


# Module 2 – hw FOR May 2025

In the intricate dance of an ecosystem, \_\_\_\_\_ species play a pivotal role in maintaining ecological equilibrium. Their actions create a cascade of effects that sustain diverse life forms. The sea otter, for instance, exemplifies this role within kelp forest communities, where their predation on sea urchins prevents the overgrazing of kelp beds, thus supporting a myriad of marine species. This delicate balance underscores the interconnectedness of life and the critical importance of preserving such keystone species to ensure the health of our planet's diverse ecosystems.

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

A: keystone



B: peripheral




C: dominant



D: transient



Thomas Edison, one of the most prolific inventors in history, held a unique place in America's development as its foremost innovator. With 1,093 patents to his name, he became an \_\_\_\_\_ figure in the annals of his nation's history. His inventions, including the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and the practical electric light bulb, revolutionized daily life. Edison's considerable influence was evident not only in his time but continues to impact our lives today. His relentless pursuit of innovation underscored his belief in the power of human ingenuity.

2  Mark for Review

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

A: inextricable



B: combined



C: unified




D: merged



Mark Twain, born as Samuel Clemens, was a \_\_\_\_ figure in American literature, known for his distinctive narrative style that combined humor, satire, and sharp social foresight. His novels, brimming with vibrant characters and intricate plots, are lauded not only as cornerstones of American literature but also as prescient reflections on societal evolution. Twain's works, such as 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer' and 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,' have been extensively studied and analyzed for their uncanny ability to anticipate future social dynamics and challenges. These narratives, characterized by their unique blend of wit and societal insight, underscore Twain's remarkable gift for predicting the trajectory of American culture and social values, cementing his status as one of the most forward-thinking authors of his era.

3  Mark for Review

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

A: prognosticative 

B: incontrovertible 

C: perennial 

D: intransigent 

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Excerpt from "To Autumn" by John Keats:

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;  
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,  
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;  
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells  
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,  
And still more, later flowers for the bees,  
Until they think warm days will never cease,  
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

4  Mark for Review

Which choice best states the shift that occurs in these lines from John Keats' "To Autumn"?

A: From a focus on the physical actions of autumn to the emotional effects on the observer.



B: From a description of early autumn's bounty to the anticipation of winter's scarcity.



C: From detailing the abundance of harvest to highlighting the preparations for the coming colder months.



D: From an emphasis on the fruitful collaboration between the season and the sun to the individual experiences of the plants and insects affected by autumn.





The following text is adapted from Harper Lee's 1960 novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Scout, the novel's young narrator, is speaking about her father, Atticus Finch.


Atticus was feeble: he was nearly fifty. When Jem and I asked him why he was so old, he said he got started late, which we felt reflected upon his abilities and manliness. He was much older than the parents of our school contemporaries, and there was nothing Jem or I could say about him when our classmates said, "My father—"


5  Mark for Review

Which choice best articulates the central theme of this passage from *To Kill a Mockingbird*?

A: The passage is primarily about the difference in age between Atticus and other parents 

B: The passage focuses on Jem and Scout's disappointment in their father's age and perceived lack of vigor 

C: The passage is about Scout's deep respect and admiration for her father, Atticus 

D: The passage is conveying Scout and Jem's struggle to understand and accept their father's advancing age and its perceived implications on his abilities 

The following text is adapted from Truman Capote's 1958 novella 'Breakfast at Tiffany's.' Holly Golightly, the main character, is described by the narrator.

She was never without dark glasses, she was always well groomed, there was a consequential good taste in the plainness of her clothes, the blues and greys and lack of lustre that made her, herself, shine so. One might have thought her a photographer's model, perhaps a young actress, except that it was obvious, looking at her, that she was not a society girl. She had a special manner.

6  Mark for Review

Which choice best states the primary purpose of the text?

A: To provide a detailed description of Holly Golightly's physical appearance and suggest her unique personality



B: To argue that Holly Golightly's fashion choices reflect her status as a successful actress



C: To illustrate the societal norms and expectations for young women during the 1950s



D: To compare and contrast Holly Golightly with other society girls of her time



The following text is adapted from Emily Bronte's 1847 novel 'Wuthering Heights'. A servant describes the protagonist, Heathcliff.

He's always, always in my mind: not as a pleasure, any more than I am always a pleasure to myself, but as my own being. His essence is interwoven with the fabric of my soul, an indelible mark that shapes my every thought and action. The very idea of separation is not just painful; it's inconceivable, for he is as much a part of me as the air I breathe. So don't talk of our separation again: it is impracticable; and—' She paused, the enormity of her own words rendering her speechless. Tears filled her eyes, and they fell, one by one, each droplet a silent echo of the deep, unspoken bond that tethered her to him. 'Oh, I will die,' she exclaimed, her voice breaking with the weight of her isolation, 'since no one cares anything about me.'

7  Mark for Review

Which choice best expresses the primary purpose of this passage?

A: To depict the servant's disapproval and frustration towards Heathcliff's persistent presence in her mind

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B: To illustrate the protagonist Heathcliff's manipulative nature that makes the servant feel trapped

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C: To convey the servant's deep emotional connection with Heathcliff, to the extent that his presence in her thoughts is as integral as her own existence

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D: To highlight the servant's fear and despair as she contemplates the inevitability of her own death

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## Text 1

Alfred Jarry is known for his avant-garde plays, particularly 'Ubu Roi', which broke away from conventional theatrical norms. His work was characterized by absurdism and a unique use of language, which he referred to as 'pataphysics'. This term is used to describe a philosophy that extends beyond metaphysics, dealing with the realm of imaginary solutions and the laws governing exceptions.

## Text 2

Literary critic Harold Bloom views Jarry's work as a precursor to the Theatre of the Absurd. He argues that Jarry's 'pataphysics', with its focus on the imaginary and the exceptional, laid the groundwork for later absurdist playwrights. Bloom suggests that Jarry's work pushed boundaries, challenging audiences with its defiance of logical norms and its embrace of the absurd.

8  Mark for Review

Based on the texts, how would Harold Bloom (Text 2) most likely respond to the 'pataphysics' discussed in Text 1?

A: By stating that it is an irrelevant concept that has no bearing on the evolution of theater


B: By asserting that it was instrumental in paving the way for the Theatre of the Absurd by challenging logical norms

C: By suggesting that Jarry's 'pataphysics' was a form of social commentary, intended to critique societal norms

D: By arguing that Jarry's 'pataphysics' was a means of self-expression, rather than a philosophical statement

In William Wordsworth's poem "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud," the speaker reflects on the tranquil and joyous experience of viewing a field of daffodils. Referring to the daffodils as "a host, of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze," Wordsworth conveys a sense of joyous and tranquil nature.

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Which quotation from the poem most effectively illustrates the joyous and tranquil nature that Wordsworth conveys?

A: "For oft, when on my couch I lie / In vacant or in pensive mood, / They flash upon that inward eye / Which is the bliss of solitude"



B: "The waves beside them danced; but they / Out-did the sparkling waves in glee"



C: "Continuous as the stars that shine / And twinkle on the milky way, / They stretched in never-ending line"




D: "Ten thousand saw I at a glance, / Tossing their heads in sprightly dance"



In Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," the speaker describes a quiet moment in a snowy forest. Referring to the woods that are "lovely, dark and deep," Frost conveys the sense of serene and tranquil atmosphere of the snowy forest.

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Which quotation from the poem most effectively illustrates the atmosphere of the snowy woods?

A: "Whose woods these are I think I know. / His house is in the village though;"



B: "He gives his harness bells a shake / To ask if there is some mistake."



C: "The only other sound's the sweep / Of easy wind and downy flake."



D: "But I have promises to keep, / And miles to go before I sleep."



Karl Adolph Gjellerup was a Danish author who received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1917 along with his compatriot Henrik Pontoppidan. Gjellerup's early work was influenced by the aesthetic and ethical ideas of such Danish philosophers as Søren Kierkegaard and Friedrich Nietzsche, while his later work reflected his conversion to Buddhism, with its themes of renunciation and compassion. Despite his clear shift in philosophical allegiance, Gjellerup maintained a consistent focus on the human capacity for self-transcendence and the pursuit of higher moral and aesthetic ideals throughout his career.

11  Mark for Review

Which of the following, if true, would most directly challenge the assertion about Gjellerup's consistent focus on human capacity for self-transcendence and the pursuit of higher moral and aesthetic ideals?

A: Gjellerup's works were highly regarded by his contemporaries despite his shift in philosophical allegiance.

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B: There are several works in Gjellerup's later period that primarily focus on mundane and worldly concerns, showing little interest in higher moral or aesthetic ideals.

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C: Gjellerup's writings, both early and late, were heavily influenced by the socio-political context of his time, rather than philosophical or religious ideas.


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D: Many of Gjellerup's works have been translated into multiple languages, expanding his influence beyond Denmark.

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Osamu Dazai, a Japanese author, is best known for his novels 'No Longer Human' and 'The Setting Sun'. His works often explore themes of self-destruction, loss, and despair. Despite the melancholy tone, Dazai's works are marked by their poignant, beautiful prose and complex character development. Critics argue that Dazai's personal experiences heavily influence his writing style and themes. They found that his novels contain characters with traits mirroring those of Dazai's, leading to the conclusion that Dazai uses literature as a medium to express his personal struggles.

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Which evidence, if true, would most convincingly challenge the critics' assertion about Dazai's work?

A: A comprehensive analysis of Dazai's lesser-known works reveals characters and themes that share no apparent connection with his personal experiences.



B: In one of Dazai's novels, a character experiences a series of events that closely mirrors an episode from Dazai's own life.



C: Several of Dazai's contemporaries also produced works that explored similar themes of despair and self-destruction.



D: Many fans of Dazai's work report feeling a deep connection with his characters, often describing them as 'real' or 'relatable'.



Researcher(s)	Study Year	Warming Scenario	Change in Oxygen Level (%)
Dr. Sylvia Earle	2018	1.5°C warming by 2100	-3.2
Dr. Edith Widder	2020	3°C warming by 2100	-5.1
Dr. Sylvia Earle	2020	2°C warming by 2100	-3.9
Dr. Edith Widder	2018	1.5°C warming by 2100	-3.6

Marine scientists have long observed the impact of ocean warming on the ocean's oxygen levels. As temperatures rise, the solubility of oxygen in seawater decreases, and stratification in the water column reduces the mixing of oxygen-rich surface waters with deeper waters. However, the effect of different ocean warming scenarios on oxygen levels may vary, as suggested by the study of marine biologists Dr. Sylvia Earle and Dr. Edith Widder.

13  Mark for Review

Which choice best describes data from the table that supports Earle and Widder's suggestion?

A: Dr. Sylvia Earle's 2018 study and Dr. Edith Widder's 2020 study both predicted nearly identical decreases in oxygen levels for a 1.5°C warming scenario.


B: Dr. Sylvia Earle's 2020 study shows a change in oxygen level of -3.9%, indicating a greater decrease than her 2018 study.

C: The studies of Dr. Sylvia Earle and Dr. Edith Widder, despite being conducted in different years and involving different warming scenarios, all show a decrease in the ocean's oxygen levels.

D: Dr. Edith Widder's 2020 study predicts a larger decrease in oxygen levels than any other study listed in the table.

The narrative techniques employed in 20th-century Latin American literature, notably magical realism, allowed authors to weave the ordinary with the fantastical, creating layers of meaning that transcended the literal. This stylistic choice not only blurred the lines between reality and fantasy but also enabled a profound critique of social and political issues without direct confrontation. Magical realism became a lens through which the complexities of Latin American identity, history, and resistance could be explored and understood. This suggests that in the late 20th century, \_\_\_\_\_

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Which choice most logically completes the text?

A: authors predominantly focused on the aesthetic qualities of literature, sidelining thematic substance.

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B: the genre of magical realism was often misunderstood by critics outside of Latin America.

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C: readers were required to have a deep understanding of Latin American history to appreciate these works.

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D: magical realism served as a subversive tool to address and reflect upon societal issues.

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Elephants have been integral to human strategies for centuries, particularly in warfare. Their strength and size made them formidable opponents on battlefields. In the army of Alexander the Great, elephants were used not just for their physical prowess, but also for their ability to cause fear and confusion among enemy ranks. However, strategists had to grapple with the unpredictable nature of these animals. Despite rigorous training, elephants could panic and stampede, causing havoc among their own troops. Therefore, while their benefits in warfare were significant, their use also presented considerable risk. This led to a strategic reconsideration of their role in warfare, ultimately leading to \_\_\_\_\_.

15  Mark for Review

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A: an increased reliance on elephants in warfare due to their significant advantages.



B: the invention of new weapons to rival the strength and size of elephants.



C: the gradual phasing out of elephants in warfare due to the associated risks.



D: the development of training programs to ensure absolute control over elephants.





Giovanni da Verrazzano, an Italian explorer, embarked on several voyages in the early 16th century. His most notable journey was the exploration of the Atlantic coast of North America. He was the first European to map the Atlantic seaboard, from Florida to Newfoundland. Despite the dangers and hardships, Verrazzano remained \_\_\_\_ voyages greatly contributed to the understanding of the New World, and his discoveries paved the way for future explorations.

16  Mark for Review

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

A: undeterred, his



B: undeterred his



C: undeterred. His



D: undeterred: his



While one uses sunlight to produce energy and the other does \_\_\_\_\_ and cellular respiration are both essential processes for energy production in living organisms.

17  Mark for Review

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

A: not photosynthesis

B: not. Photosynthesis

C: not, photosynthesis

D: not; photosynthesis

Solar energy engineering is a field that focuses on harnessing the power of the sun to generate electricity. This is done through the use of solar panels, which convert sunlight into electricity. \_\_\_\_\_ process is not 100% efficient. A lot of the sunlight that hits the panels is wasted, either because it is not absorbed, or because it is converted into heat instead of electricity. Despite this, solar energy is still a very viable source of renewable energy.

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

A: However this



B: However, this




C: However; this



D: However: this



In many African societies, the baker plays a crucial role. They are not just responsible for baking bread, but also for creating a variety of other food items. The baker's skills are highly valued, and they often serve as a symbol of community and unity. Their work is not only a source of nourishment, but also a means of bringing people together. In this way, \_\_\_\_\_ to the social and cultural life of the community.

19  Mark for Review

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

A: the baker contributing significantly



B: the baker contributed significantly



C: the baker contributes significantly




D: the baker contribute significantly



In 1858, The Treaty of Amity and Commerce was signed between Japan and the United States. \_\_\_\_ the end of Japan's 220-year-old policy of national seclusion, by opening the ports of Shimoda and Hakodate to American vessels. It also established an American consulate in Japan and provided for the exchange of diplomatic agents.

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

A: This treaty marks



B: This treaty marked



C: This treaty marking



D: This treaty mark




African entomology has significantly impacted global insect studies. The continent's diverse insect fauna has provided unique insights into insect biology. \_\_\_\_ to the development of new methods and techniques in insect studies. These methods have been adopted worldwide, enhancing the understanding of insects and their role in ecosystems. The impact of African entomology is therefore profound and far-reaching.

21  Mark for Review

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


A: The research conducted in Africa lead 

B: The research conducted in Africa leads 

C: The research conducted in Africa leading 

D: The research conducted in Africa has led 

In a garden, there are dozens of butterfly species, from ones no heavier than a paper clip to those with wingspans as wide as a ruler, that flutter from flower to flower, feeding on nectar and pollinating plants. Colorful patterns on the garden's flowers signal the butterflies' \_\_\_\_\_.

22  Mark for Review

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

A: preferred nectars



B: preferred nectar's



C: preferred nectars'



D: prefers nectar's



The Treaty of Tilsit, signed by Napoleon and Russian Tsar Alexander I in 1807, marked a significant shift in European geopolitics. The treaty was a strategic move by Napoleon to create a buffer against potential British invasions. \_\_\_\_\_ the treaty had an unexpected impact on Asia. It indirectly led to the rise of British influence in India and the decline of Dutch power in Southeast Asia.

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 Mark for Review

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

A: However,



B: Similarly,



C: Because,



D: For example,






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The Opium Wars were two armed conflicts in the mid-19th century between Western powers and the Qing dynasty of China. The first war (1839–42) was fought between China and Britain, and the second war (1856–60) was fought by Britain and France against China. In each case, the European powers were attempting to open up China to their trade. \_\_\_\_\_ the wars ended in the Treaty of Tientsin (1858), which opened additional ports in China to foreign trade.

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 Mark for Review

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

A: On the contrary,



B: In other words,



C: Furthermore,




D: Consequently,



African entomology has played a substantial role in global insect studies, contributing greatly to our understanding of insect biology and behavior. This increased understanding has led to improved pest management strategies, significantly reducing crop losses in agriculture worldwide. \_\_\_\_\_, African entomologists have discovered new insect species, enhancing global biodiversity knowledge.

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 Mark for Review

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

A: Nonetheless



B: On the other hand



C: Furthermore



D: However



While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- Utilitarianism is a moral theory that proposes actions are right if they benefit the majority.
- The 'greatest happiness principle' is central to utilitarian thought, emphasizing overall well-being.
- Critics argue that utilitarianism can overlook the rights of the minority.
- John Stuart Mill refined utilitarianism to include qualitative distinctions in pleasures.
- Utilitarianism influences debates on policy-making and ethical decision-making in various fields

26  Mark for Review

The student wants to contrast the original utilitarian thought with John Stuart Mill's refinement. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

A: Utilitarianism, which is applied in policy-making, was refined by John Stuart Mill who proposed the 'greatest happiness principle'.

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B: The ethical decision-making in various fields has been influenced by utilitarianism and its emphasis on the well-being of the majority.

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C: Critics of utilitarianism argue that it can overlook minority rights, but Mill's version still focuses mainly on the overall well-being.

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D: While original utilitarianism focused on the greatest good for the majority, Mill's refinement added a qualitative aspect to the pleasures considered.

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While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- The ancient Greek epics, particularly Homer's 'Iliad' and 'Odyssey', have had a profound influence on modern fantasy literature.
- The 'Iliad' and 'Odyssey' are filled with mythological creatures, gods, and heroes, concepts that are common in modern fantasy.
- J.R.R. Tolkien, the author of 'The Lord of the Rings', was heavily influenced by the 'Odyssey'.
- Many elements in 'The Lord of the Rings', such as the journey narrative and the concept of the 'hero', can be traced back to the 'Odyssey'.
- The 'Odyssey' has also influenced other fantasy works, such as 'Game of Thrones' by George R.R. Martin, who has acknowledged the influence of ancient Greek literature on his work.

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 Mark for Review

Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to illustrate the impact of the 'Odyssey' on modern fantasy literature?

A: Homer's 'Odyssey', filled with mythological creatures, gods, and heroes, introduced elements like the journey narrative and the concept of the 'hero' found in 'The Lord of the Rings' and other works like 'Game of Thrones'.



B: J.R.R. Tolkien, the celebrated author of 'The Lord of the Rings', drew inspiration from a myriad of sources, including classical epics like Homer's 'Odyssey'.



C: The 'Odyssey' is a popular ancient Greek epic that features mythological creatures, gods, and heroes which is also found in modern fantasy literature.



D: 'Game of Thrones' by George R.R. Martin is a modern fantasy work that contains many elements similar to the 'Odyssey'.

