Question ID 6977ec30

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ID: 6977ec30

Where _____ Interestingly, it was invented by an author. It first appears in the novel *Through the Looking Glass* by English author Lewis Carroll.

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

A. did the word “chortle” come from.

B. the word “chortle” did come from?

C. did the word “chortle” come from?

D. the word “chortle” come from.

Question ID 46844ba2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 46844ba2

Generations of mystery and horror _____ have been influenced by the dark, gothic stories of celebrated American author Edgar Allan Poe (1809–1849).

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

A. writers

B. writers,

C. writers—

D. writers;

Question ID a3cffc4f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a3cffc4f

About 70,000 meteorites have been found on Earth. Although most meteorites are fragments of _____ hundred have been identified as being from the Moon or Mars.

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

A. asteroids. Several

B. asteroids, several

C. asteroids; several

D. asteroids: several

Question ID 082b33f5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 082b33f5

Robin Wall Kimmerer of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a bryologist, a plant scientist who specializes in mosses. To Kimmerer, mosses are Earth's most adaptable plants: they can clone _____ enter a dormant state in times of drought, and grow in areas that don't have soil.

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

A. themselves;

B. themselves,

C. themselves. And

D. themselves

Question ID b922039f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b922039f

A standard Argo float, a type of autonomous robot, measures temperature and salinity in the upper regions of ice-free oceans. More advanced floats can measure a wider range of _____ and monitor seasonal ice zones.

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

A. variables: travel to greater depths

B. variables, travel to greater depths,

C. variables travel to greater depths,

D. variables, travel to greater depths;

Question ID 26f96633

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 26f96633

The life spans of rockfish vary greatly by species. For instance, the colorful calico rockfish (*Sebastes dallii*) can survive for a little over a _____ the rougheye rockfish (*Sebastes aleutianus*) boasts a maximum life span of about two centuries.

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

A. decade: while

B. decade. While

C. decade; while

D. decade, while

Question ID 76153b20

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 76153b20

Typically, underlines, scribbles, and notes left in the margins by a former owner lower a book's _____ when the former owner is a famous poet like Walt Whitman, such markings, known as marginalia, can be a gold mine to literary scholars.

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

A. value, but

B. value

C. value,

D. value but

Question ID e4af3467

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e4af3467

After the United Kingdom began rolling out taxes equivalent to a few cents on single-use plastic grocery bags in 2011, plastic-bag consumption decreased by up to ninety _____ taxes are subject to what economists call the “rebound effect”: as the change became normalized, plastic-bag use started to creep back up.

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

A. percent, such

B. percent and such

C. percent. Such

D. percent such

Question ID 103629f3

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 103629f3

The short story “Rogue Enchantments” by Isabel Ibañez appears in *Reclaim the* _____ anthology of fantasy and science fiction written by authors of Latin American descent.

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

A. *Stars*. An

B. *Stars*, while an

C. *Stars* an

D. *Stars*, an

Question ID 226d8288

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 226d8288

The Kaiparowits Formation is a fossil-rich layer of sedimentary rock in the Grand Staircase, a colossal sequence of rock layers stretching from Utah's Bryce Canyon to Arizona's Grand Canyon. The sandstones and mudstones of the Kaiparowits Formation were deposited _____ the Late Cretaceous, preserving many species from that time.

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

A. during:

B. during;

C. during,

D. during

Question ID ff381ff0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: ff381ff0

Louise Bennett (1919–2006), also known as “Miss Lou,” was an influential Jamaican poet and folklorist. Her innovative poems _____ the use of Jamaican Creole (a spoken language) in literature.

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

A. popularized;

B. popularized,

C. popularized

D. popularized:

Question ID e62cff97

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: e62cff97

Located in the northern United States, the Great Lakes Basin contains roughly 35,000 islands. Lake Superior has Grand Island, for example. Lake Michigan has Belle Isle. Lake Huron, though, is home _____ the largest island of them all: Manitoulin Island.

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

A. to;

B. to—

C. to

D. to,

Question ID eeb0f59e

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: eeb0f59e

In the novel *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, Okonkwo is a leader of Umuofia (a fictional Nigerian clan) and takes pride in his culture's traditions. However, when the arrival of European missionaries brings changes to Umuofia, the novel asks a central question: How _____

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

A. Umuofia's traditions will be affected.

B. will Umuofia's traditions be affected.

C. Umuofia's traditions will be affected?

D. will Umuofia's traditions be affected?

Question ID 809b24ed

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 809b24ed

A harpsichord may look just like a piano, but the difference between the two instruments is easy to hear. When a harpsichord's keys are pressed, the strings inside the _____ are plucked, not struck.

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

A. instrument:

B. instrument

C. instrument—

D. instrument,

Question ID 2b44a661

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 2b44a661

Many Samoans enjoy a sport called kilikiti. This bat-and-ball game was derived from _____ kilikiti differs from cricket in a few key ways.

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

A. cricket but:

B. cricket but,

C. cricket, but

D. cricket, but,

Question ID a425eb34

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a425eb34

Researchers Amit Kumar and Nicholas Epley investigated how _____ In a series of experiments conducted in 2022, they found that people performing small acts of kindness underestimated the positive effect their actions had on others.

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

A. do people perceive acts of kindness.

B. do people perceive acts of kindness?

C. people perceive acts of kindness?

D. people perceive acts of kindness.

Question ID 4169f4a7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 4169f4a7

When using a search engine, many people click just the first one or two results. Click restraint is the practice of scanning a search results page and evaluating what you see before deciding which link _____

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

A. should you choose.

B. you should choose?

C. should you choose?

D. you should choose.

Question ID 2189052b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 2189052b

In 2000, Nora de Hoyos Comstock, herself an owner of a successful consulting firm, sought to increase Latina representation in corporate _____ founded Las Comadres para las Americas, an international community that for over two decades has served as a resource and information network for Latina business professionals.

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

A. settings she

B. settings, she

C. settings and she

D. settings. She

Question ID 986493b4

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 986493b4

Psychophysicist Howard Moskowitz was hired by a soda company to determine how much artificial sweetener _____ After conducting consumer taste tests, he found that no such ideal existed: participants expressed a wide range of preferences for different blends of sweetener, carbonization, and flavoring.

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

A. do most people prefer in a diet drink?

B. do most people prefer in a diet drink.

C. most people prefer in a diet drink?

D. most people prefer in a diet drink.

Question ID f4d556bb

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f4d556bb

Emperor Ashoka ruled the Maurya Empire in South Asia from roughly 270 to 232 BCE. He is known for enforcing a moral code called the Law of Piety, which established the sanctity of animal _____ the just treatment of the elderly, and the abolition of the slave trade.

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

A. life

B. life;

C. life:

D. life,

Question ID a380f9d7

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a380f9d7

The part of a compound that determines the compound's color is _____ the chromophore. One example of a chromophore is hemoglobin, which gives human blood its red color.

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

A. called,

B. called

C. called—

D. called;

Question ID 54f239e3

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
PSAT 8/9	Reading and Writing	Standard English Conventions	Boundaries	

ID: 54f239e3

Human-made (synthetic) fibers used in clothes and many other consumer products are more durable than most natural plant _____ the manufacture of synthetic fibers requires toxic chemical solvents that can pollute air and water.

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

A. fibers,

B. fibers but

C. fibers

D. fibers, but

Question ID f3dcf156

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: f3dcf156

In the 1980s, Latino filmmakers Luis Valdez, Gregory Nava, and Ramón Menéndez helped expand on-screen representation of Latino Americans with the films *Zoot Suit* _____ and *Stand and Deliver* (1988), respectively.

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

A. (1981) *El Norte* (1983),

B. (1981)—*El Norte* (1983)—

C. (1981), *El Norte* (1983),

D. (1981) *El Norte* (1983)

Question ID d5f3e15d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d5f3e15d

Award-winning cinematographer James Wong Howe was known for his innovative filming techniques. While filming a boxing match for the movie *Body and Soul* _____ Howe had a handheld camera operator wear roller skates. This allowed the operator to move smoothly around actors in a boxing ring, creating an immersive experience for viewers.

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

A. (1947), and

B. (1947),

C. (1947) and

D. (1947)

Question ID bb4dc5c6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: bb4dc5c6

At eight paragraphs long, the preamble to the constitution of _____ country in Western Asia—is much longer than the one-paragraph preamble to the United States Constitution.

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

A. Bahrain—a

B. Bahrain, a

C. Bahrain a

D. Bahrain: a

Question ID b0833423

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b0833423

The algaita is a double reed wind instrument from West Africa. The reed of a wind instrument is the mouthpiece _____ A double reed contains two pieces of cane that vibrate and produce sound as air passes between them.

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

A. where sound is made?

B. where is sound made.

C. where sound is made.

D. where is sound made?

Question ID 9b6bd3f8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9b6bd3f8

While many video game creators strive to make their graphics ever more _____ others look to the past, developing titles with visuals inspired by the “8-bit” games of the 1980s and 1990s. (The term “8-bit” refers to a console whose processor could only handle eight bits of data at once.)

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

A. lifelike but

B. lifelike

C. lifelike,

D. lifelike, but

Question ID 892ffa0b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 892ffa0b

Emperor penguins don't waddle out of the ocean. They launch themselves at such a high speed that they travel up to two meters before landing. How _____ A layer of microbubbles on their plumage reduces friction as the penguins speed to the surface.

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

A. they are able to move so fast!

B. are they able to move so fast.

C. they are able to move so fast.

D. are they able to move so fast?

Question ID b8bd2a07

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: b8bd2a07

Before the Erie Canal was completed in 1825, transporting goods by wagon between New York City and the Midwest took up to forty-five days and cost one hundred dollars per ton. By linking the Hudson River to Lake _____ canal reduced transport time to nine days and cut costs to six dollars per ton.

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

A. Erie; the

B. Erie (the

C. Erie, the

D. Erie: the

Question ID 1714279b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1714279b

Technologies such as microphones and inkjet printers are made using piezoelectric materials, which generate an internal electric field when pressure is applied to them. The toxic nature of some of these materials recently led a team from the University of Sheffield to investigate how _____

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

A. could their use be better regulated?

B. their use could be better regulated.

C. their use could be better regulated?

D. could their use be better regulated.

Question ID d8a1e63d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d8a1e63d

Azulejos, mosaics made of glazed ceramic tiles, can be found throughout Portugal. These mosaics beautify places such as _____ stations, and public squares.

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

A. libraries train

B. libraries: train

C. libraries—train

D. libraries, train

Question ID 146c375f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 146c375f

Mia Heavener's 2019 novel *Under Nushagak Bluff*, which takes place in a mid-twentieth-century rural Alaskan fishing _____ the story of three Yup'ik women who grapple with the rise of commercial fisheries and other changes affecting their community.

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

A. village. Tells

B. village tells

C. village: tells

D. village, tells

Question ID 9767db12

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9767db12

In her two major series “Memory Test” and “Autobiography,” painter Howardena Pindell explored themes _____ healing, self-discovery, and memory by cutting and sewing back together pieces of canvas and inserting personal artifacts, such as postcards, into some of the paintings.

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

A. of

B. of,

C. of—

D. of:

Question ID dd8861b0

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: dd8861b0

In forecasting weather events, meteorologists sometimes discuss the role of atmospheric rivers. What are atmospheric rivers, and how _____ Part of the water cycle, atmospheric rivers are narrow channels of moisture moving through the atmosphere. In certain conditions, these “rivers” can release some of their moisture as precipitation.

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

A. do they affect our weather.

B. they do affect our weather.

C. do they affect our weather?

D. they do affect our weather?

Question ID c9ff2656

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: c9ff2656

Many companies have simplified their products' packaging designs in recent years, but _____ Researcher Lan Anh Nu Ton and her colleagues designed a research study to find out.

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

A. consumers actually do prefer this simpler style.

B. do consumers actually prefer this simpler style?

C. do consumers actually prefer this simpler style.

D. consumers actually do prefer this simpler style?

Question ID fba043cf

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: fba043cf

Santa Clara Pueblo artist Roxanne Swentzell's sculpture *Mud Woman Rolls On* consists of five human figures made of clay and plant fiber and arranged in descending size; each figure holds the smaller one in front of it. The arrangement of the figures, according to _____ represents her idea that "we all come from the Earth, generation after generation."

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

A. Swentzell

B. Swentzell,

C. Swentzell:

D. Swentzell—

Question ID 560b165d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 560b165d

Dolores Huerta's advocacy on behalf of farmworkers was rooted in her experience as a schoolteacher in Stockton, California, in the early 1950s. Hoping to help her students and their families outside the _____ Huerta left teaching to start the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization, a group focused on the needs of local farmworkers.

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

A. classroom.

B. classroom;

C. classroom,

D. classroom

Question ID d9837d33

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d9837d33

The fine, powdery substance that covers the Moon's surface is called regolith. Because regolith is both readily available and high in oxygen _____ scientists have wondered whether it could be used as a potential source of oxygen for future lunar settlements.

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

A. content and

B. content,

C. content

D. content, and

Question ID 992e4984

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 992e4984

In 2009, researchers determined that pottery fragments from a cave in China were close to 18,000 years old. These are some of the oldest _____ of pottery ever found.

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

A. pieces:

B. pieces,

C. pieces

D. pieces—

Question ID a19052dc

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a19052dc

Polyphenols are organic compounds _____ among their many roles, provide pigment that helps protect plants against ultraviolet radiation from sunlight.

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

A. that—

B. that;

C. that,

D. that:

Question ID 3ec5bf1b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 3ec5bf1b

The Alvarez theory, developed in 1980 by physicist Luis Walter Alvarez and his geologist son Walter Alvarez, maintained that the secondary effects of an asteroid impact caused many dinosaurs and other animals to die _____ it left unexplored the question of whether unrelated volcanic activity might have also contributed to the mass extinctions.

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

A. out but

B. out, but

C. out

D. out,

Question ID 965dc30c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 965dc30c

In early 1700s England, it was legal for shops to sell prints of artists' engravings without the artists' permission. This changed in 1735 with the passage of the Engravers' Copyright _____ gave engravers control over the distribution and sale of all prints made from their designs.

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

A. Act, which

B. Act; which

C. Act. Which

D. Act

Question ID 7a7bcd57

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7a7bcd57

In her large-scale sculpture *Casa-Isla*, artist Edra Soto included references to her childhood in Puerto Rico. For example, the sculpture's steel panels have a crisscrossing pattern inspired by the iron gates _____

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

A. Soto would see in her neighborhood?

B. Soto would see in her neighborhood.

C. would Soto see in her neighborhood.

D. would Soto see in her neighborhood?

Question ID 9e29cb8c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9e29cb8c

Both Sona Charaipotra, an Indian American, and Dhonielle Clayton, an African American, grew up frustrated by the lack of diverse characters in books for young people. In 2011, these two writers joined forces to found CAKE Literary, a book packaging _____ specializes in the creation and promotion of stories told from diverse perspectives for children and young adults.

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

A. company,

B. company that

C. company

D. company, that

Question ID 7d5507f5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 7d5507f5

In 1727, dramatist Lewis Theobald presented a new play, *Double Falsehood*, at a London theater. Theobald claimed that his drama was based on a little-known play by William Shakespeare, *Cardenio*. Many, including poet Alexander Pope, were _____ historians have determined that Shakespeare's company did perform a play called *Cardenio* in 1613.

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

A. skeptical but

B. skeptical, but

C. skeptical,

D. skeptical

Question ID 9f9ac891

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 9f9ac891

When particles are suspended in liquid (like pollen in a water glass), they will zigzag randomly through the liquid and collide with one another in perpetuity. This type of random, continuous _____ is known as Brownian motion, can be observed throughout the natural world.

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

A. movement: which

B. movement, which

C. movement which

D. movement. Which

Question ID 6358ca2f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6358ca2f

Many mechanical calculators were powered by a notched cylinder mechanism called the Leibniz wheel. Leibniz wheel calculators were popular in the first half of the twentieth _____ these ingenious devices were eventually replaced by electronic calculators.

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

A. century

B. century,

C. century, but

D. century that

Question ID d92e8e9f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d92e8e9f

In her book *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts*, author Maxine Hong Kingston examines themes _____ childhood, womanhood, and Chinese American identity by intertwining autobiography and mythology.

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

A. of:

B. of

C. of—

D. of,

Question ID aa633897

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: aa633897

Nine months before Rosa Parks made history by refusing to comply with the segregated seating policy on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus, a fifteen-year-old Montgomery girl named Claudette Colvin was arrested for the same _____ to some historians, Colvin's arrest led to Parks's action and eventually to the desegregation of Montgomery's bus system.

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

A. offense. According

B. offense, according

C. offense according

D. offense and according

Question ID 2a4e8638

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 2a4e8638

According to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, aloha ‘āina is “a recognition, commitment, and practice sustaining the ea—or life breath” between the Hawaiian people and their natural environments. The concept has been proudly embodied _____ Native Hawaiians for generations, contributing to the lush flora and renowned beauty of the islands.

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

A. by;

B. by:

C. by,

D. by

Question ID 70dec72d

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 70dec72d

In 1953, a fellow performer tripped on legendary jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie's trumpet, bending its bell upward. When Gillespie tested the damaged instrument, he realized that he _____ sound of a bent bell over that of a straight one.

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

A. preferred; the

B. preferred the

C. preferred, the

D. preferred. The