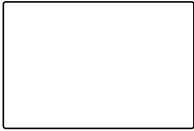


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Question: 1 of 30

QID: 14815

Marks: 1

Gunnera is known for its immense leaves, which can be up to six feet long. Although the plant is cultivated in gardens across the northern hemisphere, it is difficult to locate in the wild because its \_\_\_\_\_ habitat is located in a remote area of the Brazilian rain forest.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. approximate
- ☐ B. commonplace
- ☐ C. domesticated
- ☐ D. indigenous

Question: 2 of 30

QID: 14816

Marks: 1

Blinking and hiccups are both examples of \_\_\_\_\_ actions: automatic reflexes that originate in the midbrain and are not subject to conscious control.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. deliberate
- ☐ B. involuntary
- ☐ C. trivial
- ☐ D. superficial

Question: 3 of 30

QID: 14817

Marks: 1

The aurora borealis, or Northern Lights, are colorful and \_\_\_\_\_ displays of light that are clearly visible in the northernmost regions of the United States, Canada, and Europe between mid-August and mid-April each year.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. conspicuous
- ☐ B. invasive
- ☐ C. ominous
- ☐ D. imperceptible

Question: 4 of 30

QID: 14818

Marks: 1

Rosalind Franklin made \_\_\_\_\_ contributions to the field of biophysics: her accomplishments, which include playing a key role decoding the molecular structures of DNA and RNA, continue to influence research in a range of scientific fields.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. lucrative
- ☐ B. erratic
- ☐ C. enduring
- ☐ D. mundane

**Question: 5 of 30**

QID: 14819

Marks: 1

Although Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie was still a novice writer when she published her award-winning 2006 novel *Half of a Yellow Sun*, she was praised for her ability to create a sophisticated and \_\_\_\_\_ narrative. Rather than adhere to a single point of view, the story achieves its effectiveness in part by alternating between different characters' perspectives.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. obscure ☐ B. unconventional
- ☐ C. pretentious ☐ D. multifaceted

**Question: 6 of 30**

QID: 14820

Marks: 1

To celebrate 10 years of cross-border \_\_\_\_\_, the El Paso Museum of Art and the Ciudad Juarez Art Museum held their fifth Transborder Biennial exhibition. Overseen by El Paso Museum of Art Director Victoria Ramirez, the joint festivities included talks by artists, trips to historic sites, and a biking excursion to visit important murals.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. excavations ☐ B. collaborations
- ☐ C. debacles ☐ D. insights

**Question: 7 of 30**

QID: 14821

Marks: 1

Salamanders are the most common vertebrates in North American forests. Although these creatures are small and seemingly insignificant, they play an \_\_\_\_\_ role in the forest by helping to control destructive pests and acting as exceptional indicators of ecosystem health.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. inadequate ☐ B. inexplicable
- ☐ C. impartial ☐ D. outsized

**Question: 8 of 30**

QID: 14822

Marks: 1

Electrons are \_\_\_\_\_ subatomic entities whose activity is notoriously difficult to monitor because they can behave as both particles and waves. Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier were awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physics for successfully using rapid pulses of light to study and track electrons' movements in ways that were previously impossible.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. elusive ☐ B. prodigious
- ☐ C. hesitant ☐ D. nefarious

**Question: 9 of 30**

QID: 14823

Marks: 1

Taghazza was a remote village located in the Sahara Desert hundreds of miles north of Niamei, the bustling capital of the Mali Empire. However, this peripheral location did not \_\_\_\_\_ it from playing a central role in the salt trade during the thirteenth century.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

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| <input type="radio"/> A. shield   | <input type="radio"/> B. separate      |
| <input type="radio"/> C. preclude | <input type="radio"/> D. differentiate |

**Question: 10 of 30**

QID: 14824

Marks: 1

Scholars have long speculated about why the inhabitants of the ancient American metropolis now known as Cahokia suddenly abandoned their city. Geoarchaeologist Caitlin Rankin hypothesizes that no one single factor was responsible for the city's \_\_\_\_\_ demise; instead, she contends that a plethora of causes, including deforestation, floods, and diminishing wildlife may have been responsible for Cahokia's collapse.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

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| <input type="radio"/> A. peripheral | <input type="radio"/> B. abrupt      |
| <input type="radio"/> C. palpable   | <input type="radio"/> D. ineluctable |

**Question: 11 of 30**

QID: 14825

Marks: 1

Moriko Mori is one of Japan's most recognized artists. Her \_\_\_\_\_ works feature complex and detailed designs that combine symbols from traditional Japanese culture with futuristic images.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A. haphazard | <input type="radio"/> B. intricate |
| <input type="radio"/> C. nefarious | <input type="radio"/> D. eccentric |

**Question: 12 of 30**

QID: 14826

Marks: 1

Common wisdom holds that emotions inhibit logical thinking. However, recent research indicates that an awareness of one's emotions can actually \_\_\_\_\_ the ability to reason clearly.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

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| <input type="radio"/> A. impede  | <input type="radio"/> B. deny        |
| <input type="radio"/> C. enhance | <input type="radio"/> D. approximate |

**Question: 13 of 30**

QID: 14827

Marks: 1

The Iroquois belts called wampum served a literary as well as \_\_\_\_\_ function: the beaded designs not only chronicled Indigenous legends but they also served as a form of currency.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. an aesthetic
- ☐ B. a superfluous
- ☐ C. a lucrative
- ☐ D. a pragmatic

**Question: 14 of 30**

QID: 14828

Marks: 1

In the 1980s, geophysicists discovered two continent-sized blobs deep in the Earth's mantle. Because the masses were found to have iron levels similar to those of the Moon, a team of researchers led by Qian Yuan at the California Institute of Technology \_\_\_\_\_ that they were remnants of an ancient planet that collided with Earth billions of years ago—the same giant impact that led to the Moon's creation.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. conjectured
- ☐ B. repudiated
- ☐ C. prescribed
- ☐ D. misconstrued

**Question: 15 of 30**

QID: 14829

Marks: 1

When he was restored to the throne in 1660, the English monarch Charles II faced a difficult balancing act between the competing impulses of retaliation and \_\_\_\_\_. Though he was swept back to power on a wave of popular support, the country remained divided by the Civil Wars of 1642-1651, and many of his Royalist supporters wished to seek retribution against their Parliamentary opponents.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. exacerbation
- ☐ B. reconciliation
- ☐ C. exposure
- ☐ D. discord

**Question: 16 of 30**

QID: 14830

Marks: 1

Active during the early 1900s in the small town of Ise in southwestern Nigeria, Olowe is considered one of the most important Yoruba artists of the twentieth century. His remarkable craftsmanship and \_\_\_\_\_ technical skill caught the attention of Yoruba kings, who commissioned him to sculpt elaborate doors and other objects for their palaces.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. impeccable
- ☐ B. commonplace
- ☐ C. acceptable
- ☐ D. unpredictable

**Question: 17 of 30**

QID: 14831

Marks: 1

Earthquakes are often triggered by the movement of magma within a volcano. As a result, they are often considered indicators that a major eruption is \_\_\_\_\_.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A. destructive | <input type="radio"/> B. unlikely |
| <input type="radio"/> C. imminent    | <input type="radio"/> D. depleted |

**Question: 18 of 30**

QID: 14832

Marks: 1

Because kabuki theater originally revolved around short comedic plays that featured both male and female actors and emphasized everyday situations, it is sometimes compared to Italian commedia dell'arte. However, the two theatrical forms \_\_\_\_\_ in that only kabuki included puppet sequences, a novel feature that later became known as bunraku and added to kabuki's appeal.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

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| <input type="radio"/> A. contrived | <input type="radio"/> B. coalesced |
| <input type="radio"/> C. diverged  | <input type="radio"/> D. wavered   |

**Question: 19 of 30**

QID: 14833

Marks: 1

Not only are false memories common in normal life, but researchers have also found it easy to generate \_\_\_\_\_ recollections in the minds of laboratory subjects. As a result of pioneering studies by memory specialist Elizabeth Loftus, a number of jurisdictions have implemented processes to help ensure the accuracy of information obtained from individuals involved in the legal system both as witnesses and as suspects.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A. spurious | <input type="radio"/> B. amorphous |
| <input type="radio"/> C. neutral  | <input type="radio"/> D. explicit  |

**Question: 20 of 30**

QID: 14834

Marks: 1

In a 2012 study, political scientists found that voters who are polarized on certain controversial subjects become more moderate when reading political arguments in a difficult-to-read font. Likewise, mock-trial jurors in whom researchers have deliberately \_\_\_\_\_ a bias against a defendant are less likely to act on that prejudice if they must struggle to decipher incriminating evidence.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A. excluded | <input type="radio"/> B. supplanted |
| <input type="radio"/> C. tallied  | <input type="radio"/> D. induced    |

**Question: 21 of 30**

QID: 14835

Marks: 1

People who commit crimes accidentally are unique among offenders because they are not initially driven by factors such as money or power. Rather, as forensic accountant Kelly Richmond Pope explains, they are presented with an unexpected opportunity that can benefit them greatly if they choose to \_\_\_\_\_.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. validate ☐ B. exploit
- ☐ C. waive ☐ D. reject

**Question: 22 of 30**

QID: 14836

Marks: 1

According to Indigenous anthropologist Carolyn Smith, weaving is a central aspect of Karuk culture as well as a physical act that requires significant manual \_\_\_\_\_. It demands great strength as well as the ability to manipulate complex and delicate materials.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. dexterity ☐ B. pretentiousness
- ☐ C. stipulation ☐ D. relevance

**Question: 23 of 30**

QID: 14837

Marks: 1

Though trained as an engineer, Barbara Braun occupied \_\_\_\_\_ array of roles while living at the Mars Desert Research Station in a remote part of Utah during an immersive simulation. Her duties ranged from piloting a fitness regimen to studying potential effects of communications delays on astronauts.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. a rudimentary ☐ B. a diverse
- ☐ C. a mundane ☐ D. an innocuous

**Question: 24 of 30**

QID: 14838

Marks: 1

In Mexico, escaramuza comprise a group of eight women who ride horseback at the same time in a carefully crafted choreography of twelve different movements. Performed at full gallop, this \_\_\_\_\_ horse ballet requires great discipline and precision.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. synchronized ☐ B. subjective
- ☐ C. tedious ☐ D. prodigious

**Question: 25 of 30**

QID: 14839

Marks: 1

A series of studies indicate that fluent speakers of tonal languages such as Mandarin and Vietnamese are far more likely to possess perfect pitch than are speakers of non-tonal languages. This correlation has led researcher Diana Deutsch to \_\_\_\_\_ that acquiring perfect pitch is, for fluent speakers of a tonal language, akin to learning a second tonal language.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- ☐ A. reveal                      ☐ B. dispute
- ☐ C. surmise                      ☐ D. deny

**Question: 26 of 30**

QID: 14840

Marks: 1

The following text is from Agatha Christie's 1922 novel *The Secret Adversary*. Prudence "Tuppence" Cowley is meeting her childhood friend Tommy.

"My dear child," interrupted Tuppence, "there is nothing I do not know about the cost of living. Here we are at Lyons', and we will each of us pay for our own. That's it!" And Tuppence led the way upstairs. The place was full, and they wandered about looking for a table, catching odds and ends of conversation as they did so.

As used in the text, what does "catching" most nearly mean?

- ☐ A. Receiving
- ☐ B. Overhearing
- ☐ C. Capturing
- ☐ D. Discovering

**Question: 27 of 30**

QID: 14841

Marks: 1

The following text is from Jane Austen's 1811 novel *Sense and Sensibility*. Mrs. John Dashwood and her husband have inherited Norland from Mr. Dashwood's father.

Mrs. John Dashwood now installed herself mistress of Norland; and her mother and sisters-in-law were degraded to the condition of visitors. As such, however, they were treated by her with quiet civility; and by her husband with as much kindness as he could feel towards anybody beyond himself, his wife, and their child. He really pressed them, with some earnestness, to consider Norland as their home; and, as no plan appeared so eligible to Mrs. Dashwood as remaining there till she could accommodate herself with a house in the neighborhood, his invitation was accepted.

As used in the text, what does "pressed" most nearly mean?

- ☐ **A.** Encouraged
- ☐ **B.** Forced
- ☐ **C.** Required
- ☐ **D.** Permitted

**Question: 28 of 30**

QID: 14842

Marks: 1

The following text is from Jessie Redmon Fauset's 1927 poem "Noblesse Oblige."

What a silly thing is pride!

Lolotte bares her heart.

Heedless that each runner reads

All her thoughts and all her needs.

What I hide with my soul's life Lolotte tells with tear and cry.

As used in the text, what does "reads" most nearly mean?

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| <input type="radio"/> A. Challenges | <input type="radio"/> B. Understands |
| <input type="radio"/> C. Perceives  | <input type="radio"/> D. Analyzes    |

**Question: 29 of 30**

QID: 14843

Marks: 1

The following text is from Oscar Wilde's 1895 play *An Ideal Husband*. Lord Goring and Mabel are guests at a party.

Mabel Chiltern: You might have followed us. Pursuit would have been only polite. I don't think I like you at all this evening!

Lord Goring: I like you immensely.

Mabel Chiltern: Well, I wish you'd show it in a more marked way!

As used in the text, what does "marked" most nearly mean?

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A. Emphatic   | <input type="radio"/> B. Famous   |
| <input type="radio"/> C. Suspicious | <input type="radio"/> D. Peculiar |

**Question: 30 of 30**

QID: 14844

Marks: 1

The following text is from Gwendolyn Bennett's 1926 poem "Street Lamps in Early Spring."

Night wears a garment

All velvet soft, all violet blue ...

And over her face she draws a veil

As shimmering fine as floating dew ...

And here and there In the black of her hair

The subtle hands of Night

Move slowly with their gem-starred light.

As used in the text, what does "draws" most nearly mean?

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A. Creates | <input type="radio"/> B. Hides |
| <input type="radio"/> C. Traces  | <input type="radio"/> D. Pulls |

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