existence. The point I make is that we should not habitually postpone that season of happiness to the future.

3 Sometimes wandering in a primeval forest, in all the witchery of the woods, besought by the kindest solicitations of nature, wild flowers in the trail, the call of the squirrel, the flutter of the bird, the great world-music of the wind in the pine-tops, the flecks of sunlight on the brown carpet and on the rough bark of the immemorial trees, I find myself unconsciously postponing my enjoyment until I shall reach a hoped-for open place of full sun and boundless prospect.

4 The analogy cannot be pushed, for it is the common experience that these open spots in life, where leisure and space and contentment await us, are usually grown up with thickets, fuller of obstacles, to say nothing of the labors and duties and difficulties, than any part of the weary path we have trod.

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5 The pitiful part of this inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness is, however, that most men interpret it to mean the pursuit of wealth, and strive for that always, postponing being happy until they get a fortune, and if they are lucky in that, find in the end that the happiness has somehow eluded them, that, in short, they have not cultivated that in themselves which alone can bring happiness. More than that, they have lost the power of the enjoyment of the essential pleasures of life. I think that the woman in the Scriptures who out of her poverty put her mite into the contribution-box got more happiness out of that dribble of generosity and self-sacrifice than some men in our day have experienced in founding a university.

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In the first sentence of paragraph 6 of “The Art of Optimism,” the phrase “hard facts” means

- A things that are hard to understand.
- B the difficult realities of life.
- C lessons that must be learned.
- D things that a pessimist believes to be true.



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Writing certain parts of the agreement in all capital letters suggests that

- A certain parts are more difficult to read and thus are made in large print.
- B these parts require special attention from the signer of the agreement.
- C renters should not worry about other sections of the agreement.
- D this section is often overlooked by renters who just want to get going.



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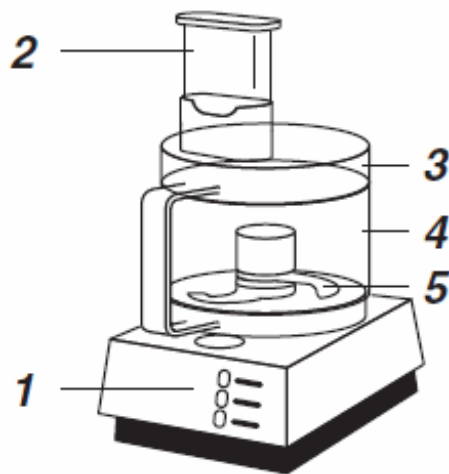


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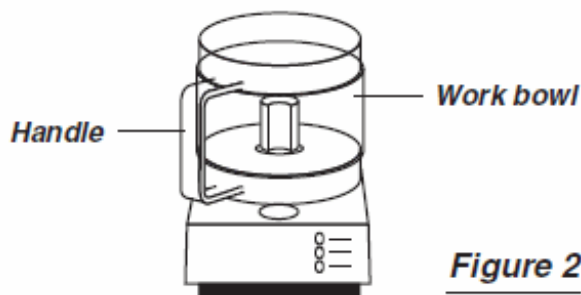


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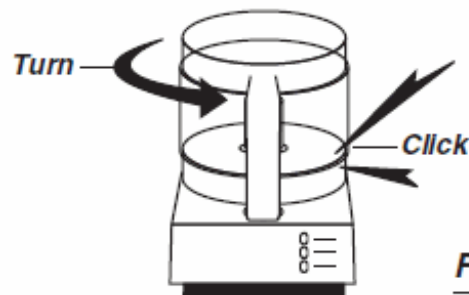


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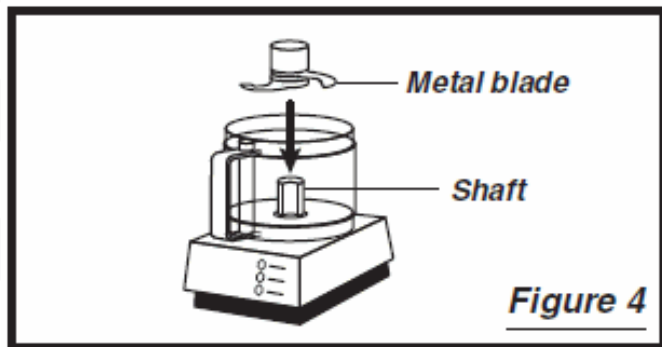


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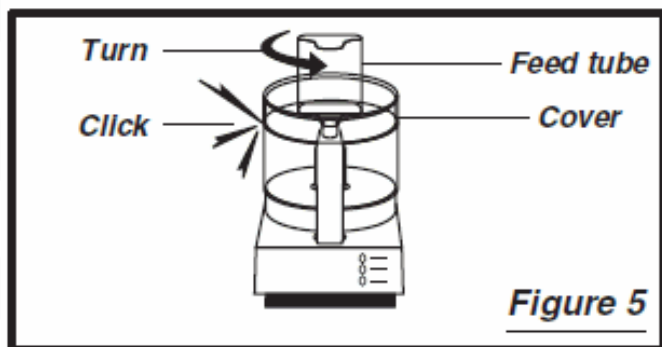


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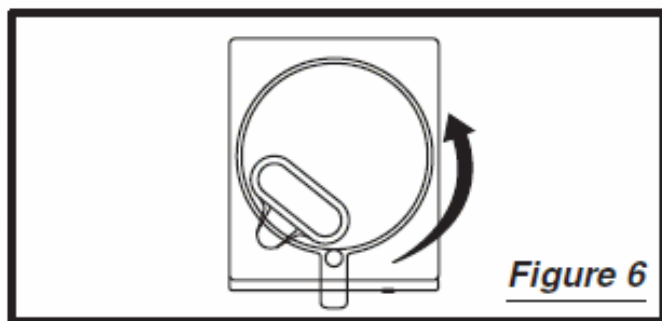


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The motor of your Superstar food processor will not start unless work bowl is securely locked in position and cover is securely locked on work bowl.

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OPERATING CONTROLS

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PRACTICING WITH FOOD

Try chopping some food to get a feel for how the processor works. (Try starting out with a soft fruit or vegetable.)

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You can also add small pieces of food like cheese, meat, or garlic cloves while the machine is running by dropping the food through the open feed tube. To prevent spills, use a funnel when adding flour, sugar, and other dry ingredients.



For more information on using the slicing disk,
consumers should turn to which page of the
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- A 1
- B 3
- C 7
- D 11



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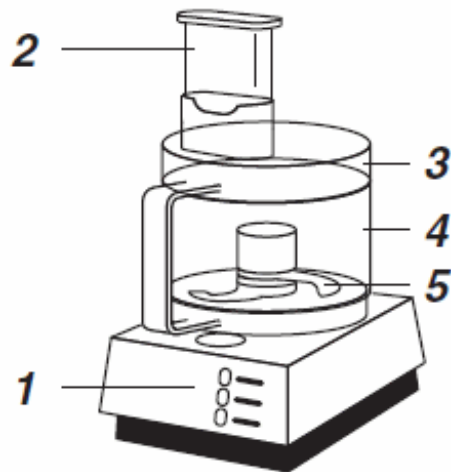


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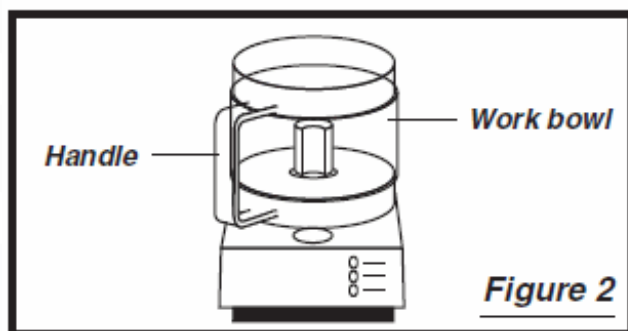


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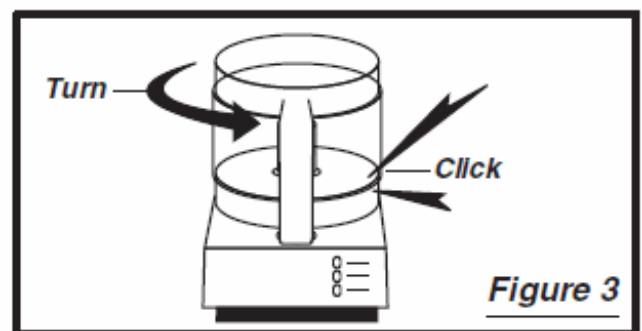


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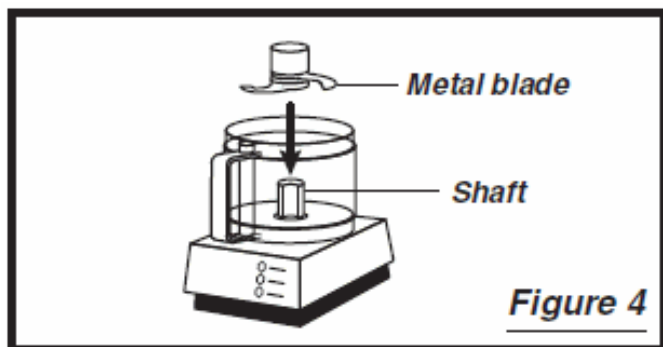


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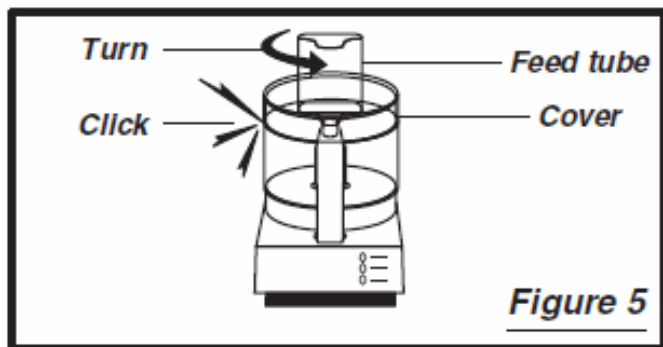


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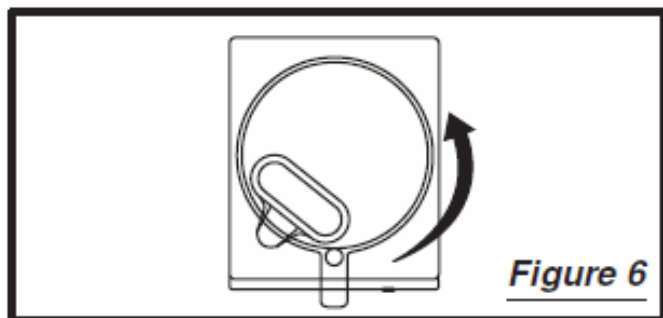


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Which of the following sections could most likely be found immediately after the “Adding Food While Processing” section in the manual?

- A Removing Processed Food
- B Warranty Information
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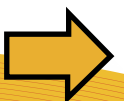
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Roosevelt's reference to youth at the end of her speech is

- A an appeal to authority.
- B a reassurance.
- C a summary.
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Roosevelt's use of repetition in phrasing and structure in these lines creates

- A a hostile tone that increases in anger.
- B an objective tone based on facts.
- C a sympathetic tone supported by example.
- D a persuasive tone that builds with intensity.



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In the middle of paragraph 2, Roosevelt implies that “you have acknowledged that you are no longer able to trust in your courts and in your law-enforcing machinery” when you allow individuals

- A to speak and assemble freely.
- B to organize as labor unions.
- C to take the law into their own hands.
- D to think that justice will always prevail.



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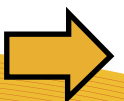
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In the last sentence of paragraph 5 of “The Pursuit of Happiness,” Warner uses the phrase “dribblet of generosity” to convey that the woman

- A could have given more.
- B gave regularly.
- C gave resentfully.
- D willingly gave what she could.



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The repetition of the word “fight” is used to support which central theme in Roosevelt’s speech?

- A becoming a U.S. citizen
- B protecting civil liberties
- C looking out for foreign countries
- D ensuring the division between church and state



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Which word from “The Pursuit of Happiness” is derived from a Latin root that means “age”?

- A inalienable
- B immemorial
- C primeval
- D essential



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2 There is enough that is bad in every life to make one miserable who is so inclined. We all know people who have plenty to eat, a roof over their heads, a soft bed to lie in, money in the bank to cover all probable needs for the rest of their days, plenty of friends, good social position, an unbroken family circle, good education, even the profession of some sort of religion; who yet by magnifying something that happened to them a long while ago; or something that may happen to them at some time to come; or what somebody has said about them; or the work they have to do; or the slight someone has shown them, or even without anything as definite as even these trifles, contrive to make themselves and everybody else perpetually wretched and uncomfortable. These people have acquired the art of pessimism.

3 Practically, anybody can be a pessimist who wants to. The art is easily acquired. Here are the rules for it.

4 Live in the passive voice, intent on what you can get, rather than on what you can do. In the subjunctive mood, meditate on what might be, rather than what actually is. In the past or future tense, either harp on what has been, or worry about what will be, rather than facing the facts of the present. In the third person, find fault with other people instead of setting your own affairs in order. In the plural number, follow the standards of respectability of other people rather than your own perception of what is fit and proper.

5 Keep these rules faithfully, always measuring the worth of life in terms of personal pleasure, rather than in terms of growth of character or service of high ends, and you will be a pessimist before you know it. For pessimism is the logical and inevitable outcome of that way of looking at life.

6 A sound optimism accepts with open eyes all the hard facts on which pessimism builds. Enjoyment is fleeting. Nothing can permanently satisfy us. As Browning said to an artist who complained that he was so dissatisfied with what he had done, "But think, if you were satisfied, how little you would be satisfied with!" Optimism proclaims this very incapacity of ours to be satisfied with anything finite, the glory of our nature, the promise and potency of our progress and development, the assurance of our immortality. If good is a satisfied feeling, which is to be given to us ready-made, then indeed we shall never get it, and pessimism is the ultimate truth. If good is a state of eager and enthusiastic activity of will, then this world of ours is just the best place imaginable to give field for this activity.



7 Having given rules for the art of pessimism, I suppose I ought to be equally explicit in regard to optimism. I will here again adopt the easily rememberable form in which the rules for pessimism were cast. Indeed, the rules for optimism are simply the inverse of the rules for pessimism.

8 Live in the active voice, intent on what you can do rather than on what happens to you. In the indicative mood, be concerned with facts as they are rather than as they might be. In the present tense, concentrate on the duty at hand, without regret for the past or worry about the future. In the first person, criticize yourself rather than condemning others. In the singular number, seek the approval of your own conscience rather than popularity with the many. Whoever lives the life of such unselfish devotion to the good of others and of all, and lives it in the active voice, indicative mood, present tense, first person, singular number, is bound to find his life full and rich and glad and free; is bound, in other words, to be an optimist.

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Which word from “The Art of Optimism” is derived from a Latin root that means “to turn”?

- A resolve
- B contrive
- C inverse
- D respect



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Word Analysis, Fluency, and Systematic Vocabulary Development

(Performance Level: Below Basic) – Question 01

The Solace of Open Spaces
by Gretel Ehrlich

1 It's May and I've just awakened from a nap, curled against sagebrush the way my dog taught me to sleep— sheltered from wind. A front is pulling the huge sky over me, and from the dark a hailstone has hit me on the head. I'm trailing a band of two thousand sheep across a stretch of Wyoming badlands, a fifty-mile trip that takes five days because sheep shade up in hot sun and won't budge until it's cool. Bunched

together now, and excited into a run by the storm, they drift across dry land, tumbling into draws¹ like water, and surge out again onto the rugged, choppy plateaus that are the building blocks of this state.



2 The name Wyoming comes from an Indian word meaning “at the great plains,” but the plains are really valleys, great arid valleys, sixteen hundred square miles, with the horizon bending up on all sides into mountain ranges. This gives the vastness a sheltering look.

3 Winter lasts six months here. Prevailing winds spill snowdrifts to the east, and new storms from the northwest replenish them. This white bulk is sometimes dizzying, even nauseating, to look at. At twenty, thirty, and forty degrees below zero, not only does your car not work, but neither do your mind and body. The landscape hardens into a dungeon of space. During the winter, while I was riding to find a new calf, my jeans froze to the saddle, and in the silence that such cold creates I felt like the first person on earth, or the last.

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4 Today the sun is out—only a few clouds billowing. In the east, where the sheep have started off without me, the benchland tilts up in a series of eroded red-earthed mesas, planed flat on top by a million years of water; behind them, a bold line of muscular scarps rears up ten thousand feet to become the Big Horn Mountains. A tidal pattern is engraved into the ground, as if left by the sea that once covered this state. Canyons curve down like galaxies to meet the oncoming rush of flat land.

5 To live and work in this kind of open country, with its hundred-mile views, is to lose the distinction between background and foreground. When I asked an older ranch hand to describe Wyoming's openness, he said, "It's all a bunch of nothing—wind and rattlesnakes—and so much of it you can't tell where you're going or where you've been, and it don't make much difference." John, a sheepman I know, is tall and handsome and has an explosive temperament. He has a perfect intuition about people and sheep. They call him "Highpockets," because he's so long-legged; his graceful stride matches the distances he has to cover. He says, "Open space hasn't affected me at all. It's all the people moving in on it." The huge ranch he was born on takes up much of one county and spreads into another state; to put 100,000 miles on his pickup in three years and never leave home is not unusual. A friend of mine has an aunt who ranched on Powder River and didn't go off her place for eleven years. When her husband died, she quickly moved to town, bought a car, and drove around the States to see what she'd been missing.

6 Most people tell me they've simply driven through Wyoming, as if there were nothing to stop for. Or else they've skied in Jackson Hole, a place Wyomingites acknowledge uncomfortably because its green beauty and chic affluence are mismatched with the rest of the state. Most of Wyoming has a "lean-to" look. Instead of big, roomy barns and Victorian houses, there are dugouts, low sheds, log cabins, sheep camps, and fence lines that look like driftwood blown haphazardly into place. People here still feel pride because they live in such a harsh place, part of the glamorous cowboy past, and they are determined not to be the victims of a mining-dominated future.



7 Most characteristic of the state's landscape is what a developer euphemistically describes as "indigenous growth right up to your front door"—a reference to waterless stands of salt sage, snakes, jack rabbits, deerflies, red dust, a brief respite of wildflowers, dry washes, and no trees. In the Great Plains the vistas look like music, like Kyries² of grass, but Wyoming seems to be the doing of a mad architect—tumbled and twisted, ribboned with faded, deathbed colors, thrust up and pulled down as if the place had been startled out of a deep sleep and thrown into a pure light.

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1draws: gullies that are shallower than ravines.

2Kyries: short prayers.

Read this excerpt from paragraph 4 of the passage.

. . . planed flat on top by a million years of water . . .

The word planed is from the Latin root *plan*, which means

- A level.
- B broad.
- C faded.
- D polished.



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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Advanced) – Question 01

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The underlined word focus in sentence 5 should be replaced because in this context it

A carries a tone that is inappropriate for a student report.

B carries a second, humorous meaning related to the use of telescopes.

C suggests that Herschel inappropriately neglected his primary occupation.

D suggests that Herschel's contributions were more important than his sister's.

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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Advanced) – Question 02

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A Job Interview

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(14) A job interview can be an opportunity to showcase your strengths, rather than an occasion to dread, if you follow these guidelines.

Which sentence should be moved closer to the beginning of the second paragraph?

A sentence 8

B sentence 9

C sentence 11

D sentence 14

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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Advanced) – Question 03

The following is a rough draft of a student's report. It contains errors.

NASA Spin-Offs

1 What started as a race to space between the United States and Russia has turned out to be a technological revolution that has greatly improved the quality of daily life throughout the world. Scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have invented new technology to make space flights doable. The same technology, when applied on Earth, has produced thousands of products in the areas of health and sports that have significant impacts on our lives.

2 Many of these improvements are in the fields of health and medicine. NASA-inspired technology fueled the great advances in the early detection of deadly diseases. For instance, computer chips designed for the Hubble telescope are used in digital imaging devices that help medical professionals detect cancer at very early stages. Eye doctors can now diagnose vision problems in very young children by using ocular screening. Ultrasound scanners, portable x-ray devices, and bone analyzers are among the medical devices developed with the help of space technology.

3 Fogless ski goggles and special sportswear are among the hundreds of items of sports equipment inspired by NASA technology. Space technology has been applied to sports too. The running shoes that athletes use today have midsoles that act like shock absorbers and keep the runners steady while in motion. These shoes utilize the technology NASA used to design the moon boot. In golf, athletes use a new ball that employs NASA research on how to make the flight of the ball from the tee to the green faster and more accurate. In swimming, athletes can swim faster because of NASA-developed riblets in the fabric of their swimsuits.

4 Almost all aspects of daily life continue to improve because NASA scientists are still at work. Transportation, methods of preparing food, and work environments are other ways in which NASA technology has made significant changes.

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How can the writer *most* improve paragraph 2?

- A name medical devices developed through space technology
- B provide more information about medical professionals
- C explain how the Hubble telescope helps detect cancer
- D add details about ultrasound scanners, x-ray devices, and bone analyzers



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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Proficient) – Question 01

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Which sentence in the passage *best* supports the idea in sentence 3?

- ☐ A sentence 5
- ☐ B sentence 6
- ☐ C sentence 10
- ☐ D sentence 11

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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Proficient) – Question 02

The following is a rough draft of a student's report, which may contain errors.

Pioneer in Prevention

(1) Sara Josephine Baker was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1873 and attended private schools in preparation for Vassar College. (2) She supposed that she would finish college, get married, and raise a family. (3) Circumstances caused a change in plans. (4) Instead of attending Vassar, her family decided that Baker would obtain a degree that would allow her to earn a living for the family. (5) Most likely, her relatives expected her to choose one of the occupations considered suitable for a young woman at the time. (6) Nursing is a popular profession today. (7) Baker astonished them all by choosing to attend the Women's Medical College of the New York Infirmary for Women and Children. (8) Despite her family's objections, she moved to New York City in 1894 to begin her training.

(9) After graduation, she worked as an intern at the New England Hospital for Women and Children in Boston. (10) During a three-month assignment in an outpatient clinic, Baker encounters a world very different from her own and learns that medical science was not adequately reaching these crowded city populations. (11) Consequently, she devoted her life to the children of these cities, first as a medical inspector for the New York City Department of Health and eventually as assistant to the commissioner of health. (12) Her success in these positions allowed her to gain funding for one of her most important achievements, a comprehensive approach to preventive health care for children. (13) In a time when most medical attention was given after a person was already sick, she tested her approach with remarkable results. (14) While her name may not be famous, her contributions to infant and child care, including the creation of safe baby clothes, continues to save lives each day.

Which sentence is *not* related to the main idea of the essay?

- ☐ A sentence 2
- ☐ B sentence 6
- ☐ C sentence 11
- ☐ D sentence 12

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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Proficient) – Question 03

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Which of the following devices does the writer use to link the beginning and the end of the essay?

- A irony
- B repetition
- C hyperbole
- D imagery

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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Proficient) – Question 04

The following is a rough draft of a student's report. It contains errors.

Su Lee
Geography
Ms. Jacobson
March 5, 2003

Climbing Mount Everest

1 Imagine a group of mountain climbers at the summit of Mount Everest. It has taken the climbers days to ascend to an altitude of 29,000 feet. They have covered some of the most treacherous terrain imaginable, but the final 300 feet will prove to be the most formidable. From the South Summit, the climbers will traverse a narrow ridge that is vertically exposed on both sides, requiring them to proceed cautiously. Due to the high altitude and physical difficulty of the climb, the climbers will be forced to stop between steps to breath six to eight times before continuing. Exhausted when they reach the top, the climbers will have little energy left for celebrating.

2 Since 1953, when Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first to climb Mount Everest, only a little more than one thousand mountain climbers have successfully completed the 29,028-foot climb to the highest point on earth. Beginning their journey in Kathmandu, Nepal, the base of Mount Everest is reached after mountain climbers hike more than 100 miles, reaching an elevation of over 17,000 feet. This trek takes three weeks and helps the body adjust to the decreased oxygen levels experienced at higher altitudes. A process called *acclimatization* begins soon after climbers are exposed to higher elevations, increasing their bodies' ability to make more red blood cells to carry oxygen. Complete acclimatization, however, takes several weeks. Even after reaching base camp, climbers have to make several round-trips to higher areas on Mount Everest to prepare their bodies for the lack of oxygen they will experience on the mountain.

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3 Acclimatization is only the first of many challenges confronted by the climbers. One of the most daunting requirements of the climb to the top of Mount Everest is crossing Everest's icefalls, which are deep crevasses in the mountain that continually open and close due to the constantly shifting glaciers. Sometimes there is no way around an icefall, and lightweight aluminum ladders must be laid across the gap to form a bridge for the climbers. Avalanches, too, are a common occurrence, and they are by far the most dangerous obstacle climbers face. High winds at the top of Mount Everest can also be problematic. Hypothermia and frostbite are serious potential health risks.

4 In spite of the dangers involved in climbing Mount Everest and the odds against reaching Everest's summit, adventurers flock to the mountain to have their strength tested, to test their courage, and have their climbing abilities put to the test. While some people wonder why anyone would face such obstacles to achieve this goal, climbers who dream of scaling Mount Everest identify with the legendary British climber George Mallory, who, when asked why he wanted to climb Mount Everest, replied, "Because it's there."

Which sentence could *best* be added to paragraph 3 to provide specific details about the hazards of climbing Mount Everest?

- A Krzysztof Wielicki made the first winter ascent to the summit of Mount Everest in 1980.
- B As climbers ascend to higher altitudes, they tend to experience changes in their abilities to make decisions.
- C Each year, Mount Everest grows in height as it is slowly uplifted by a tectonic plate moving northward below it.
- D Winds often gust to 150 miles per hour, and temperatures range from minus twenty to minus one hundred degrees, even in summer.



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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Proficient) – Question 05

The following is a rough draft of a student's report. It contains errors.

James Rodriguez
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Mrs. Richards
March 24, 2003

Tough Weather on Fragile Islands

1 El Niño is the term used to describe the weather phenomena resulting from the warming of the waters in the Pacific Ocean that flow southward along the coast of South America, around late December. As early as the 1500s, the effects of El Niño were recorded, but in recent history, about every four years, El Niño becomes powerful enough to cause changes all over the world (Wilson 83). Researchers in the Galapagos Islands, about 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, are in a unique position to monitor the effects of El Niño since they are directly in its path (see fig. 1). In 1998, the fragile ecosystem of the Galapagos Islands suffered the devastating impact of the strongest El Niño since 1982–83 (Stewart).



Fig. 1. El Niño's path. Thompson, John R. "El Niño's Wrath Hits Galapagos Islands." *Science*. 4 Apr. 1998, 90.

2 The effects on sea life were the most profound. Warm water temperatures altered the food chain and led to a significant die-off of marine iguana and a decrease in the population of other animals such as sea lions. Fur seals were spotted in places where they are usually absent. Hammerhead sharks all but disappeared from their normal ranges and were found at unusual depths. While sea turtles fared well, the coral reefs, the "rain forests of the oceans," did not (Gaines 17).

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3 In fact, the coral bleaching that is the result of temperatures of only a couple of degrees warmer than usual was probably responsible for the wildlife disruption. Corals receive their brilliant coloration from zooxanthellae, a kind of algae that lives within their tissues and is essential for their survival (Wilson 87). When the water is warmer for a sustained period, the coral tissue expels the zooxanthellae, causing the coral to lose its color; this will eventually kill the coral and all the marine life that depend on it (88).

4 It is too early to know the long-term consequences, but scientists at the Charles Darwin Research Station suspect that the 1997–98 El Niño facilitated the establishment and spread of species alien to the Galapagos and altered the kind and number of the old species on the islands (Stewart). Researchers don't know how many times this has happened in the past, but for now, they know that the future of this fragile ecosystem depends on the tough little weather phenomenon called El Niño.

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From which source is the last sentence of paragraph 3 taken?

- A Gaines, James J. . . .
- B Stewart, Joseph . . .
- C Thompson, John R. . . .
- D Wilson, Eric K. . . .



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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Proficient) – Question 06

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Which of the following is the *best* way to combine sentences 2 and 3?

- A William Herschel moved from Germany to England in 1757, then he became an organist at a chapel in Bath in 1766.
- B When William Herschel moved from Germany to England in 1757, he became an organist at a chapel in Bath in 1766.
- C William Herschel moved from Germany to England in 1757 and became an organist at a chapel in Bath in 1766.
- D Since William Herschel moved from Germany to England in 1757, he became



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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Proficient) – Question 07

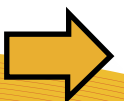
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Read this sentence from the report.

“Unlike many current astronomers, _____ his focus was on distant celestial bodies rather than nearby objects.”

What would be the *best* transition to place in the blank?

- A therefore,
- B nevertheless,
- C meantime,
- D however,



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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Basic) – Question 01

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Which word should replace the underlined word in sentence 13 to make the meaning more precise?

- A points
- B events
- C practices
- D arts

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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Basic) – Question 02

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A Family of Stars

(1) William Herschel and his sister Caroline Lucretia Herschel made large contributions to the field of astronomy. (2) William Herschel moved from Germany to England in 1757. (3) Then he became an organist at a chapel in Bath in 1766. (4) Although he was a musician by occupation, William Herschel developed a growing interest in the skies throughout the 1770s. (5) Unlike many current astronomers, his focus was on distant celestial bodies rather than nearby objects. (6) He began to make telescopes, even grinding his own mirrors to make them large enough to view far into space. (7) His first major find was the discovery of the planet Uranus in 1781, which earned him fame, the Copley Medal of the Royal Society, and the post of Court Astronomer to King George III. (8) Finally, at the age of 43, he was able to give up music to pursue astronomy full time.

(9) Caroline Herschel joined her brother in Bath in 1772 and became his assistant, recording his observations and calculating the position of various objects in outer space. (10) In 1786 the brother and sister team moved to a house in Slough with a yard big enough for their telescopes. (11) Caroline used these large telescopes to locate a new comet in 1786. (12) This discovery brought Caroline fame, publication in the Royal Society's journal, and official acknowledgement as William's assistant, a job which paid 50 pounds per year. (13) After William's death in 1822, Caroline continued her brother's work. (14) She won the Royal Astronomical Society's gold medal in 1828 and became an honorary member in 1835, making her one of the most famous and admired women astronomers.

What is the main purpose of this report?

- A to compare William Herschel's work to his sister's
- B to analyze the relationship between the Herschel siblings
- C to describe the Herschel siblings' influence on astronomy
- D to discuss Caroline Herschel's discovery of a new comet

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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Basic) – Question 03

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Which transition would *best* enhance the meaning if added as the second word in sentence 3?

- A , doubtfully,
- B , amazingly,
- C , however,
- D , moreover,

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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Basic) – Question 04

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Read the following sentence.

“After her retirement from the Bureau of Child Hygiene, she was a representative on children’s health issues to the League of Nations.”

Where is the best place to add the sentence to the report?

- A after sentence 1
- B after sentence 4
- C after sentence 9
- D after sentence 13



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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Basic) – Question 05

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4 Almost all aspects of daily life continue to improve because NASA scientists are still at work. Transportation, methods of preparing food, and work environments are other ways in which NASA technology has made significant changes.

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Which of the following *best* states the writer's apparent purpose in this report?

- A to inform readers about NASA-inspired improvements in lifestyle
- B to entertain readers with stories about NASA
- C to compare the work of NASA and Russian scientists
- D to persuade readers to do more research about lifestyle improvements



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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Basic) – Question 06

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March 5, 2003

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What is the main purpose of the report?

- A to explain the challenges of climbing Mount Everest
- B to define the process of acclimatization on Mount Everest
- C to persuade readers to climb Mount Everest
- D to describe the physical geography of Mount Everest



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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Basic) – Question 07

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Which of the following is the *best* way to combine sentences 9 and 10?

- A Although Renaissance physicians began to search for more scientific evidence to support their medical findings, this search did not stop all old practices.
- B Specifically, Renaissance physicians began to search for more scientific evidence to support their medical findings; this search did not stop all old practices.
- C Because Renaissance physicians began to search for more scientific evidence to support their medical findings, this search did not stop all old practices.
- D Since Renaissance physicians began to search for more scientific evidence to support their medical findings this search did not stop all old practices.



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Writing Strategies (Performance Level: Below Basic) – Question 01

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Read this sentence from paragraph 1 of the report.

"Exhausted when they reach the top, the climbers will have little energy left for celebrating."

In which sentence would the placement of the word finally best help to clarify meaning?

- ☐ A Exhausted when they reach the top, finally, the climbers will have little energy left for celebrating.
- ☐ B Exhausted when they reach the top, the climbers finally will have little energy left for celebrating.
- ☐ C Exhausted when they finally reach the top, the climbers will have little energy left for celebrating.
- ☐ D Exhausted when they reach the top, the climbers will have little energy left, finally, for celebrating.



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Written and Oral English Language Conventions

(Performance Level: Advanced) – Question 01

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Which paragraph needs to be revised so that the topic sentence is placed in a more logical position in the paragraph?

- A paragraph 1
- B paragraph 2
- C paragraph 3
- D paragraph 4



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What is the correct way to write the underlined words in sentence 10?

- A Baker encounter a world very different from her own and learn that medical science
- B Baker encountered a world very different from her own and learned that medical
- C Baker encountering a world very different from her own and learning that medical
- D Baker encounters a world very different from her own and learns that medical science



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Written and Oral English Language Conventions

(Performance Level: Proficient) – Question 02

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Which underlined word in the following sentences is *not* consistent with the tone of the rest of the report?

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Read this sentence from paragraph 2 of the report.

“Beginning their journey in Kathmandu, Nepal, the base of Mount Everest is reached after mountain climbers hike more than 100 miles, reaching an elevation of over 17,000 feet.”

What is the best way to rewrite the sentence to clarify its meaning?

- A The base of Mount Everest is reached after mountain climbers hike, beginning their journey in Kathmandu, Nepal, more than 100 miles, reaching an elevation of over 17,000 feet.
- B Beginning their journey in Kathmandu, Nepal, mountain climbers must hike more than 100 miles, reaching an elevation of over 17,000 feet, to reach the base of Mount Everest.
- C To reach the base of Mount Everest, an elevation of over 17,000 feet must be reached by mountain climbers who must hike more than 100 miles, beginning their journey in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- D Hiking more than 100 miles, their journey to reach the base of Mount Everest is beginning in Kathmandu, Nepal, where mountain climbers must reach an elevation of over 17,000 feet.



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Which verb phrase would make the action of the underlined word in sentence 11 more precise?

- ☐ A were named
- ☐ B were being
- ☐ C were specified as
- ☐ D were considered to be

Grade 11: English-Language Arts

Written and Oral English Language Conventions (Performance Level: Basic) – Question 02

Which version of this sentence does *not* contain any misspelled words?

- A Smythvale once contaned many successful businesses.
- B Smythvale once contained many sucessful businesses.
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"In spite of the dangers involved in climbing Mount Everest and the odds against reaching Everest's summit, adventurers flock to the mountain to have their strength-tested, to test their courage, and have their climbing abilities put to the test."

How should the underlined part of the sentence be revised to make use of parallel structure?

- A to test their strength, their courage and have their climbing abilities tested
- B to test their strength, how courageous they are, and their climbing abilities
- C to have their strength and courage tested and testing their climbing abilities
- D to have their strength, courage, and climbing abilities tested

