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The Grand Canyon is one of the most visited national parks in the United States. The vast, rugged landscape attracts millions of visitors each year who come to _____ its breathtaking views and geological significance.

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

Choose 1 answer

- A) preserve
- B) admire
- C) obscure
- D) diminish

2

In her autobiography, the author recounts how she _____ the challenges of her early life by focusing on her education and artistic pursuits.

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

Choose 1 answer

- A) navigated
- B) complicated
- C) overlooked
- D) dismissed

3

The new urban development project aims to _____ the city's infrastructure by improving public transportation and increasing green spaces.

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

Choose 1 answer

- A) neglect
- B) degrade
- C) revitalize
- D) impair

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In recent years, scientists have discovered that certain species of birds are capable of using tools to obtain food. For example, crows have been observed using sticks to extract insects from tree bark. This behavior challenges the traditional view that tool use is a uniquely human trait and suggests that the cognitive abilities of birds may be more complex than previously thought.

Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

- A) To describe the tool-using behavior of certain bird species.
- B) To challenge the idea that tool use is unique to humans.
- C) To provide examples of cognitive abilities in birds.
- D) To discuss the evolution of tool use in animals.

5

The following text is from a scientific article about the effects of climate change on polar bear populations.

As the Arctic ice continues to melt due to rising global temperatures, polar bears are finding it increasingly difficult to hunt for their primary prey, seals. With less ice available, polar bears must swim longer distances to find food, leading to exhaustion and decreased survival rates. Researchers predict that if current trends continue, polar bears could face severe population declines in the coming decades.

Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

- A) To explain the impact of climate change on polar bear habitats.
- B) To discuss the challenges polar bears face in finding food.
- C) To highlight the potential consequences of declining polar bear populations.
- D) To advocate for increased efforts to combat climate change.

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In the early 20th century, the United States saw a surge in the construction of skyscrapers. These towering structures became symbols of modernity and economic power, representing the rapid growth of American cities. Architects and engineers competed to design taller and more innovative buildings, leading to the development of iconic landmarks such as the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building.

Which choice best describes the function of the text as a whole?

- A) It explains the architectural innovations of the early 20th century.
- B) It discusses the significance of skyscrapers in American culture.
- C) It highlights the competition among architects to build the tallest buildings.
- D) It provides a historical overview of skyscraper construction in the United States.

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Text 1

The history of astronomy is a story of increasing precision. Ancient astronomers used basic tools to chart the stars and predict celestial events. In the 17th century, the invention of the telescope marked a significant leap in accuracy, allowing scientists to observe distant objects in detail. Today, space telescopes like the Hubble provide unprecedented clarity, pushing the boundaries of our understanding of the universe.

Text 2

While the history of astronomy has certainly been shaped by technological advancements, it is also a tale of changing ideas. The transition from a geocentric (Earth-centered) model of the solar system to a heliocentric (Sun-centered) one in the 16th century revolutionized our understanding of the cosmos. This shift was not just a technological breakthrough but a fundamental change in how humanity viewed its place in the universe.

Which choice best describes how the author of Text 2 expands on the ideas in Text 1?

- A) The author of Text 2 focuses on the role of technological advancements in the history of astronomy, while the author of Text 1 emphasizes changing ideas.
- B) The author of Text 2 highlights the importance of conceptual shifts in astronomy, adding depth to the technological progress discussed in Text 1.
- C) The author of Text 2 disagrees with the notion that technological advancements have been the most important aspect of astronomical history.
- D) The author of Text 2 argues that the transition from geocentric to heliocentric models was primarily a result of technological innovation.

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Text 1

The rise of online education has been hailed as a revolution in learning. Online courses offer flexibility and accessibility, allowing students to learn at their own pace and from anywhere in the world. Proponents argue that online education can democratize access to knowledge and provide opportunities for lifelong learning.

Text 2

While online education has many advantages, it also presents challenges. One major concern is the lack of face-to-face interaction, which can lead to feelings of isolation and a lack of engagement among students. Additionally, not all students have access to the necessary technology or a stable internet connection, which can exacerbate educational inequalities. Critics argue that online education should be seen as a complement to, rather than a replacement for, traditional classroom learning.

Which choice best describes how the two texts relate to each other?

- A) Text 2 introduces potential drawbacks to the optimistic view of online education presented in Text 1.
- B) Text 2 argues that online education is superior to traditional classroom learning, contradicting Text 1.
- C) Text 2 supports the claim in Text 1 that online education can democratize access to knowledge.
- D) Text 2 suggests that online education is more effective for lifelong learning than for formal education.

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The Australian government has implemented a conservation program to protect the Great Barrier Reef. The program includes measures such as limiting coastal development, improving water quality, and controlling fishing activities. These efforts are intended to preserve the reef's biodiversity and maintain its role as a major attraction for tourists.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

- A) Coastal development is the biggest threat to the Great Barrier Reef.
- B) The Australian government is taking steps to protect the Great Barrier Reef.
- C) Tourism is the primary reason for the conservation of the Great Barrier Reef.
- D) Fishing activities are being restricted to preserve the Great Barrier Reef.

10

The study of ancient civilizations has revealed that many of them developed advanced agricultural practices. These practices included irrigation systems, crop rotation, and the domestication of plants and animals. Such innovations allowed these civilizations to sustain large populations and thrive for centuries.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

- A) Ancient civilizations were successful because of their advanced agricultural practices.
- B) Crop rotation was the most important agricultural innovation in ancient civilizations.
- C) The domestication of plants and animals was crucial to the development of ancient civilizations.
- D) Advanced agricultural practices were limited to a few ancient civilizations.

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The Milky Way galaxy is composed of millions of stars in a relatively flat structure containing a thin disk and a thick disk. Based on computer simulations and analysis of data on the brightness, position, and chemical composition of about 250,000 stars in the thick disk (collected from two telescopes, one in China and one orbiting in space), astrophysicists Maosheng Xiang and Hans-Walter Rix claim that the thick disk of the Milky Way formed in two distinct phases rather than a single one.

Which finding, if true, would most directly support the researchers' claim?

- A) There's an age difference of about 2 billion years between certain stars in the thick disk.
- B) The stars in the Milky Way tend to have very similar chemical compositions.
- C) The thin disk contains about twice as many stars that can be seen from Earth as the thick disk does.
- D) The telescopes used by the researchers have detected stars of similar ages in galaxies other than the Milky Way.

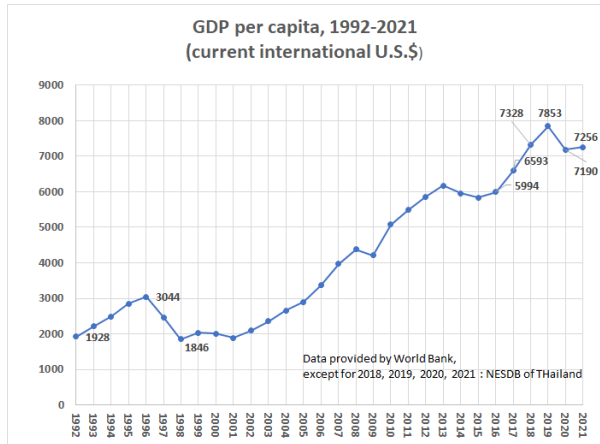
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Some residents in a neighborhood in Atlanta recently founded a community garden inside a local park. The residents agreed to volunteer to take care of the garden together. Students at a local high school surveyed some of the volunteers as part of a project to understand the impact of the new garden. The students concluded that the new garden benefited the community overall by fostering connections and relationships between the volunteers and other residents of the neighborhood who weren't volunteering at the garden.

Which quotation from a survey respondent would best illustrate the students' conclusion?

- A) "I love getting the opportunity to be outside and around nature, especially on days when the weather is nice."
- B) "We're lucky to have a few expert gardeners living in the neighborhood. Some volunteers and I have gone to them a few times with questions, and they've been eager to help us and to learn more about the project."
- C) "My favorite thing about the garden is the feeling of pride I get when I walk by each day. As I see the plants growing, I feel good knowing I had a small part in creating this beautiful space in the neighborhood."
- D) "Our first challenge was deciding what plants would be most suitable to the climate and soil here in Atlanta. We needed plants that could survive the hot and humid summers."

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A report on economic growth in Southeast Asia highlights Thailand's consistent increase in GDP from 1992 to 2021. The graph shows a steady upward trend, with a slight decline at the very end of the period, which is not considered significant.

Which choice most effectively uses data from the graph to describe Thailand's economic growth?

Choose 1 answer:

- A) Thailand experienced a sharp decline in GDP during the early 2000s, significantly impacting its long-term economic growth.
- B) Thailand's GDP showed consistent growth from 1992 to 2021, with only minor fluctuations, indicating overall economic stability.
- C) Thailand's GDP remained stagnant from 1992 to 2021, with no significant changes in the economic trend.
- D) Thailand's GDP experienced severe fluctuations throughout the period, making the overall economic growth unpredictable.

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In recent years, there has been growing interest in sustainable fashion, which aims to reduce the environmental impact of clothing production. This movement emphasizes the use of eco-friendly materials and ethical labor practices. Despite its increasing popularity, sustainable fashion often faces criticism for being more expensive than conventional clothing. Nonetheless, advocates argue that the long-term benefits, such as reduced environmental harm and better working conditions, justify the higher costs.

Which choice most logically completes the text?

- A) Sustainable fashion is likely to become more affordable as it becomes more mainstream.
- B) Critics of sustainable fashion believe that the costs outweigh the environmental benefits.
- C) Advocates of sustainable fashion suggest that its higher costs are justified by its long-term benefits.
- D) Many people believe that sustainable fashion is a passing trend.

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The popularity of online learning has increased significantly in recent years, driven by its flexibility and accessibility. However, many educators have raised concerns about the effectiveness of online instruction compared to traditional classroom settings. Studies have shown that students may struggle with self-discipline and motivation in online courses, which can impact their overall learning experience. Consequently, educators are exploring ways to improve online learning environments.

Which choice most logically completes the text?

- A) Online learning is generally considered more effective than traditional classroom instruction.
- B) Students often face challenges with self-discipline and motivation in online learning environments.
- C) Educators have found that online learning is as effective as in-person education.
- D) Traditional classroom settings are being replaced by online learning in most educational institutions.

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The ancient Egyptian pyramids, built over 4,000 years ago, _____ a lasting symbol of human achievement.

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

Choose 1 answer:

- A) is remaining
- B) remains
- C) has remained
- D) remain



17

The committee of scientists _____ to publish their findings on climate change by the end of the year.

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

Choose 1 answer:

- A) plans
- B) plan
- C) planning
- D) will have planned

18

Due to the intense competition in the market, the company _____ its product line to appeal to a broader audience.

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

Choose 1 answer:

- A) expands
- B) expanding
- C) expanded
- D) to expand

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In her book, the author provides a detailed account of the lives of the ancient Greeks, emphasizing _____ customs and traditions.

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

Choose 1 answer:

- A) Greeks'
- B) Greek's
- C) Greeks
- D) Greek

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The organization's members met to discuss _____ plans for the upcoming year.

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

Choose 1 answer:

- A) there
- B) his
- C) its
- D) their

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Albert Einstein, renowned for his theory of relativity, revolutionized the way we understand space and time. His groundbreaking work in physics earned him a Nobel Prize, and his name became synonymous with _____ intelligence.

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

Choose 1 answer:

- A) scientific,
- B) scientific:
- C) scientific
- D) scientific;

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During the Renaissance, scholars from across Europe traveled to Italy to study classical texts and artwork. They believed that these works held the key to understanding human nature and _____ the mysteries of the universe.

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

Choose 1 answer:

- A) unlocking,
- B) unlocking;
- C) unlocking:
- D) unlocking

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The Great Wall of China—stretching over 13,000 miles—has stood for centuries as a testament to the engineering prowess of ancient Chinese civilizations. This colossal structure was originally built to protect against invasions, but it _____ a symbol of China’s enduring strength and resilience.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) also—became
- B) also, became
- C) also became
- D) also became:

24

The construction of the new highway has disrupted local wildlife habitats. _____, environmental groups have called for additional measures to protect endangered species.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) As a result,
- B) For instance,
- C) Nevertheless,
- D) Furthermore,

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Many classic novels have been adapted into movies. _____, “Pride and Prejudice” has had several film versions, each with its own interpretation of the characters.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) On the other hand,
- B) In other words,
- C) Likewise,
- D) For instance,

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While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- The Great Wall of China is a series of fortifications made of various materials, including earth, wood, and stone.

- The wall was built primarily to protect against invasions from northern tribes.

Construction of the wall began as early as the 7th century BCE and continued until the 16th century CE.

- The wall stretches over 13,000 miles across northern China.

- The student wants to highlight the main purpose of the Great Wall of China.

Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

Choose 1 answer:

- A) The Great Wall of China stretches over 13,000 miles and is made of various materials.
- B) The Great Wall of China was built from the 7th century BCE to the 16th century CE to protect against invasions from northern tribes.
- C) The Great Wall of China is a series of fortifications made of earth, wood, and stone.
- D) The Great Wall of China, which is over 13,000 miles long, was constructed to protect against northern invasions.

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While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- The human body has several major systems, including the circulatory, respiratory, and digestive systems.

- Each system has specific functions that contribute to overall health and well-being.

- The circulatory system transports blood and nutrients throughout the body.

- The respiratory system is responsible for breathing and gas exchange.

- The student wants to emphasize the specific functions of the major systems.

Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

Choose 1 answer:

- A) The human body has major systems, such as the circulatory and respiratory systems, each with specific functions.

- B) The circulatory system transports blood and nutrients, while the respiratory system handles breathing and gas exchange.

- C) The digestive system contributes to overall health, alongside the circulatory and respiratory systems.

- D) Major systems in the human body, including the circulatory, respiratory, and digestive systems, each have specific functions.