Question ID 9471628d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9471628d

Former astronaut Ellen Ochoa says that although she doesn't have a definite idea of when it might happen, she _____ that humans will someday need to be able to live in other environments than those found on Earth. This conjecture informs her interest in future research missions to the moon.

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

A. demands

B. speculates

C. doubts

D. establishes

Question ID be5b143c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: be5b143c

Following the principles of community-based participatory research, tribal nations and research institutions are equal partners in health studies conducted on reservations. A collaboration between the Crow Tribe and Montana State University _____ this model: tribal citizens worked alongside scientists to design the methodology and continue to assist in data collection.

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

A. circumvents

B. eclipses

C. fabricates

D. exemplifies

Question ID 3ba44665

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3ba44665

Radar and sonar can detect objects or people through walls, but they are too costly for consumer use. Researchers Fadel Adib and Dina Katabi have shown, however, that there may be a comparatively _____ alternative: small changes to the Wi-Fi technology used in smartphones can give users a cheap way to count people or even identify their gestures through walls.

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

A. infrequent

B. inexpensive

C. unmistakable

D. impractical

Question ID abab6957

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: abab6957

Logically, a damaged fossil should provide less information than an intact one, but for paleontologist Brigitte Schoenemann, a broken area on a fossilized trilobite (a crustacean-like creature) _____ fresh insight, allowing her to view the inner structure of the organism's eye.

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

A. resolved

B. adjusted

C. offered

D. directed

Question ID a9dc452b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a9dc452b

Rydra Wong, the protagonist of Samuel R. Delany's 1966 novel *Babel-17*, is a poet, an occupation which, in Delany's work, is not _____: nearly a dozen of the characters that populate his novels are poets or writers.

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

A. infallible

B. atypical

C. lucrative

D. tedious

Question ID 3888bda8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3888bda8

Researcher Lucy Salazar is using radiocarbon dating to study Machu Picchu, an ancient Incan fortress in the Andes Mountains. She and her colleagues have found that the site's age differs from the _____ estimate: it is approximately 20 years older than scholars thought when first encountering Machu Picchu in 1911.

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

A. genuine

B. intentional

C. independent

D. original

Question ID d39bd474

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d39bd474

At the turn of the twentieth century, Black residents of Richmond, Virginia, had few formal options for banking and other financial services. To _____ this situation, Maggie Lena Walker chartered the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank in 1903. The bank went on to provide home loans and savings opportunities to thousands of Black families over the following decades.

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

A. prolong

B. rectify

C. retain

D. highlight

Question ID 067eddae

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 067eddae

The Menominee and Anishinaabe peoples have been growing wild rice—known as *manoomin* in the Ojibwe language—in the Great Lakes region of North America for centuries, but climatic changes are causing lakes to get deeper, thereby threatening wild rice. These plants are extremely _____ to water depth during the “floating leaf” stage of development, and if the water is too deep, the buoyancy of the young wild-rice plants can literally uproot them from the lake bottom, destroying them.

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

A. immune

B. sensitive

C. limited

D. receptive

Question ID 308dd43b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 308dd43b

In habitats with limited nutrients, certain fungus species grow on the roots of trees, engaging in mutually beneficial relationships known as ectomycorrhizae: in this symbiotic exchange, the tree provides the fungus with carbon, a nutrient necessary for both species, and the fungus _____ by enhancing the tree's ability to absorb nitrogen, another key nutrient, from the soil.

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

A. overreacts

B. reciprocates

C. retaliates

D. deviates

Question ID cc6805e8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: cc6805e8

In 1776, the United States sent Benjamin Franklin to France to try to win the country's support in the United States' fight for independence from Great Britain. Franklin was very popular in France. This _____ surely helped him to convince France to assist the United States.

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

A. thoughtfulness

B. esteem

C. controversy

D. sincerity

Question ID edf20fa1

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
PSAT/NMSQT & PSAT 10	Reading and Writing	Craft and Structure	Words in Context	

ID: edf20fa1

The following text is from Bram Stoker's 1897 novel *Dracula*. The narrator is being driven in a carriage through a remote region at night.

> The baying of the wolves sounded nearer and nearer, as though they were closing round on us from every side. I grew dreadfully afraid, and the horses shared my fear. The driver, however, was not in the least disturbed; he kept turning his head to left and right, but I could not see anything through the darkness.

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

A. Disorganized

B. Alarmed

C. Offended

D. Interrupted

Question ID 0555d9ef

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0555d9ef

Ofelia Zepeda's contributions to the field of linguistics are _____: her many accomplishments include working as a linguistics professor and bilingual poet, authoring the first Tohono O'odham grammar book, and co-founding the American Indian Language Development Institute.

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

A. pragmatic

B. controversial

C. extensive

D. universal

Question ID e8ead1ee

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e8ead1ee

Economists often assert that countries looking to increase their reliance on solar energy should expand their capacity for storage; having an ample reserve of stored energy can mitigate the effects of _____ solar energy collection caused by unpredictable shifts in cloud cover and haze.

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

A. developments of

B. fluctuations in

C. calibrations with

D. incentives for

Question ID adf1de2f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
PSAT/NMSQT & PSAT 10	Reading and Writing	Craft and Structure	Words in Context	

ID: adf1de2f

Some researchers believe that the genes that enable groundhogs and certain other mammals to hibernate through the winter by slowing their breathing and heart rates and lowering their body temperature may be _____ in humans: present yet having essentially no effect on our bodily processes.

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

A. decisive

B. lacking

C. variable

D. dormant

Question ID 5a8443b7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 5a8443b7

The Illustrated History of San Mateo County, published in 1878, features several illustrations by Grafton Tyler Brown showing the California county's farms, residences, and businesses. It was _____ for a business to be featured, since being included suggested that a business was an important part of the community.

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

A. risky

B. misleading

C. advantageous

D. unremarkable

Question ID d2ad1e43

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d2ad1e43

The following text is adapted from Oscar Wilde's 1895 play *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

CECILY: Have we got to part?

ALGERNON: I am afraid so. It's a very painful parting.

CECILY: It is always painful to part from people whom one has known for a very brief space of time. The absence of old friends one can endure with equanimity. But even a momentary separation from anyone to whom one has just been introduced is almost unbearable.

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

A. Regret

B. Persist

C. Tolerate

D. Encourage

Question ID d383b4e1

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
PSAT/NMSQT & PSAT 10	Reading and Writing	Craft and Structure	Words in Context	

ID: d383b4e1

Business researcher Melanie Brucks and colleagues found that remote video conference meetings may be less conducive to brainstorming than in-person meetings are. The researchers suspect that video meeting participants are focused on staring at the speaker on the screen and don't allow their eyes or mind to wander as much, which may ultimately _____ creativity.

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

A. recommend

B. criticize

C. impede

D. construct

Question ID 3171849e

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3171849e

Research conducted by planetary scientist Katarina Miljkovic suggests that the Moon's surface may not accurately _____ early impact events. When the Moon was still forming, its surface was softer, and asteroid or meteoroid impacts would have left less of an impression; thus, evidence of early impacts may no longer be present.

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

A. reflect

B. receive

C. evaluate

D. mimic

Question ID 33eda142

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 33eda142

Researchers studying how consumers develop their attitudes toward brands have found that the shapes of the logos used to present brand names are _____. Brand names presented using rounded logos, for example, were found to lead consumers to view brands as significantly more approachable than the same names did when presented using angular logos.

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

A. a contributing factor

B. an analogous case

C. an overlooked effect

D. a surprising paradox

Question ID 71e76db7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 71e76db7

There are many famous examples of election pollsters making inaccurate predictions in presidential elections. But neuroscientist and election pollster Sam Wang has said that these prediction failures should not lead campaigns to _____ election polling entirely. Polling is about more than just predicting the winner; throughout campaigns, it helps strategists identify where their efforts are most likely to be effective.

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

A. distort

B. enact

C. neglect

D. supplement

Question ID 2fd939b9

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 2fd939b9

Scientists studying marine ecosystems were surprised by the extent of internal carbon recycling by red coralline algae. While some _____ of carbon was expected, the scientists found that the algae reabsorb nearly 40% of the carbon dioxide they produce during calcification processes and harness it for photosynthesis.

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

A. imitation

B. supply

C. examination

D. reuse

Question ID 5e6e8fdc

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 5e6e8fdc

Domesticated thousands of years ago by Indigenous people in South America, cacao, the plant from which chocolate is made, deviates structurally from the wild plant it is descended from. Maize (corn), another crop domesticated by Indigenous Americans, shows so little resemblance to any wild plant that genetic research was necessary to _____ teosinte grass as its ancestor.

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

A. acquire

B. develop

C. attract

D. confirm

Question ID 6fcb795b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6fcb795b

Anthropologist Kristian J. Carlson and colleagues examined the fossilized clavicle and shoulder bones of a 3.6-million-year-old early hominin known as “Little Foot.” They found that these bones were _____ the clavicle and shoulder bones of modern apes that are frequent climbers, such as gorillas and chimpanzees, suggesting that Little Foot had adapted to life in the trees.

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

A. surpassed by

B. comparable to

C. independent of

D. obtained from

Question ID 207b2842

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 207b2842

Diego Velázquez was the leading artist in the court of King Philip IV of Spain during the seventeenth century, but his influence was hardly _____ Spain: realist and impressionist painters around the world employed his techniques and echoed elements of his style.

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

A. derived from

B. recognized in

C. confined to

D. repressed by

Question ID 2c06ef83

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 2c06ef83

The following text is adapted from Sadakichi Hartmann's 1894 short story "Magnolia Blossoms." The narrator is standing on the deck of a boat.

> What a night it was! My soul had left its body to lose itself in the wild unrestrained beauty around me—from where it came—and only left a trembling suggestion of its existence within me. The other passengers moved around me like shadows, and again and again my eyes drank in all the glory and wealth of that night.

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

A. Trace

B. Opinion

C. Dispute

D. Command

Question ID e8cc68b0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e8cc68b0

The following text is adapted from Henry James's 1881 novel *The Portrait of a Lady*.

> Everything Osmond did was pose—pose so subtly considered that if one were not on the lookout one mistook it for impulse. Ralph had never met a man who lived so much in the land of consideration. His tastes, his studies, his accomplishments, his collections, were all for a purpose.

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

A. Deference

B. Courtesy

C. Calculation

D. Indecision

Question ID 63f887b0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 63f887b0

The recently observed gamma ray burst GRB 230307A lasted for 200 seconds, _____ for a burst generated by the merger of neutron stars. Bursts caused by neutron mergers typically last fewer than 2 seconds.

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

A. a coincidence

B. a reprieve

C. an incident

D. an oddity

Question ID 278a8955

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 278a8955

Although the government of the Soviet Union attempted to _____ Georgi Vladimov's novel *Faithful Ruslan*, copies of the book circulated in secret among readers in several parts of the country.

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

A. replicate

B. critique

C. import

D. suppress

Question ID ad53e0a2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ad53e0a2

Mônica Lopes-Ferreira and others at Brazil's Butantan Institute are studying the freshwater stingray species *Potamotrygon rex* to determine whether biological characteristics such as the rays' age and sex have _____ effect on the toxicity of their venom—that is, to see if differences in these traits are associated with considerable variations in venom potency.

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

A. a disconcerting

B. an acceptable

C. an imperceptible

D. a substantial

Question ID 0e748400

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0e748400

Animal researcher Amalia P.M. Bastos led a 2021 study about a wild kea parrot that used small stones as tools to preen its feathers. Skeptical colleagues had initially suggested to Bastos that the kea's interactions with the stones might simply be _____, but Bastos and her team showed that the kea was using the stones deliberately.

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

A. intriguing

B. obvious

C. accidental

D. observable

Question ID 965dd3fb

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 965dd3fb

The following text is adapted from Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1844 short story "Drowne's Wooden Image." Drowne, a young man, is carving a wooden figure to decorate the front of a ship.

> Day by day, the work assumed greater precision, and settled its irregular and misty outline into distincter grace and beauty. The general design was now obvious to the common eye.

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

A. Acquired

B. Acknowledged

C. Imitated

D. Speculated

Question ID 5a15d2c6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 5a15d2c6

The following text is adapted from Zora Neale Hurston's 1921 short story "John Redding Goes to Sea." John wants to travel far beyond the village where he lives near his mother, Matty.

> [John] had on several occasions attempted to reconcile his mother to the notion, but found it a difficult task. Matty always took refuge in self-pity and tears. Her son's desires were incomprehensible to her, that was all.

As used in the text, what does the phrase "reconcile his mother to" most nearly mean?

A. Get his mother to accept

B. Get his mother to apologize for

C. Get his mother to match

D. Get his mother to reunite with

Question ID d2cf0fe4

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d2cf0fe4

Novelist N. K. Jemisin declines to _____ the conventions of the science fiction genre in which she writes, and she has suggested that her readers appreciate her work precisely because of this willingness to thwart expectations and avoid formulaic plots and themes.

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

A. question

B. react to

C. perceive

D. conform to

Question ID 31e2dd29

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 31e2dd29

Artificially delivering biomolecules to plant cells is an important component of protecting plants from pathogens, but it is difficult to transmit biomolecules through the layers of the plant cell wall. Markita del Carpio Landry and her colleagues have shown that it may be possible to _____ this problem by transmitting molecules through carbon nanotubes, which can cross cell walls.

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

A. conceptualize

B. neglect

C. illustrate

D. overcome

Question ID 21d98937

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 21d98937

A journalist and well-respected art critic of nineteenth-century Britain, Lady Elizabeth Rigby Eastlake did not hesitate to publish reviews that went against popular opinion. One of her most divisive works was an essay questioning the idea of photography as an emerging medium for fine art: in the essay, Eastlake _____ that the value of photographs was informational rather than creative.

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

A. exposed

B. asserted

C. discovered

D. doubted

Question ID 70d4b1bb

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 70d4b1bb

The early British postal system required the cost of mail delivery to be paid upon receipt, a system which encouraged inventive strategies by the intended recipient to avoid payment. To improve this system, _____ were proposed in 1837, including the use of a postage stamp, a small receipt pasted to the mail indicating that delivery costs had been paid by the sender.

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

A. investigations

B. expansions

C. reforms

D. possessions

Question ID fd70daf6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: fd70daf6

For a 2020 exhibition, photographer and neurobiologist Okunola Jeyifous _____ a series of new images based on a series of alphabet posters from the 1970s known as the “Black ABCs,” which featured Black children from Chicago. Jeyifous photographed the now-adult models and layered the photos over magnified images of the models’ cells, resulting in what he called “micro and macro portraiture.”

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

A. validated

B. created

C. challenged

D. restored

Question ID c8b630b8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c8b630b8

The recent discovery of a carved wooden figure dating to around 2,000 years ago in a ditch in England was truly surprising. Wooden objects _____ survive for so long due to their high susceptibility to rot, but archaeologists suspect layers of sediment in the ditch preserved the figure by creating an oxygen-free environment.

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

A. sturdily

B. carelessly

C. rarely

D. simply

Question ID c7c65aad

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
PSAT/NMSQT & PSAT 10	Reading and Writing	Craft and Structure	Words in Context	

ID: c7c65aad

Although critics believed that customers would never agree to pay to pick their own produce on farms, such concerns didn't _____ Booker T. Whatley's efforts to promote the practice. Thanks in part to Whatley's determined advocacy, farms that allow visitors to pick their own apples, pumpkins, and other produce can be found throughout the United States.

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

A. enhance

B. hinder

C. misrepresent

D. aggravate

Question ID d07ea0c1

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d07ea0c1

According to Potawatomi ecologist Robin Wall Kimmerer, the Indigenous method of harvesting *Hierochloe odorata*, or sweetgrass, by snapping the plant off at the root actually _____ wild populations: it may seem counterintuitive, she says, but this method of removal allows new sweetgrass plants to repopulate the space, with an overall increase in number and vigor.

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

A. selects

B. originates

C. conditions

D. replenishes

Question ID cbce5262

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: cbce5262

Researchers have struggled to pinpoint specific causes for hiccups, which happen when a person's diaphragm contracts _____. However, neuroscientist Kimberley Whitehead has found that these uncontrollable contractions may play an important role in helping infants regulate their breathing.

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

A. involuntarily

B. beneficially

C. strenuously

D. smoothly

Question ID bd0c91e0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: bd0c91e0

When Mexican-American archaeologist Zelia Maria Magdalena Nuttall published her 1886 research paper on sculptures found at the ancient Indigenous city of Teotihuacan in present-day Mexico, other researchers readily _____ her work as groundbreaking; this recognition stemmed from her convincing demonstration that the sculptures were much older than had previously been thought.

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

A. acknowledged

B. ensured

C. denied

D. underestimated

Question ID b19468c7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b19468c7

In 1929 the *Atlantic Monthly* published several articles based on newly discovered letters allegedly exchanged between President Abraham Lincoln and a woman named Ann Rutledge. Historians were unable to _____ the authenticity of the letters, however, and quickly dismissed them as a hoax.

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

A. validate

B. interpret

C. relate

D. accommodate

Question ID 8438fac5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8438fac5

Cuttlefish appear to be surprisingly _____ at exercising self-control: in a 2021 study conducted by behavioral ecologist Alexandra Schnell, these cephalopods routinely demonstrated restraint by delaying gratification, waiting for a favorite treat instead of instantly devouring a readily available meal.

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

A. awkward

B. imaginative

C. manageable

D. competent

Question ID 4e9e9e61

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4e9e9e61

Some people have speculated that two helmets with attached horns discovered in Denmark in 1942 belonged to Vikings, but scholars have long been skeptical. Archaeologist Helle Vandkilde and colleagues recently provided radiocarbon dates for the helmets, and their findings _____ scholars' skepticism: the helmets date to the Nordic Bronze Age, centuries before the Vikings existed.

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

A. anticipate

B. inspect

C. reveal

D. justify

Question ID f7db3795

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f7db3795

Handedness, a preferential use of either the right or left hand, typically is easy to observe in humans. Because this trait is present but less _____ in many other animals, animal-behavior researchers often employ tasks specially designed to reveal individual animals' preferences for a certain hand or paw.

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

A. recognizable

B. intriguing

C. significant

D. useful

Question ID 3c8b2bf0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3c8b2bf0

In the mid-nineteenth century, some abolitionist newspapers _____ westward migration in the United States; by printing a letter that described the easy fortunes and high salaries miners could make in California during the Gold Rush, Frederick Douglass's newspaper *North Star* was one such publication that inspired readers to relocate.

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

A. stimulated

B. assigned

C. opposed

D. disregarded

Question ID 40a8a470

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 40a8a470

During film's early years, those who worked in the industry had a vested interest in convincing the public to embrace the new medium. As Sumiko Higashi argues, some filmmakers relied on film critics to influence the public's _____ the world of cinema. Critics who drew similarities between film and traditional art forms, like drama, could help legitimize film as an art form.

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

A. reproduction of

B. contribution to

C. application to

D. perception of

Question ID a09a9bf9

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In the Indigenous intercropping system known as the Three Sisters, maize, squash, and beans form an _____ web of relations: maize provides the structure on which the bean vines grow; the squash vines cover the soil, discouraging competition from weeds; and the beans aid their two “sisters” by enriching the soil with essential nitrogen.

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

A. indecipherable

B. ornamental

C. obscure

D. intricate

Question ID 96b11a8a

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ID: 96b11a8a

Particle physicists like Ayana Holloway Arce and Aida El-Khadra spend much of their time _____ what is invisible to the naked eye: using sophisticated technology, they closely examine the behavior of subatomic particles, the smallest detectable parts of matter.

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

A. selecting

B. inspecting

C. creating

D. deciding

Question ID 2ccc1a5c

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ID: 2ccc1a5c

Although the playwrights hoped that their play would be _____ when performed live, critics generally agreed that the production and performances had the opposite effect, wearying audiences instead of energizing them.

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

A. multifaceted

B. realistic

C. rousing

D. subtle

Question ID a2c62a69

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a2c62a69

Beginning in the 1950s, Navajo Nation legislator Annie Dodge Wauneka continuously worked to promote public health; this _____ effort involved traveling throughout the vast Navajo homeland and writing a medical dictionary for speakers of *Diné bizaad*, the Navajo language.

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

A. impartial

B. offhand

C. persistent

D. mandatory

Question ID d740a7d6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d740a7d6

As a young photographer in the 1950s, William Klein _____ the conventions of photography by creating images that were high contrast and included blurred and distorted elements—features generally seen as flaws. So unorthodox was Klein's work that he had difficulty finding a publisher for his now-iconic 1956 photo book *Life is Good & Good for You in New York*.

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

A. reviewed

B. defied

C. respected

D. prevented

Question ID d8aa1f95

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d8aa1f95

The Cambrian explosion gets its name from the sudden appearance and rapid diversification of animal remains in the fossil record about 541 million years ago, during the Cambrian period. Some scientists argue that this _____ change in the fossil record might be because of a shift in many organisms to body types that were more likely to be preserved.

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

A. catastrophic

B. elusive

C. abrupt

D. imminent

Question ID a3a4f830

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a3a4f830

According to a team of neuroeconomists from the University of Zurich, ease of decision making may be linked to communication between two brain regions, the prefrontal cortex and the parietal cortex. Individuals tend to be more decisive if the information flow between the regions is intensified, whereas they make choices more slowly when information flow is _____.

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

A. reduced

B. evaluated

C. determined

D. acquired

Question ID 5b08fd8c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 5b08fd8c

The following text is adapted from José Martí's 1891 poem "At the Salon" (translated by Cecil Charles in 1898). The speaker describes a painting featuring a female figure.

> From the sterile soil no ray
> Of hope in a blade of green,
> Nor sheltering roof is seen—
> Though the skies are heavy and gray.
>
> Ah, this is the woman fair
> Who stole away my heart
> In the splendid halls of art
> Yester-e'en as I wandered there!

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

A. Protective

B. Restrictive

C. Affectionate

D. Suspicious

Question ID ab00e9bb

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ab00e9bb

Like the 1945 play it reimagines—Federico García Lorca's *The House of Bernarda Alba*—Marcus Gardley's 2014 play *The House That Will Not Stand* prominently features women. In both plays, the all-female cast _____ an array of female characters, including a strong mother and several daughters dealing with individual struggles.

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

A. engulfs

B. encourages

C. comprises

D. provokes

Question ID c76fd899

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c76fd899

Scholars long thought that the initial spread of silk beyond China occurred in the second century CE, but this view has been _____ by new archaeological evidence from South Asia that reveals that the people of the Indus Civilization made use of silk at least 1,000 years earlier.

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

A. investigated

B. misinterpreted

C. anticipated

D. contradicted

Question ID b3c0fa55

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b3c0fa55

The following text is adapted from Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1837 story "Dr. Heidegger's Experiment." The main character, a physician, is experimenting with rehydrating a dried flower.

> At first [the rose] lay lightly on the surface of the fluid, appearing to imbibe none of its moisture. Soon, however, a singular change began to be visible. The crushed and dried petals stirred and assumed a deepening tinge of crimson, as if the flower were reviving from a deathlike slumber.

As used in the text, what does the phrase "a singular" most nearly mean?

A. A lonely

B. A disagreeable

C. An acceptable

D. An extraordinary

Question ID 7190960c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7190960c

The way in which individual elements are balanced within a photographic image tends to affect how viewers perceive it: symmetry tends to give the elements equal importance, asymmetry emphasizes differences, and radial balance (organizing the elements around a central point) emphasizes the center over the periphery. What a photograph conveys is therefore largely _____ how it is balanced.

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

A. inhibited by

B. contingent on

C. obligated to

D. reserved for

Question ID 879c7fd8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 879c7fd8

The discoverers of the minor planet 1227 Geranium named it after the plant genus that includes cranesbills. Most of the recently discovered minor planets, however, are given only an identification number, largely due to there being over 500,000 such bodies known at present, which makes the already challenging task of finding a unique name for each nearly _____.

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

A. insurmountable

B. feasible

C. substantial

D. unnecessary

Question ID 9961f6f6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9961f6f6

Though not closely related, the hedgehog tenrecs of Madagascar share basic _____ true hedgehogs, including protective spines, pointed snouts, and small body size—traits the two groups of mammals independently developed in response to equivalent roles in their respective habitats.

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

A. examples of

B. concerns about

C. indications of

D. similarities with

Question ID 19651f2a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 19651f2a

While we can infer information about climate activity in Earth's distant past from physical evidence, we of course cannot observe past climates directly. To study early Earth's climate in action, we must _____ that climate using computer models that represent various climate conditions consistent with the physical evidence.

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

A. invent

B. simulate

C. exaggerate

D. preserve

Question ID 8a1c2961

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8a1c2961

Zygomorphic (bilaterally symmetric) flowers remain open and functional on average 1.1 days longer than actinomorphic (radially symmetric) flowers do. Ruby E. Stephens and colleagues claim that this extended period could be _____ the relatively small pool of potential pollinators available to zygomorphic flowers and the greater chance at successful pollination that remaining open affords them.

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

A. analogous to

B. converted by

C. attributed to

D. magnified by

Question ID 9e67424d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9e67424d

The parasitic dodder plant increases its reproductive success by flowering at the same time as the host plant it has latched onto. In 2020, Jianqiang Wu and his colleagues determined that the tiny dodder achieves this _____ with its host by absorbing and utilizing a protein the host produces when it is about to flower.

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

A. synchronization

B. hibernation

C. prediction

D. moderation

Question ID 620e1c30

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 620e1c30

While most animals are incapable of passing somatic mutations—genetic alterations that arise in an organism's nonreproductive cells—on to their offspring, elkhorn coral (*Acropora palmata*) presents an intriguing _____: in a 2022 study, researchers found that elkhorn coral produced offspring that inherited somatic mutations from a parent.

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

A. hypothesis

B. affinity

C. anomaly

D. corroboration

Question ID c70f5eda

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c70f5eda

Like other tribal nations, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is self-governing; its National Council generates laws regulating aspects of community life such as land use and healthcare, while the principal chief and cabinet officials _____ those laws by devising policies and administering services in accordance with them.

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

A. implement

B. presume

C. improvise

D. mimic

Question ID 5387c596

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 5387c596

Disproving the common misconception of Native art as _____, the painters whose work appears in the collection at the National Museum of the American Indian employ a range of styles. There are artists working in the traditional arts of their specific tribal communities, artists working in European modernist or American abstract expressionist art traditions, and artists blending various traditions into something wholly new.

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

A. uncontroversial

B. individualistic

C. theoretical

D. homogeneous

Question ID 3b926224

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3b926224

The process of mechanically recycling plastics is often considered _____ because of the environmental impact and the loss of material quality that often occurs. But chemist Takunda Chazovachii has helped develop a cleaner process of chemical recycling that converts superabsorbent polymers from diapers into a desirable reusable adhesive.

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

A. resilient

B. inadequate

C. dynamic

D. satisfactory

Question ID 2956015d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 2956015d

Stars form in cloudlike swirls of gas and dust that cannot be touched, but astrophysicist Nia Imara believes these formations need not remain completely _____ to researchers: she uses simulation data and sophisticated 3D printers to produce interactive models of these stellar nurseries.

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

A. repeatable

B. explicable

C. regrettable

D. intangible

Question ID 54383b76

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 54383b76

The invention in 1958 of the integrated circuit (or microchip) radically altered the semiconductor industry. In fact, some historians argue that it fundamentally _____ the industry by enabling it to take advantage of mass production methods for the first time.

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

A. overwhelmed

B. bypassed

C. obstructed

D. transformed

Question ID 02366f19

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 02366f19

A unique dialect, or regional variety, of Spanish is spoken in Puerto Rico. It contains many words borrowed from the language of the Taínos, the Indigenous people of Puerto Rico. African languages also made important contributions to the Puerto Rican dialect. For example, the way certain vowel sounds are pronounced in it can be _____ to how they are pronounced in Yoruba, a West African language.

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

A. traced

B. surrendered

C. announced

D. offered

Question ID 137b0549

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 137b0549

Although science fiction was dominated mostly by white male authors when Octavia Butler, a Black woman, began writing, she did not view the genre as _____: Butler broke into the field with the publication of several short stories and her 1976 novel *Patternmaster*, and she later became the first science fiction writer to win a prestigious MacArthur Fellowship.

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

A. legitimate

B. impenetrable

C. compelling

D. indecipherable

Question ID e3c7d32c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e3c7d32c

Researchers and conservationists stress that biodiversity loss due to invasive species is _____. For example, people can take simple steps such as washing their footwear after travel to avoid introducing potentially invasive organisms into new environments.

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

A. preventable

B. undeniable

C. common

D. concerning

Question ID 546292f0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 546292f0

The following text is from F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 novel *The Great Gatsby*.

> [Jay Gatsby] was balancing himself on the dashboard of his car with that resourcefulness of movement that is so peculiarly American—that comes, I suppose, with the absence of lifting work in youth and, even more, with the formless grace of our nervous, sporadic games. This quality was continually breaking through his punctilious manner in the shape of restlessness.

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

A. Standard

B. Prestige

C. Characteristic

D. Accomplishment

Question ID 66bc25f5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 66bc25f5

Ecologist Exequiel Ezcurra and colleagues found that the inhabitants of the Mexica empire used natural landmarks to track time with a high degree of _____. By observing the sun's position in relation to various points on the mountains surrounding the Basin of Mexico, the Mexica were able to precisely identify the dates when significant events such as solstices occurred.

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

A. precariousness

B. exactitude

C. resilience

D. inconspicuousness

Question ID cb767849

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: cb767849

The Mule Bone, a 1930 play written by Zora Neale Hurston and Langston Hughes, is perhaps the best-known of the few examples of _____ in literature. Most writers prefer working alone, and given that working together cost Hurston and Hughes their friendship, it is not hard to see why.

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

A. characterization

B. interpretation

C. collaboration

D. commercialization

Question ID 511e4019

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 511e4019

In recommending Bao Phi's collection *Sông I Sing*, a librarian noted that pieces by the spoken-word poet don't lose their _____ nature when printed: the language has the same pleasant musical quality on the page as it does when performed by Phi.

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

A. scholarly

B. melodic

C. jarring

D. personal

Question ID ff6b0218

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ff6b0218

Latro, the main character of Gene Wolfe's novel *Soldier of the Mist*, is a man in ancient Greece. He completely loses his memory whenever he sleeps. So, before sleeping, Latro records the important experiences of each day on a scroll, carefully choosing which ones to _____.

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

A. suspect

B. preserve

C. suggest

D. imagine