Question ID 6377aab4

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6377aab4

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

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

A. infallible

B. atypical

C. lucrative

D. tedious

Question ID 7cff9832

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

ID: 7cff9832

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

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

A. exposed

B. asserted

C. discovered

D. doubted

Question ID 55b66091

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 55b66091

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

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

A. insurmountable

B. feasible

C. substantial

D. unnecessary

Question ID 6694e9cc

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

ID: 6694e9cc

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 d9c8aab3

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d9c8aab3

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 2373633d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 2373633d

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

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

A. legitimate

B. impenetrable

C. compelling

D. indecipherable

Question ID 79a7d27b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 79a7d27b

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

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

A. indecipherable

B. ornamental

C. obscure

D. intricate

Question ID 7c4d3897

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

ID: 7c4d3897

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 39b8afaa

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

ID: 39b8afaa

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 319d92c6

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

ID: 319d92c6

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 ad257794

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ad257794

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

Question ID d2d4b282

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

ID: d2d4b282

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 dd376d37

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: dd376d37

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 3dcc6ca2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3dcc6ca2

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 cb625cc4

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

ID: cb625cc4

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

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

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

A. Standard

B. Prestige

C. Characteristic

D. Accomplishment

Question ID 5e4d2131

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 5e4d2131

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

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

A. validated

B. created

C. challenged

D. restored

Question ID a65b48fb

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a65b48fb

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 5da0cec4

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 5da0cec4

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 1550378d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1550378d

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 4ed94fc6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4ed94fc6

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 96de0f09

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

ID: 96de0f09

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 779a2f58

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 779a2f58

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

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

A. inhibited by

B. contingent on

C. obligated to

D. reserved for

Question ID 17dc67ba

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 17dc67ba

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

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

A. reduced

B. evaluated

C. determined

D. acquired

Question ID 9d463bd5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9d463bd5

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 7488c1d2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7488c1d2

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 8c0d9830

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8c0d9830

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 cc00fd81

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: cc00fd81

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 3eb1f89c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3eb1f89c

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 9b21a50f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9b21a50f

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

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

A. decisive

B. lacking

C. variable

D. dormant

Question ID 30457731

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 30457731

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

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

A. precariousness

B. exactitude

C. resilience

D. inconspicuousness

Question ID 6b37e088

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6b37e088

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 0d945e1d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0d945e1d

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 4d993048

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4d993048

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

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

A. derived from

B. recognized in

C. confined to

D. repressed by

Question ID 2e93296f

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

ID: 2e93296f

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 03ed2987

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 03ed2987

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 80382cf7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 80382cf7

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 2913fed1

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 2913fed1

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 4785f739

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4785f739

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 30912351

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 30912351

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

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

A. engulfs

B. encourages

C. comprises

D. provokes

Question ID f765b05a

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

ID: f765b05a

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 a0bcafb6

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

ID: a0bcafb6

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

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

A. repeatable

B. explicable

C. regrettable

D. intangible

Question ID 449c4204

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 449c4204

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 d81043b8

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

ID: d81043b8

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 14e6e3fe

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

ID: 14e6e3fe

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 c557b041

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c557b041

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 4de34bdb

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4de34bdb

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 4d5990fb

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

ID: 4d5990fb

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

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

A. uncontroversial

B. individualistic

C. theoretical

D. homogeneous

Question ID c06835bb

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

ID: c06835bb

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 b134ee38

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

ID: b134ee38

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

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

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

A. A lonely

B. A disagreeable

C. An acceptable

D. An extraordinary

Question ID b25faecd

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b25faecd

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 472bd320

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 472bd320

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

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

A. acquire

B. develop

C. attract

D. confirm

Question ID 757b656b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 757b656b

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 ac4c9c04

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ac4c9c04

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 b551c971

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b551c971

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 af154abc

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: af154abc

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 bc8fb41e

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: bc8fb41e

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

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

A. imitation

B. supply

C. examination

D. reuse

Question ID 6445e0ac

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6445e0ac

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 8666088e

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8666088e

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 59ed1f31

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 59ed1f31

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 368e65f2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 368e65f2

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

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

A. risky

B. misleading

C. advantageous

D. unremarkable

Question ID 1d69bcd3

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1d69bcd3

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 1232f204

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1232f204

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 0363b987

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0363b987

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 3e182b7c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3e182b7c

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 6450d5b2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6450d5b2

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 7e6e2ce1

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7e6e2ce1

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

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

A. thoughtfulness

B. esteem

C. controversy

D. sincerity

Question ID 666176f6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 666176f6

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 fe376620

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: fe376620

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

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

A. prolong

B. rectify

C. retain

D. highlight

Question ID 6e8f8169

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6e8f8169

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 653f24b0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 653f24b0

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 c6c41d8d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c6c41d8d

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

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

A. awkward

B. imaginative

C. manageable

D. competent

Question ID ab7b4c67

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ab7b4c67

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

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

A. developments of

B. fluctuations in

C. calibrations with

D. incentives for

Question ID da2b6d13

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: da2b6d13

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

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

A. a coincidence

B. a reprieve

C. an incident

D. an oddity

Question ID 7155dbe8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7155dbe8

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 015124ce

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 015124ce

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 0a62e572

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0a62e572

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 008c4fb7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 008c4fb7

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

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

A. recognizable

B. intriguing

C. significant

D. useful

Question ID 406e16e5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 406e16e5

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 137f0294

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 137f0294

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 29c85a7d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 29c85a7d

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 4789a674

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4789a674

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 d8c08cb6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d8c08cb6

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 92e3c4bd

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 92e3c4bd

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 47d36f09

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 47d36f09

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 c2b3fe65

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c2b3fe65

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 a4f1ead6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a4f1ead6

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 c1ed6f31

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c1ed6f31

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 003a8c1a

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 003a8c1a

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 841bbd98

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 841bbd98

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

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

A. distort

B. enact

C. neglect

D. supplement