

Question ID f762105f

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Nigerian American author Teju Cole’s _____ his two passions—photography and the written word—culminates in his 2017 book, *Blind Spot*, which evocatively combines his original photographs from his travels with his poetic prose.

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

- A. indifference to
- B. enthusiasm for
- C. concern about
- D. surprise at

Question ID d0c1dbe2

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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 ede7d217

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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 601c3bf3

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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 a60dbdc2

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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 c881d24c

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ID: c881d24c

British painter Peter Edwards has a _____ painting portraits of notable figures from a variety of different fields. These characteristic works include his esteemed portraits of poet Wendy Cope and soccer player and coach Ryan Griggs.

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

- A. complaint about
- B. reputation for
- C. question about
- D. requirement for

Question ID 7043c279

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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 3ee9d467

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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 304c377b

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ID: 304c377b

As an architect in Los Angeles in the 1950s, Helen Liu Fong became known for avoiding _____ designs in her buildings. Instead of using standard shapes and colors, she typically explored innovative forms and daring hues.

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

- A. creative
- B. bold
- C. traditional
- D. understandable

Question ID 842b6f7c

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Osage Nation citizen Randy Tinker-Smith produced and directed the ballet *Wahzhazhe*, which vividly chronicles Osage history and culture. Telling Osage stories through ballet is _____ choice because two of the foremost ballet dancers of the twentieth century were Osage: sisters Maria and Marjorie Tallchief.

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

- A. a suitable
- B. a determined
- C. an arbitrary
- D. an unpredictable

Question ID 3b3a2ba7

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As Mexico’s first president from an Indigenous community, Benito Juarez became one of the most _____ figures in his country’s history: among the many significant accomplishments of his long tenure in office (1858–1872), Juarez consolidated the authority of the national government and advanced the rights of Indigenous peoples.

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

- A. unpredictable
- B. important
- C. secretive
- D. ordinary

Question ID 6a71e97e

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Cucurbits, a group of plants that includes squash and melons, relied on mastodons to spread their seeds in the Ice Age. When these animals died out, cucurbits faced extinction in turn, having lost their means of seed dispersal. Around this time, however, the ancestors of Indigenous peoples in North America began raising cucurbits as crops, thus _____ the plants’ survival.

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

- A. verifying
- B. multiplying
- C. comforting
- D. ensuring

Question ID b102eb22

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b102eb22

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 0ffff3a3

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ID: 0ffff3a3

Sumerian civilization (which lasted from around 3300 to 2000 BCE) _____ many concepts that persist into present-day civilizations: for example, the first description of the seven-day week appears in the Sumerian *Epic of Gilgamesh*.

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

- A. transformed
- B. introduced
- C. inherited
- D. overlooked

Question ID 7b8061a6

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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 8d4a0fcf

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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

Question ID d62247df

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ID: d62247df

The following text is from John Muir’s 1913 autobiography *The Story of My Boyhood and Youth*. Muir describes being on a boat.

The water was so clear that it was almost invisible, and when we floated slowly out over the plants and fishes, we seemed to be miraculously sustained in the air while exploring a veritable fairyland.

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

- A. Simple
- B. Understandable
- C. Obvious
- D. Transparent

Question ID bdb5802d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: bdb5802d

In 2008 a complete set of ancient *pessoi* (glass game pieces) was uncovered from beneath a paving stone in modern-day Israel. Due to their small size, *pessoi* were easily misplaced, making a whole set a rare find. This has led some experts to suggest that the set may have been buried intentionally; however, without clear evidence, archaeologists are left to _____ what happened.

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

- A. speculate about
- B. dismiss
- C. expand on
- D. catalog

Question ID 8bb5f557

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ID: 8bb5f557

Bing Xie and her team have discovered that plains zebras make at least four types of vocalizations: “snorts,” “soft snorts,” “squeals,” and “quagga quagga” calls. The researchers used machine-learning algorithms to _____ recorded vocalizations according to type, finding that snorts vary across individual zebras, while squeals are more uniform across zebra populations.

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

- A. categorize
- B. extend
- C. collapse
- D. suppress

Question ID 71cb23e6

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ID: 71cb23e6

Archaeologist Erika Karuzas works with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Montana to preserve culturally significant sites. In 2015 they decided that creating a new national trail connecting many of these sites would _____ their preservation efforts, because the US government provides some protections to national trails that aren't given to other areas.

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

- A. inspire
- B. ignore
- C. promote
- D. reduce

Question ID b214319a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b214319a

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 5da786ee

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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 24058b0f

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ID: 24058b0f

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 8026b7ca

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ID: 8026b7ca

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 037cbc3e

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ID: 037cbc3e

The following text is from Frances Hodgson Burnett’s 1911 novel *The Secret Garden*. Mary, a young girl, is outside trying her new jump rope.

The sun was shining and a little wind was blowing—not a rough wind, but one which came in delightful little gusts and brought a fresh scent of newly turned earth with it. She skipped round the fountain garden, and up one walk and down another.

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

- A. Harsh
- B. Scratchy
- C. Basic
- D. Vague

Question ID 2c1b2b47

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ID: 2c1b2b47

The following text is from Nella Larsen’s 1928 novel *Quicksand*.

The trees in their spring beauty sent through her restive mind a sharp thrill of pleasure. Seductive, charming, and beckoning as cities were, they had not this easy unhuman loveliness.

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

- A. Demanding
- B. Signaling
- C. Inviting
- D. Shifting

Question ID aa2a3759

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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 d17eb637

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d17eb637

The following text is adapted from Mary Seacole’s 1857 autobiography *Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands*.

That journey across the Isthmus [of Panama], insignificant in distance as it was, was by no means an easy one. It seemed as if nature had determined to throw every conceivable obstacle in the way of those who should seek to join the two great oceans of the world.

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

- A. Obvious
- B. Imaginable
- C. Straightforward
- D. Uninterrupted

Question ID 2c9979bb

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ID: 2c9979bb

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 8e4934f0

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ID: 8e4934f0

The following text is adapted from Mohsin Hamid’s 2017 novel *Exit West*. Saeed lives with his mother and father. On cloudless nights after a daytime rain, Saeed’s father would sometimes bring out the telescope, and the family would sip green tea on their balcony, enjoying a breeze, and take turns to look up at objects whose light, often, had been emitted before any of these three viewers had been born—light from other centuries, only now reaching Earth.

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

- A. Arriving at
- B. Consulting with
- C. Running to
- D. Clinging to

Question ID 0c53d286

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ID: 0c53d286

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 d6a24fa0

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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 d2263fb0

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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 7b80f8e9

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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 798a57a3

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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 beeacc85

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ID: beeacc85

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 77c6058b

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ID: 77c6058b

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 2f3e82e3

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In the early 1800s, the Cherokee scholar Sequoyah created the first script, or writing system, for an Indigenous language in the United States. Because it represented the sounds of spoken Cherokee so accurately, his script was easy to learn and thus quickly achieved _____ use: by 1830, over 90 percent of the Cherokee people could read and write it.

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

- A. widespread
- B. careful
- C. unintended
- D. infrequent

Question ID b1a78c29

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ID: b1a78c29

The following text is from Darcie Little Badger’s 2021 novel *A Snake Falls to Earth*. Nina is looking at old family photographs.

Nina couldn’t stop looking at the sepia-toned photograph in an oak frame. Propped on the window ledge, it featured a portrait of Great-Great-Grandmother Rosita as a young woman.

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

- A. Displayed
- B. Questioned
- C. Approved
- D. Ignored

Question ID 500b7f7f

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In 1877, 85% of California’s railways were already controlled by the Southern Pacific Railroad. The company further solidified its _____ in rail access to the state’s Pacific coast when it completed the Sunset Route in 1883: running from Louisiana to Southern California, the route established the first transcontinental rail line across the southern United States.

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

- A. dominance
- B. creativity
- C. insignificance
- D. neutrality

Question ID e1abed96

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ID: e1abed96

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 d703db66

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According to botanists, a viburnum plant experiencing insect damage may develop erineum—a discolored, felty growth—on its leaf blades. A _____ viburnum plant, on the other hand, will have leaves with smooth surfaces and uniformly green coloration.

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

- A. struggling
- B. beneficial
- C. simple
- D. healthy

Question ID 5bfba12b

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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 7758e7d1

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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 734b320a

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Manul cats are small, shy felines. They live mostly alone in out-of-the-way parts of Asia, such as on Mount Everest. These cats have been difficult to research because their habitats are so _____ large populations of humans.

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

- A. full of
- B. drawn to
- C. responsible for
- D. distant from

Question ID 3da50cff

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Shoppers can help keep money cycling within a community by making purchases at small local businesses instead of large retailers. Some cities are _____ programs to encourage this behavior, establishing reward points and other incentives for shopping at small businesses.

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

- A. instituting
- B. occupying
- C. underestimating
- D. encountering

Question ID 7166b1e5

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Arturo A. Schomburg was dedicated to preserving books, art, and other materials from peoples of African descent around the world. To get these items, Schomburg _____ friends and colleagues, whom he asked to bring back rare and valuable objects from their international travels. Now, Schomburg’s collection is a valuable resource for scholars of Black history and culture.

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

- A. admired
- B. disagreed with
- C. warned
- D. depended on

Question ID 64819e98

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Ronyoung Kim creatively captures the Korean American immigrant experience in her novel *Clay Walls* by writing about a family from three _____ perspectives. The first section of the novel is from the mother Haesu’s perspective, the second is from the father Chun’s perspective, and the last is from the daughter Faye’s perspective.

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

- A. distinct
- B. required
- C. unintended
- D. unknown

Question ID 668e2e94

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ID: 668e2e94

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 479577da

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 479577da

The following text is adapted from Sui Sin Far’s 1912 short story “Mrs. Spring Fragrance.” Mr. and Mrs. Spring Fragrance immigrated to the United States from China.

Mrs. Spring Fragrance was unaware that Mr. Spring Fragrance, tired with the day’s business, had thrown himself down on the bamboo settee on the veranda, and that although his eyes were engaged in scanning the pages of the *Chinese World*, his ears could not help receiving the words which were borne to him through the open window.

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

- A. Denying
- B. Entering
- C. Carrying
- D. Hearing

Question ID 01d91a01

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 01d91a01

Kelp forests grow underwater along the eastern Pacific Coast. These underwater forests are important to fish and other marine animals. Ocean currents can be powerful and rough, making it difficult for animals to find safe places to hide from predators. The underwater forests slow down the currents. This creates a more _____ environment with calmer waters where animals can take shelter.

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

- A. tranquil
- B. dangerous
- C. imaginative
- D. surprising

Question ID f2c8ccac

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f2c8ccac

The following text is from Claude McKay’s 1922 poem “Morning Joy.” The speaker is looking out a window and observing a wold, or large area of land.

At night the wide and level stretch of wold,
Which at high noon had basked in quiet gold,
Far as the eye could see was ghostly white;
Dark was the night save for the snow’s weird light.

I drew the shades far down, crept into bed;
Hearing the cold wind moaning overhead
Through the sad pines, my soul, catching its pain,
Went sorrowing with it across the plain.

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

- A. Pulled
- B. Drained
- C. Inspired
- D. Sketched

Question ID 07f9a579

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 07f9a579

Sueño de Familia is an exhibition of drawings, paintings, and ceramics that explores the artistic heritage of US-based artist Yolanda González. The exhibition _____ five generations, featuring works by González’s great-grandfather, grandmother, mother, and niece as well as González herself.

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

- A. borrows
- B. spans
- C. judges
- D. neglects

Question ID fce64c1f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
PSAT 8/9	Reading and Writing	Craft and Structure	Words in Context	

ID: fce64c1f

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 3029266d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3029266d

The equipment from the Apollo Moon landings (1969–1972), such as radiation detectors and temperature probes, remains there to this day, but the data from these missions were mostly inaccessible until a recent data-transfer project made them _____. This project has allowed researcher Seiichi Nagihara to make use of the information in investigating temperature changes on the Moon.

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

- A. predictable
- B. complicated
- C. representative
- D. available

Question ID eb751f58

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
PSAT 8/9	Reading and Writing	Craft and Structure	Words in Context	

ID: eb751f58

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 a1064618

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a1064618

Biologist Jane Edgeloe and colleagues have located what is believed to be the largest individual plant in the world in the Shark Bay area of Australia. The plant is a type of seagrass called *Posidonia australis*, and it _____ approximately 200 square kilometers.

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

- A. acknowledges
- B. produces
- C. spans
- D. advances

Question ID dfe42e93

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: dfe42e93

A musician and member of the Quechua of Peru, Renata Flores Rivera was eager to promote the Quechua language in her music, but she was _____ speaking it. She met this challenge by asking her grandmother, a native speaker of Quechua, to help her pronounce words in her song lyrics and also by taking classes in the language.

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

- A. prepared for
- B. inexperienced with
- C. skilled in
- D. excited about

Question ID db3ebec5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
PSAT 8/9	Reading and Writing	Craft and Structure	Words in Context	

ID: db3ebec5

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 5dfc640c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 5dfc640c

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 afaca770

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: afaca770

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 1decd7ae

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1decd7ae

Since the Hubble Space Telescope was launched into space in 1990, astronauts have needed to complete regular missions to repair the telescope and keep it working smoothly. Researchers hope that robots will soon be able to make these repairs. Employing robots instead of humans to make repairs will be helpful, as _____ astronauts to maintain the telescope can be expensive.

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

- A. straightening
- B. forgetting about
- C. relying on
- D. reducing

Question ID ce5f2442

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ce5f2442

The National Heritage Fellowship was created to publicly _____ exceptional folk and traditional artists in the United States. In 2015, the fellowship was given to the circus aerialist (mid-air acrobat) Dolly Jacobs to celebrate her lifetime contributions to the arts.

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

- A. startle
- B. recognize
- C. familiarize
- D. convey

Question ID bf63e81d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
PSAT 8/9	Reading and Writing	Craft and Structure	Words in Context	

ID: bf63e81d

The fashion resale market, in which consumers purchase secondhand clothing from stores and online sellers, generated nearly \$30 billion globally in 2019. Expecting to see continued growth, some analysts _____ that revenues will more than double by 2028.

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

- A. produced
- B. denied
- C. worried
- D. predicted

Question ID 15bf50bd

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 15bf50bd

Studying how workload affects productivity, Maryam Kouchaki and colleagues found that people who chose to do relatively easy tasks first were less _____ compared to those who did hard tasks first. Finishing easy tasks gave participants a sense of accomplishment, but those who tackled hard tasks first actually became more skilled and productive workers over time.

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

- A. secretive
- B. efficient
- C. outgoing
- D. unsympathetic

Question ID 02c4418e

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 02c4418e

The printing of Virginia Woolf’s novels featured a creative _____ between Woolf and her sister Vanessa Bell: a talented painter, Bell worked closely with Woolf to create original cover art for most of the novels.

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

- A. rebellion
- B. partnership
- C. discovery
- D. disagreement

Question ID 96a207ae

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 96a207ae

A brief book review cannot fully convey the _____ of Olga Tokarczuk’s novel *The Books of Jacob*, with its enormous cast of characters, its complicated, wandering plot, and its page numbers that count backward (beginning at 965 and ending at 1).

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

- A. accuracy
- B. inactivity
- C. complexity
- D. restraint

Question ID ac97428c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ac97428c

Archaeologists studying an ancient amphitheater in Switzerland believe that it dates back to the fourth century CE. Their discoveries of a coin made between 337 and 341 CE and era-appropriate building materials _____ evidence for this theory.

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

- A. dismiss
- B. provide
- C. regulate
- D. refuse

Question ID 03c86797

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 03c86797

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 bfe26c5d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: bfe26c5d

The following text is from Mark Oshiro’s 2018 novel *Anger Is a Gift*. In the novel, Moss and his friends are on a subway train in Northern California.

Lights from the outside world then filled the train car as it rose out of the ground and climbed the elevated track. As long as Moss had lived in West Oakland, he’d never tired of this specific view, so he pointed toward the windows. “Check it,” he said, and the Port of Oakland began to pass by them.

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

- A. Imaginary
- B. Energetic
- C. Correct
- D. Particular

Question ID b728b849

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b728b849

Cat and Plum Blossoms is an important work of *Nihonga*, or classical Japanese painting. Unlike Kuroda Seiki, who adopted traditional European methods such as painting with oil on canvas, Hishida Shunsō _____ traditional Japanese approaches. For instance, Hishida produced *Cat and Plum Blossoms* by applying color pigments to a silk scroll.

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

- A. distrusted
- B. embraced
- C. released
- D. overlooked

Question ID 7baf9031

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7baf9031

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 7e978078

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7e978078

The following text is adapted from Amy Lowell’s 1912 poem “Summer.”

It is summer, glorious, deep-toned summer,
The very crown of nature’s changing year
When all her surging life is at its full.
To me alone it is a time of pause,
A void and silent space between two worlds,
When inspiration lags, and feeling sleeps,
Gathering strength for efforts yet to come.

As used in the text, what does the phrase “a void” most nearly mean?

- A. A useless
- B. An empty
- C. A forgotten
- D. An incomplete

Question ID 6fe8721a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6fe8721a

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 cf9a6203

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: cf9a6203

The spacecraft OSIRIS-REx briefly made contact with the asteroid 101955 Bennu in 2020. NASA scientist Daniella DellaGiustina reports that despite facing the unexpected obstacle of a surface mostly covered in boulders, OSIRIS-REx successfully _____ a sample of the surface, gathering pieces of it to bring back to Earth.

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

- A. attached
- B. collected
- C. followed
- D. replaced

Question ID cc4b887a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: cc4b887a

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 195ff99f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 195ff99f

Visual artist Gabriela Alemán states that the bold colors of comics, pop art, and Latinx culture have always fascinated her. This passion for the rich history and colors of her Latinx community translates into the _____ artworks she produces.

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

- A. vivid
- B. unknown
- C. definite
- D. reserved

Question ID accf9d48

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: accf9d48

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 0bb77e6b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0bb77e6b

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 e883e4c4

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
PSAT 8/9	Reading and Writing	Craft and Structure	Words in Context	

ID: e883e4c4

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 730e81d2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
PSAT 8/9	Reading and Writing	Craft and Structure	Words in Context	

ID: 730e81d2

The following text is adapted from Karel Čapek’s 1920 play *R.U.R. (Rossum’s Universal Robots)*, translated by Paul Selver and Nigel Playfair in 1923. Fabry and Busman are telling Miss Glory why their company manufactures robots.

FABRY: One Robot can replace two and a half *workmen*. The human machine, Miss Glory, was terribly *imperfect*. It had to be removed sooner or later.

BUSMAN: It was too expensive.

FABRY: It was not *effective*. It no longer answers the requirements of *modern engineering*. Nature has no idea of keeping pace with *modern labor*.

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

- A. Explains
- B. Rebuts
- C. Defends
- D. Fulfills

Question ID c9fd695f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c9fd695f

In the 1960s, Sam Gilliam, a Black painter from the southern United States, became the first artist to drape painted canvases into flowing shapes. He later explored a different style, _____ quilt-like paintings inspired by the patchwork quilting tradition of Black communities in the South.

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

- A. predicting
- B. refusing
- C. hiding
- D. creating

Question ID f0c994ba

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f0c994ba

Physicist Joseph Weber performed _____ work in gravitational wave research in the 1960s and 1970s, conducting key experiments that scientists later used as the basis for their own investigations that led to the first verified detection of a gravitational wave in 2015.

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

- A. foundational
- B. supplementary
- C. repetitive
- D. ineffective

Question ID c36d4aca

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c36d4aca

Artist Marilyn Dingle’s intricate, coiled baskets are _____ sweetgrass and palmetto palm. Following a Gullah technique that originated in West Africa, Dingle skillfully winds a thin palm frond around a bunch of sweetgrass with the help of a “sewing bone” to create the basket’s signature look that no factory can reproduce.

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

- A. indicated by
- B. handmade from
- C. represented by
- D. collected with

Question ID a358cf61

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a358cf61

For painter Jacob Lawrence, being _____ was an important part of the artistic process. Because he paid close attention to all the details of his Harlem neighborhood, Lawrence’s artwork captured nuances in the beauty and vitality of the Black experience during the Harlem Renaissance and the Great Migration.

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

- A. skeptical
- B. observant
- C. critical
- D. confident

Question ID a86fd241

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a86fd241

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 d8c5c1d9

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d8c5c1d9

The following text is adapted from Lewis Carroll’s 1865 novel *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*.

“The second thing is to find my way into that lovely garden. I think that will be the best plan.” It sounded like an excellent plan, no doubt, and very neatly and simply arranged; the only difficulty was, that Alice had not the smallest idea how to set about it.

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

- A. Faintly
- B. Hastily
- C. Easily
- D. Foolishly

Question ID 0093980a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0093980a

In the 1970s, video cameras became increasingly affordable for ordinary consumers and gave Ulysses Jenkins and other artists capabilities that were previously unavailable except to television broadcasters. Jenkins recognized and took full advantage of this _____ access to powerful technology to create groundbreaking works of video art, such as *Mass of Images* (1978).

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

- A. newfound
- B. delicate
- C. inevitable
- D. habitual

Question ID aae4c8ef

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: aae4c8ef

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 fe7975d7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: fe7975d7

Novelist Leon Forrest admired William Faulkner’s writing style. Forrest’s novel *Divine Days* contains a long passage in tribute to Faulkner that is a perfect _____ of Faulkner’s style: anyone familiar with Faulkner’s writing would see the resemblance.

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

- A. forgetting
- B. rejection
- C. imitation
- D. opinion

Question ID 38b05299

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 38b05299

Whether Carmen Lomas Garza is creating small paintings and illustrations or large public artworks—such as *Baile*, a copper cutout of traditional Mexican dance in the San Francisco International Airport—she is _____ direct experience, drawing from memories of her childhood in Texas or details of her current surroundings in California.

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

- A. complimented by
- B. uncertain about
- C. unbothered by
- D. inspired by

Question ID 430ed0c0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 430ed0c0

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 cd3a509b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: cd3a509b

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