Question ID 8f7afae9

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ID: 8f7afae9

Set in a world where science fiction tropes exist as everyday realities, Charles Yu's 2010 novel *How to Live Safely in a Science Fictional Universe* traces a time traveler's quest to find his father. Because the journey at the novel's center is so _____, with the protagonist ricocheting chaotically across time, the reader often wonders whether the pair will ever be reunited.

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

A. haphazard

B. premeditated

C. inspirational

D. fruitless

Question ID a9cd4b1c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a9cd4b1c

While recent scholarship has undermined claims that the works of twelfth-century Islamic philosopher Ibn Rushd were _____ other Muslim philosophers of his time, it is indisputable that his location in the Muslim-ruled area of what is now Spain meant that his works were primarily available thousands of miles west of the era's center of Islamic thought.

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

A. controversial among

B. antagonistic toward

C. imitated by

D. inconsequential to

Question ID 1903629b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1903629b

In *Nature Poem* (2017), Kumeyaay poet Tommy Pico portrays his _____ the natural world by honoring the centrality of nature within his tribe's traditional beliefs while simultaneously expressing his distaste for being in wilderness settings himself.

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

A. responsiveness to

B. ambivalence toward

C. renunciation of

D. mastery over

Question ID f8685972

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f8685972

Players of online games are largely aware that the games collect their data, and they're often willing to trade some privacy for a fun experience. But the games are often quite _____ about what data they collect and why. Because of this, data-privacy advocates are seeking to expand online players' knowledge of data collection practices and improve their ability to navigate privacy-setting features in games.

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

A. opaque

B. abrasive

C. ambivalent

D. outspoken

Question ID 13fc1248

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 13fc1248

Economist Marco Castillo and colleagues showed that nuisance costs—the time and effort people must spend to make donations—reduce charitable giving. Charities can mitigate this effect by compensating donors for nuisance costs, but those costs, though variable, are largely _____ donation size, so charities that compensate donors will likely favor attracting a few large donors over many small donors.

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

A. supplemental to

B. predictive of

C. independent of

D. subsumed in

Question ID 3be2be08

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3be2be08

While scholars believe many Mesoamerican cities influenced each other, direct evidence of such influence is difficult to ascertain. However, recent excavations in a sector of Tikal (Guatemala) unearthed a citadel that shows _____ Teotihuacán (Mexico) architecture—including a near replica of a famed Teotihuacán temple—providing tangible evidence of outside influence in portions of Tikal.

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

A. refinements of

B. precursors of

C. commonalities with

D. animosities toward

Question ID 0c46aa9f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0c46aa9f

Researcher Haesung Jung led a 2020 study showing that individual acts of kindness can _____ prosocial behavior across a larger group. Jung and her team found that bystanders who witness a helpful act become more likely to offer help to someone else, and in doing so, can inspire still others to act.

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

A. require

B. remember

C. foster

D. discourage

Question ID 7df6d120

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7df6d120

Whether the reign of a French monarch such as Hugh Capet or Henry I was historically consequential or relatively uneventful, its trajectory was shaped by questions of legitimacy and therefore cannot be understood without a corollary understanding of the factors that allowed the monarch to _____ his right to hold the throne.

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

A. disengage

B. annotate

C. buttress

D. reciprocate

Question ID 4336a617

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4336a617

Among stock-market investors, the practice of diversification, or distributing investment funds across many different companies in many different industries, is regarded as _____ since it protects investors from major losses if the value of one particular company or industry sector falls.

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

A. contentious

B. prudent

C. unworkable

D. optimistic

Question ID 660e7502

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 660e7502

In a study of residential mobility in Washington, DC, LaTanya Brown-Robertson et al. found that increases in household spending power (via tax credits) had mixed effects on mobility decisions, possibly because residential location choices are not fully reducible to economic factors but are also _____ noneconomic factors such as access to strong local social networks.

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

A. transposed with

B. mediated by

C. decoupled from

D. antecedent to

Question ID 20bae589

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 20bae589

Rejecting the premise that the literary magazine *Ebony and Topaz* (1927) should present a unified vision of Black American identity, editor Charles S. Johnson fostered his contributors' diverse perspectives by promoting their authorial autonomy. Johnson's self-effacement diverged from the editorial stances of W.E.B. Du Bois and Alain Locke, whose decisions for their publications were more _____.

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

A. proficient

B. dogmatic

C. ambiguous

D. unpretentious

Question ID 4c3cda87

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4c3cda87

Science fiction has long served as a _____ real-world technological advancements. Indeed, from Jules Verne's 1865 novel *From the Earth to the Moon* inspiring developments in aerospace engineering to the television show *Star Trek* sparking the design of the ancestor of today's smartphones, these narratives have spurred many actual innovations.

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

A. constraint to

B. sponsor of

C. catalyst of

D. diversion from

Question ID e4fa7055

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e4fa7055

In 2016, Gabriela González and team announced that a chirping sound captured by Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory antennas was direct evidence of gravitational waves, which skeptics had argued would be too faint for detection. Detailed statistical analysis helped preclude claims of the event's _____, confirming the signal at a confidence level of over 99%.

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

A. inconspicuousness

B. discretion

C. ambiguity

D. probability

Question ID 257a71c4

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 257a71c4

K.D. Leka and colleagues found that the Sun's corona provides an advance indication of solar flares—intense eruptions of electromagnetic radiation that emanate from active regions in the Sun's photosphere and can interfere with telecommunications on Earth. Preceding a flare, the corona temporarily exhibits increased brightness above the region where the flare is _____.

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

A. antecedent

B. impending

C. innocuous

D. perpetual

Question ID 7e1a0d46

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7e1a0d46

Before the Mariner 2 mission completed a successful flyby of Venus in 1962, astronomers' ideas about the planet were little more than _____. Venus's atmosphere is so thick that Earth-based observations had yielded very little information about the planet.

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

A. summations

B. conjectures

C. conclusions

D. exemplifications

Question ID 282645dd

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 282645dd

Recent measurements of the mass of the *W* boson (a subatomic particle) were notable not only for the mere fact that the particle's mass differed from expectations but for the _____ of that difference: the measured mass of the *W* boson was seven standard deviations higher than predicted by the standard model of particle physics.

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

A. cause

B. existence

C. implication

D. scale

Question ID b346694a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b346694a

The work of Kiowa painter T.C. Cannon derives its power in part from the tension among his _____ influences: classic European portraiture, with its realistic treatment of faces; the American pop art movement, with its vivid colors; and flatstyle, the intertribal painting style that rejects the effect of depth typically achieved through shading and perspective.

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

A. complementary

B. unknown

C. disparate

D. interchangeable

Question ID 3a2cad84

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3a2cad84

One popular theory of the origin of the Moon, the “big whack,” posits that a protoplanet called Theia collided with Earth, flinging debris into orbit that eventually coalesced into the Moon. Until recently, Theia was _____, but researcher Qian Yuan and colleagues now claim to have identified pieces of the protoplanet in the lowermost section of Earth’s mantle.

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

A. desultory

B. spurious

C. veritable

D. notional

Question ID 6eabd93d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6eabd93d

Economist Jingting Fan argues that the effects of international trade may display spatial variation at sub-national levels. For instance, imported goods may reduce expenses for a country's average consumer, but for consumers living far from ports, high intranational transport costs could _____ the price advantages associated with imports.

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

A. nullify

B. denigrate

C. underestimate

D. misconstrue

Question ID 439191e9

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 439191e9

For her 2021 art installation *Anthem*, Wu Tsang joined forces with singer and composer Beverly Glenn-Copeland to produce a piece that critics found truly _____: they praised Tsang for creatively transforming a museum rotunda into a dynamic exhibit by projecting filmed images of Glenn-Copeland onto a massive 84-foot curtain and filling the space with the sounds of his and other voices singing.

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

A. restrained

B. inventive

C. inexplicable

D. mystifying

Question ID 42e42474

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 42e42474

To demonstrate that the integrity of underground metal pipes can be assessed without unearthing the pipes, engineer Aroba Saleem and colleagues _____ the tendency of some metals' internal magnetic fields to alter under stress: the team showed that such alterations can be measured from a distance and can reveal concentrations of stress in the pipes.

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

A. hypothesized

B. discounted

C. redefined

D. exploited

Question ID 3bf49ffc

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3bf49ffc

Containing over 160 billion base pairs of DNA resulting from polyploidy (whole genome duplication) and accumulation of noncoding DNA without significant deletion, the genome of *Tmesipteris oblanceolata* (New Caledonian fork fern) is the largest known among eukaryotes—and, given the high biological costs of extremely large genomes, is unlikely to be _____.

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

A. protracted

B. superseded

C. curtailed

D. obviated

Question ID 9ffe9ddc

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9ffe9ddc

To entice study participants, psychology researchers commonly offer a gift card or other compensation. However, this practice may undercut the applicability of the study's results: people who join a study in response to _____ may differ in important ways from a representative sample of the population of interest.

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

A. a propensity

B. an inducement

C. a paradigm

D. an appeasement

Question ID 9a66fab6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9a66fab6

The following text is from the 1989 novel *The Ancient Child* by Kiowa writer N. Scott Momaday. The main character has achieved tremendous commercial success as a painter.

> More and more often he was asked to compromise his art or himself in one way or another, and more often than not he did so, for he was inclined to be passive and naïve; it was difficult for him to say no. Those who exhibited his work, who praised and purchased it, and who demanded its proliferation began to determine it.

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As used in the text, what does the word “determine” most nearly mean?

A. Conclude

B. Dictate

C. Evaluate

D. Select

Question ID 70e0e025

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 70e0e025

The güiro, a musical instrument traditionally made from a dried and hollowed gourd, is thought to have originated with the Taíno people of Puerto Rico. Players use a wooden stick to scrape along ridges cut into the side of the gourd, creating sounds that are highly _____: the sounds produced by güiros can differ based on the distance between the ridges, the types of strokes the player uses, and the thickness of the gourd.

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

A. overlooked

B. powerful

C. routine

D. variable

Question ID cb4361d5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: cb4361d5

A casual description of Scherezade García's 2019 mural *Blame It on the Bean: The Power of Coffee* can make the work seem _____—a painting that is housed in a coffee shop and that depicts three women drinking coffee may not sound particularly ambitious—but in fact the work is a complex, dynamic meditation on gender and the legacy of colonialism that demands serious attention.

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

A. unassuming

B. shrewd

C. incongruous

D. pretentious

Question ID 95368fa3

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 95368fa3

Critics have asserted that fine art and fashion rarely _____ in a world where artists create timeless works for exhibition and designers periodically produce new styles for the public to buy. Luiseño/Shoshone-Bannock beadwork artist and designer Jamie Okuma challenges this view: her work can be seen in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and purchased through her online boutique.

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

A. prevail

B. succumb

C. diverge

D. intersect

Question ID 73f942b3

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 73f942b3

Text corpora such as the Bank of English are enormous collections of electronically stored texts that can be used for empirical testing of hypotheses regarding the frequency of typical word usage. If one has a _____ that the word “get” has a high incidence in English, for example, an analysis of a corpus can support that hypothesis by showing that “get” is the fifth most commonly used verb.

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

A. recognition

B. scheme

C. supposition

D. synopsis

Question ID 8713e5fd

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8713e5fd

The work of molecular biophysicist Enrique M. De La Cruz is known for _____ traditional boundaries between academic disciplines. The university laboratory that De La Cruz runs includes engineers, biologists, chemists, and physicists, and the research the lab produces makes use of insights and techniques from all those fields.

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

A. epitomizing

B. transcending

C. anticipating

D. reinforcing

Question ID 11b906e0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 11b906e0

Close analysis of the painting *Girl with a Flute,* long attributed to the seventeenth-century Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer, has revealed subtle deviations from the artist's signature techniques. These variations suggest that the work may be that of a student under Vermeer's tutelage—potentially _____ our understanding of Vermeer as a solitary artist.

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

A. negating

B. prefiguring

C. entrenching

D. substantiating

Question ID 5c9eb4c2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 5c9eb4c2

The artisans of the Igun Eronmwon guild in Benin City, Nigeria, typically _____ the bronze- and brass-casting techniques that have been passed down through their families since the thirteenth century, but they don't strictly observe every tradition; for example, guild members now use air-conditioning motors instead of handheld bellows to help heat their forges.

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

A. experiment with

B. adhere to

C. improve on

D. grapple with

Question ID 824e2d0a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 824e2d0a

Proposals to raise the age at which retirees begin receiving government transfers of funds are generally discussed in terms of the effects on transfer recipients, but Andria Smythe has argued that delaying such transfers could _____ wealth creation among working adults by lengthening the period in which they are providing financial support to their nonworking parents.

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

A. stymie

B. compound

C. disparage

D. outstrip

Question ID 4b18b230

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4b18b230

The following text is adapted from James Baldwin's 1956 novel *Giovanni's Room*. The narrator is riding in a taxi down a street lined with food vendors and shoppers in Paris, France.

> The multitude of Paris seems to be dressed in blue every day but Sunday, when, for the most part, they put on an unbelievably festive black. Here they were now, in blue, disputing, every inch, our passage, with their wagons, handtrucks, their bursting baskets carried at an angle steeply self-confident on the back.

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

A. Arguing about

B. Disapproving of

C. Asserting possession of

D. Providing resistance to

Question ID 8d40b6da

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8d40b6da

In the search for new impact craters on Mars, the roles of seismic monitoring and orbital imaging as data sources are _____: when vibrations detected with seismic monitoring indicate roughly where an impact has occurred, researchers can use orbital images of that relatively limited area of the rocky surface to precisely locate a new crater.

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

A. interchangeable

B. complementary

C. exhaustive

D. redundant

Question ID 43174f10

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 43174f10

Despite stated claims of global relevance, much major research on income inequality performed in the 2010s suffered from a myopic focus on a few countries in North America and Western Europe, partly due to limited data availability. Researchers would later _____ this shortcoming after gaining new access to banking records located in nations in Africa, such as Tunisia, and Eastern Europe, such as Hungary.

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

A. presuppose

B. categorize

C. mitigate

D. validate

Question ID 36f8d65c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 36f8d65c

Eighteenth-century historian Edward Gibbon thought the only character defect of the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius was his mild temperament—though the emperor was widely considered virtuous, his overly permissive nature led him to _____ the vices of those who surrounded him.

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

A. indulge

B. despise

C. moderate

D. criticize

Question ID 776b8c1f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 776b8c1f

Given that the conditions in binary star systems should make planetary formation nearly impossible, it's not surprising that the existence of planets in such systems has lacked _____ explanation. Roman Rafikov and Kedron Silsbee shed light on the subject when they used modeling to determine a complex set of factors that could support planets' development.

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

A. a discernible

B. a straightforward

C. an inconclusive

D. an unbiased

Question ID 3a3fd0e2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3a3fd0e2

Austin McCoy has argued that historians have tended to _____ rank-and-file workers in analyses of changes in organized labor in the United States in the decades following the Second World War, presenting political, business, and labor leaders as the major actors and ordinary workers as nearly devoid of agency.

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

A. epitomize

B. marginalize

C. extol

D. substantiate

Question ID 1cb7ce62

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1cb7ce62

In studying the use of external stimuli to reduce the itching sensation caused by an allergic histamine response, Louise Ward and colleagues found that while harmless applications of vibration or warming can provide a temporary distraction, such _____ stimuli actually offer less relief than a stimulus that seems less benign, like a mild electric shock.

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

A. deceptive

B. innocuous

C. novel

D. impractical

Question ID 1dfcc06f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1dfcc06f

In editor Lisa Yaszek's introduction to her anthology *The Future Is Female! More Classic Science Fiction Stories by Women*, Yaszek identifies an increasing sense of _____ feminist mode of writing in the 1970s, in contrast to many woman-authored science fiction stories of the 1920s to 1960s whose politics were less deliberately signaled.

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

A. a prudently

B. an overtly

C. a cordially

D. an inadvertently

Question ID ff6698c1

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ff6698c1

During a 2014 archaeological dig in Spain, Vicente Lull and his team uncovered the skeleton of a woman from El Algar, an Early Bronze Age society, buried with valuable objects signaling a high position of power. This finding may persuade researchers who have argued that Bronze Age societies were ruled by men to _____ that women may have also held leadership roles.

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

A. waive

B. concede

C. refute

D. require

Question ID ab2387d7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ab2387d7

Bicycle sharing systems allow users to rent a bicycle at one location within a city and return it to any other designated location in that city, which can cause serious problems of bicycle supply and user demand within the city's system. Tohru Ikeguchi uses open-source data and statistical modeling to identify when a high number of users making one-way trips is likely to leave some locations within the system _____ bicycles and other areas with insufficient supply.

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

A. susceptible to

B. contingent on

C. saturated with

D. depleted of

Question ID 0bf311a6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0bf311a6

Interruptions in the supply chain for microchips used in personal electronics have challenged an economist's assertion that retailers can expect robust growth in sales of those devices in the coming months. The delays are unlikely to _____ her projection entirely but will almost certainly extend its time frame.

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

A. dispute

B. withdraw

C. underscore

D. invalidate

Question ID 41530f05

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 41530f05

In *Habitat Threshold*, Chamoru (Chamorro) poet Craig Santos Perez practices what he calls “recycling,” in which he preserves the syntactical and rhetorical structures of canonical poems but replaces their content to evoke current environmental issues. The form of these poems is thus _____ to their meaning, inviting readers to consider how climate change alters ostensibly familiar experiences.

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

A. antithetical

B. resigned

C. invulnerable

D. integral

Question ID c9c4a616

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c9c4a616

The Polynesian languages, a group of related languages originating on islands in the Pacific, typically have _____ array of consonant sounds. For example, the Mangareva language of the South Pacific has nine consonants, and ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi, the language of the Native Hawaiian people, has eight. Globally, however, the median number of consonants per language is over twenty-two.

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

A. an unvarying

B. a musical

C. an exclusive

D. a modest

Question ID 7ff10082

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7ff10082

In the 2010s, the price of pop music cassette tapes from the 1980s and 1990s rose dramatically, which had the counterintuitive effect of _____ demand: buyers who hadn't previously wanted to purchase vintage cassettes thronged the market, believing prices would continue to rise and the tapes could be resold later at a profit.

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

A. exploiting

B. monetizing

C. appraising

D. engendering

Question ID b33eff0f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b33eff0f

Archaeologists have identified a plethora of beads fashioned from *Tritia gibbosula* shells in many Middle Stone Age (MSA) sites across western North Africa, including El Mnasra Cave, Morocco. In a 2021 paper, El Mehdi Sehasseh et al. attribute these artifacts' apparent _____ to the evolution and propagation of symbolic behavior (e.g., use of personal ornaments) in humans and the widespread availability of *T. gibbosula* during the MSA.

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

A. heterogeneity

B. ubiquity

C. expediency

D. fecundity

Question ID ce5ebcf6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ce5ebcf6

The following text is adapted from Upton Sinclair's 1906 novel *The Jungle*. Marija is helping to manage her sister's wedding.

> It was [Marija's] task to see that all things went in due form, and after the best home traditions; and, flying wildly hither and thither, bowling every one out of the way, and scolding and exhorting all day with her tremendous voice, Marija was too eager to see that others conformed to the proprieties to consider them herself.

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

A. Take into account and follow

B. Admire steadily and praise

C. Come to a decision about

D. Have an opinion on

Question ID e813cfd7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e813cfd7

The percentage of US forest land that a 2023 federal report identified as being either mature or old growth exceeds other recent estimates. Given how little _____ there is among scientists regarding the scope of these categories, this discrepancy shouldn't be surprising: forest researchers regularly dispute one another's classifications.

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

A. deliberation

B. vigilance

C. interest

D. consensus

Question ID 3f40d4cb

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3f40d4cb

To develop a method for measuring snow depth with laser beams, NASA physicist Yongxiang Hu relied on _____; identifying broad similarities between two seemingly different phenomena, Hu used information about how ants move inside colonies to calculate how the particles of light that make up laser beams travel through snow.

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

A. a collaboration

B. an accessory

C. a contradiction

D. an analogy

Question ID b06a1758

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b06a1758

Birds sing to communicate over potentially great distances. For this reason, many researchers believe that birds in densely vegetated habitats generally sing at lower frequencies than birds living in comparatively sparse habitats, since dense vegetation tends to _____ the distance that high-frequency sounds can travel.

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

A. exceed

B. diminish

C. encompass

D. conceal

Question ID 848b7a05

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 848b7a05

The fossil remains of the individual known as Oase 1, discovered in Romania in 2002, can help paleoanthropologists not only _____ steps in the evolution of hominids but also illuminate the Pleistocene epoch generally, revealing important details about the time in which Oase 1 lived.

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

A. exploit

B. discern

C. prioritize

D. yield

Question ID e8bfd2c5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e8bfd2c5

Stephen Hannock's luminous landscape paintings are appealing to viewers but have elicited little commentary from contemporary critics, a phenomenon that may be due to the very fact that the paintings seem so _____. Many critics focus their attention on art that is cryptic or overtly challenging.

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

A. innovative

B. subversive

C. profound

D. accessible

Question ID fe53b5ac

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: fe53b5ac

Businesses typically try to promote themselves, but research by Michael Luca, Abhishek Nagaraj, and Gauri Subramani suggests that some do not _____ their marketing. The researchers studied restaurants in Texas and found that those listed on a popular review website (which can be done at no cost) had revenue increases of 5 percent on average, but 33 percent of restaurants studied never listed on the site.

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

A. adorn

B. optimize

C. endorse

D. counteract

Question ID 565161be

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 565161be

Barring major archaeological discoveries, we are unlikely to ever have _____ account of ancient Egypt under the female pharaoh Hatshepsut, as much of the evidence of her reign was deliberately destroyed by her successors.

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

A. an imaginative

B. a superficial

C. an exhaustive

D. a questionable

Question ID 32dc2794

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 32dc2794

The subscription model in which consumers who do not deliberately cancel their subscriptions automatically pay recurring fees for access to products and services benefits retailers when consumer _____ is high. Many of the 8.5 percent of subscribers who canceled their food and beverage subscriptions in January 2022 had stopped valuing their subscriptions long before then, but sellers profited from those customers' passivity in the interim.

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

A. inertia

B. decisiveness

C. evasion

D. turnover

Question ID a1911403

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a1911403

The results of randomized clinical trials testing the efficacy of common medical interventions sometimes fail to _____ conclusions that practitioners reach based on their real-world observations of patients. While there are several possible reasons for this, one is that practitioners may overlook confounding variables that account for the results they attribute to the interventions in question.

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

A. circumvent

B. corroborate

C. disseminate

D. implement

Question ID 62e0d018

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 62e0d018

The familial structure of the black swan (*Cygnus atratus*) shows tremendous _____: breeding pairs with demonstrated success in rearing cygnets (young swans) have been observed to foster those of less successful pairs, and while rearing by female-male pairs is most common, male-male pairs sometimes rear cygnets too, achieving a significantly higher rate of survival to adulthood than female-male pairs.

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

A. cohesion

B. elasticity

C. affection

D. reciprocity

Question ID 765d74c4

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 765d74c4

Drivers who strongly believe that the toll they must pay to use the Lewis and Clark Bridge, which spans the Ohio River to connect Indiana and Kentucky, is currently too high are unlikely to be _____ a proposal to increase the toll. Advocates for a higher toll are likely to have more success if they instead direct their arguments toward a more persuadable segment of the population.

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

A. receptive to

B. apprised of

C. incensed by

D. cited in

Question ID 5a13e00c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 5a13e00c

Scholarly discussions of gender in Shakespeare's comedies often celebrate the rebellion of the playwright's characters against the rigid expectations _____ by Elizabethan society. Most of the comedies end in marriage, with characters returning to their socially dictated gender roles after previously defying them, but there are some notable exceptions.

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

A. interjected

B. committed

C. illustrated

D. prescribed

Question ID 19ffc195

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 19ffc195

New and interesting research conducted by Suleiman A. Al-Sweedan and Moath Alhaj is inspired by their observation that though there have been many studies of the effect of high altitude on blood chemistry, there is a _____ studies of the effect on blood chemistry of living in locations below sea level, such as the California towns of Salton City and Seeley.

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

A. quarrel about

B. paucity of

C. profusion of

D. verisimilitude in

Question ID f213cbda

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f213cbda

As discussed by scholar Anna Mladentseva, many artworks produced in the mid-1990s to the early 2000s exclusively for exhibition on the internet, such as Sinae Kim's *Genesis* (2001), have become inaccessible because viewing them requires the use of _____ software (most notably Adobe Flash, discontinued in 2021).

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

A. defunct

B. arcane

C. ubiquitous

D. extraneous

Question ID f74ff48b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f74ff48b

The author's claim about the relationship between Neanderthals and *Homo sapiens* is _____, as it fails to account for several recent archaeological discoveries. To be convincing, his argument would need to address recent finds of additional hominid fossils, such as the latest Denisovan specimens and *Homo longi*.

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

A. disorienting

B. tenuous

C. nuanced

D. unoriginal

Question ID 08d53726

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 08d53726

In a 2022 study, Nicolás M. Morato and colleagues attempted to resolve a long-standing paradox: although water is critical to most reactions that enable life, during the earliest stages of Earth's history—when most of the planet's surface was covered by oceans—the presence of water likely _____ the formation of proteins and other biomolecules that are found in all living organisms.

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

A. reflected

B. hampered

C. imitated

D. exploited

Question ID fd5172e7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: fd5172e7

Mineralogical differences are detectable in samples collected from two locations on the near-Earth asteroid Ryugu, but such differences may not indicate substantial compositional variations in the asteroid. Cosmochemist Kazuhide Nagashima and colleagues note that at the small scale of the samples, the distribution of minerals is unlikely to be _____.

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

A. neglected

B. redundant

C. ongoing

D. uniform

Question ID 3799ba66

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3799ba66

As an undergraduate researcher in anthropology, Jennifer C. Chen contributed to a groundbreaking study challenging the accepted view that among prehistoric peoples, female participation in hunting was _____. The research team's review of data from late Pleistocene and early Holocene burials in the Americas revealed that, in fact, as many as half of the hunters in those populations were female.

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

A. inevitable

B. satisfactory

C. negligible

D. commonplace

Question ID 3bfd2264

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3bfd2264

According to a US tax policy expert, state taxes are _____ other factors when considering an interstate move. Even significant differences in state taxation have almost no effect on most people's decisions, while differences in employment opportunities, housing availability, and climate are strong influences.

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

A. consistent with

B. representative of

C. overshadowed by

D. irrelevant to

Question ID af7873e0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: af7873e0

Some scientists have suggested that mammals in the Mesozoic era were not a very _____ group, but paleontologist Zhe-Xi Luo's research suggests that early mammals living in the shadow of dinosaurs weren't all ground-dwelling insectivores. Fossils of various plant-eating mammals have been found in China, including species like *Vilevolodon diplomylos*, which Luo says could glide like a flying squirrel.

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

A. predatory

B. obscure

C. diverse

D. localized

Question ID a828070d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a828070d

Yanzhe Fu et al. suggest that the extinct aquatic insect *Karataviella popovi* utilized a brood care strategy that mitigated the risk of oxygen deficiency. This determination rests on the researchers' analysis of fossils uncovered at a particularly _____ site: China's Haifanggou Formation, which has yielded a vast diversity of fossils, including those of long-proboscid scorpionflies.

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

A. fruitful

B. unassailable

C. obscure

D. quantified

Question ID 8f784550

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8f784550

The following text is from a 1955 translation of Samuel Beckett's 1951 novel *Molloy* (translated by the author and Patrick Bowles). In the text, Molloy has arrived at the town ramparts, an elevated walkway atop the city walls.

> And having cleared the ramparts I had to confess the sky was clearing, prior to its winding in the other shroud, night. Yes, the great cloud was ravelling, discovering here and there a pale and dying sky, and the sun, already down, was manifest in the livid tongues of fire darting towards the zenith, falling and darting again, ever more pale and languid, and doomed no sooner lit to be extinguished.

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

A. Realized

B. Perceptible

C. Situated

D. Dwindling

Question ID bb64a176

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: bb64a176

People sometimes dismiss a claim if it comes from a source they regard as self-interested, but from a strictly logical perspective, the source of a claim is _____: it has no direct bearing on whether the claim is true.

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

A. indistinct

B. irrelevant

C. indisputable

D. implicit

Question ID 879626ee

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 879626ee

The work of Tobias Gerstenberg et al. on tracking eye movements supports a theory that people envision _____ scenarios when making causal judgments: when subjects were asked to look at two colliding billiard balls and judge whether one caused or prevented the other's movement through a gate, their eyes looked at where the target ball would have gone if the ball that altered its path did not exist.

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

A. ambivalent

B. retrospective

C. counterfactual

D. analogical

Question ID 077808ae

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 077808ae

Some foraging models predict that the distance bees travel when foraging will decline as floral density increases, but biologists Shalene Jha and Claire Kremen showed that bees' behavior is inconsistent with this prediction if flowers in dense patches are _____: bees will forage beyond patches of low species richness to acquire multiple resource types.

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

A. depleted

B. homogeneous

C. immature

D. dispersed

Question ID 9ab7c4e8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9ab7c4e8

Seminole/Muscogee director Sterlin Harjo _____ television's tendency to situate Native characters in the distant past: this rejection is evident in his series *Reservation Dogs*, which revolves around teenagers who dress in contemporary styles and whose dialogue is laced with current slang.

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

A. repudiates

B. proclaims

C. foretells

D. recants

Question ID 97d3bd78

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 97d3bd78

Diadromous fish migrate between freshwater and marine biomes during their life cycle. The migration's obligate nature is why diadromous fish can be _____ those that are merely euryhaline (able to tolerate high salinity): the euryhaline blackchin tilapia can survive high salinity, but its life cycle does not involve relocation to a different biome, as does that of the diadromous wild salmon.

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

A. demarcated from

B. reconstituted as

C. conflated with

D. derived from

Question ID 9322bb61

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9322bb61

Steiger Butte Drum, a family ensemble from the Klamath Tribes of the Pacific Northwest, collaborated with composer Michael Gordon to create *Natural History*, a work featuring traditional drumming and vocals alongside an orchestra and chorus. Steiger Butte Drum's participation is _____ to the piece: members not only contributed to its composition but also must be included in all performances.

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

A. tangential

B. subsequent

C. analogous

D. integral

Question ID eb0cf607

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: eb0cf607

The creation of Lotte Reiniger's 1926 animated film *The Adventures of Prince Achmed* was _____ process. Over the course of three years, Reiniger and her collaborators painstakingly made more than 250,000 individual images of hand-cut paper silhouettes and repeatedly had to invent entirely new methods and tools to create the special effects Reiniger envisioned.

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

A. a haphazard

B. a contentious

C. an ineffectual

D. an arduous

Question ID c0b3aa09

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c0b3aa09

Despite how _____ they may seem on first glance, the works of the philosopher Georg Hegel have proven to be quite influential. Readers who manage to penetrate Hegel's frustratingly dense prose often find that his thrillingly original and profound ideas wind up shaping their own thinking.

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

A. authoritative

B. opaque

C. empirical

D. facile

Question ID 9b9e86ef

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9b9e86ef

The province of Xoconochco was situated on the Pacific coast, hundreds of kilometers southeast of Tenochtitlan, the capital of the Aztec Empire. Because Xoconochco's location within the empire was so _____, cacao and other trade goods produced there could reach the capital only after a long overland journey.

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

A. unobtrusive

B. concealed

C. approximate

D. peripheral

Question ID b04da6bc

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b04da6bc

It is by no means _____ to recognize the influence of Dutch painter Hieronymus Bosch on Ali Banisadr's paintings; indeed, Banisadr himself cites Bosch as an inspiration. However, some scholars have suggested that the ancient Mesopotamian poem *Epic of Gilgamesh* may have had a far greater impact on Banisadr's work.

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

A. substantial

B. satisfying

C. unimportant

D. appropriate

Question ID d370fb6c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d370fb6c

In a 2019 study, Jeremy Gunawardena and colleagues found that the single-celled protozoan *Stentor roeseli* not only uses strategies to escape irritating stimuli but also switches strategies when one fails. This evidence of protozoans sophisticatedly "changing their minds" demonstrates that single-celled organisms may not be limited to _____ behaviors.

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

A. aggressive

B. rudimentary

C. evolving

D. advantageous

Question ID 62ac3a8a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 62ac3a8a

Among saltwater fish species, there is a clear association between habitat latitude and morphological variety. While tropical species are _____ deep-bodied physical forms (body shapes that are laterally compressed but vertically extended), polar and temperate species are highly dispersed across the morphological spectrum.

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

A. authenticated by

B. habituated to

C. contemporary with

D. concentrated among

Question ID 8e59bf41

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8e59bf41

Political blogs with conspicuous ideological alignments became an integral component of US media in the early 2000s. While some commentators lauded this development, asserting that such blogs had a welcome transparency missing from traditional news, less _____ observers countered that such blogs tended to ideological extremes that exacerbated political polarization to problematic levels.

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

A. sanguine

B. recalcitrant

C. misanthropic

D. earnest

Question ID f78732ae

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f78732ae

Though copies of *The Adventures of Indiana Jones in Wenceslas Square in Prague on January 16, 1989*—an underground computer game that was created anonymously in 1989 as an act of political protest against the authoritarian regime of what was then Czechoslovakia—were originally distributed _____, the game is now readily available online for anyone to play.

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

A. succinctly

B. dispassionately

C. disingenuously

D. surreptitiously

Question ID 42f1b5b8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 42f1b5b8

Within baleen whale species, some individuals develop an accessory spleen—a seemingly functionless formation of splenetic tissue outside the normal spleen. Given the formation's greater prevalence among whales known to make deeper dives, some researchers hypothesize that its role isn't _____; rather, the accessory spleen may actively support diving mechanisms.

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

A. replicable

B. predetermined

C. operative

D. latent

Question ID fa581ec9

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: fa581ec9

In a 2020 paper, Arya Udry et al. cautioned that although similarities in the isotopic signatures of elements detected in Mars's atmosphere and in Martian meteorites recovered on Earth make it tempting to treat the geochemical properties of the meteorites as _____ those of Mars's interiors, Mars's geology cannot be ascertained based solely on meteorite-sample analyses.

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

A. contrivances of

B. proxies for

C. catalysts of

D. deterrents to

Question ID e837aa42

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e837aa42

Some economic historians _____ that late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century households in the United States experienced an economy of scale when it came to food purchases—they assumed that large households spent less on food per person than did small households. Economist Trevon Logan showed, however, that a close look at the available data disproves this supposition.

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

A. surmised

B. contrived

C. questioned

D. regretted

Question ID 92d77da3

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 92d77da3

The following text is adapted from Edith Wharton's 1911 novella *Ethan Frome*. The narrator has asked the woman he rents a room from about Ethan Frome, a town resident he encountered recently.

> Her mind was a store-house of innocuous anecdote and any question about her acquaintances brought forth a volume of detail; but on the subject of Ethan Frome I found her unexpectedly reticent. There was no hint of disapproval in her reserve; I merely felt in her an insurmountable reluctance to speak of him.

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

A. Modesty

B. Misgiving

C. Constraint

D. Composure

Question ID 4fdb40fc

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4fdb40fc

In 1891, design artist William Morris cofounded the Kelmscott Press, which printed editions of books using preindustrial methods. Historians argue that Morris's repudiation of industrialization is _____ the Kelmscott editions' use of handmade materials and intricate ornamentation reminiscent of medieval manuscripts: these meticulously handcrafted elements exemplify the artistry involved.

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

A. insensible to

B. manifest in

C. scrutinized by

D. complicated by

Question ID 699dad5b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 699dad5b

In addition to being an accomplished psychologist himself, Francis Cecil Sumner was a _____ increasing the opportunity for Black students to study psychology, helping to found the psychology department at Howard University, a historically Black university, in 1930.

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

A. proponent of

B. supplement to

C. beneficiary of

D. distraction for