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The revival of classical art forms in the Renaissance period was not a mere imitation of the past, but a(n) _____ process. Artists studied ancient works, not to copy them, but to understand the principles that guided their creation. They then applied these principles in their own work, creating new art that was both a tribute to the past and a step forward.

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Mark for Review

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

A: guided



B: intricate



C: detailed



D: thoughtful





Ocean conservation is a critical issue that requires a _____ approach. It involves not only the protection of marine species and their habitats but also the reduction of pollution, the management of fisheries, and the establishment of marine protected areas. Each of these elements is interconnected, with actions in one area often having significant impacts on the others. For instance, reducing pollution can improve the health of marine species, which in turn can enhance the productivity of fisheries.

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

A: comprehensive



B: sporadic



C: focused



D: superficial



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In the realm of psychology, deception and lying are often seen as a complex dance of manipulation and evasion. The deceiver, in order to successfully lie, must create a(n) _____ web of half-truths and misdirections: they must convincingly portray a false reality; they must anticipate and deflect suspicion; and they must maintain consistency in their fabricated narrative.

3  Mark for Review

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

A: transparent



B: simple



C: intricate



D: obvious



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The concept of a circular economy is a systemic approach to economic development designed to benefit businesses, society, and the environment. In contrast to the 'take-make-waste' linear model, a circular economy is regenerative by design and aims to gradually decouple growth from the consumption of finite resources. It is based on three principles: design out waste and pollution, keep products and materials in use, and regenerate natural systems. By transitioning to a circular economy, we can tackle urgent global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, waste, and pollution.

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Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

A: To advocate for the adoption of a circular economy



B: To explain the principles of a circular economy



C: To describe what a circular economy is and its benefits



D: To criticize the 'take-make-waste' linear model



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In the late 20th century, the concept of civil society began to gain prominence in political discourse. This was largely due to the rise of social movements that sought to challenge the status quo. These movements, such as the Civil Rights Movement in the United States and the Anti-Apartheid Movement in South Africa, were characterized by their grassroots nature and their focus on collective action. They were driven by the belief that ordinary citizens could effect change through nonviolent means. This belief was rooted in the concept of civil society, which posits that citizens can and should play an active role in shaping their own societies.

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Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

A: To highlight the role of social movements in the late 20th century



B: To argue that civil society is a recent concept



C: To explain the connection between civil society and social movements



D: To discuss the effectiveness of nonviolent means in effecting change







The following text is from Oscar Wilde's novel 'The Picture of Dorian Gray'.

The studio was filled with the rich odour of roses, and when the light summer wind stirred amidst the trees of the garden, there came through the open door the heavy scent of the lilac, or the more delicate perfume of the pink-flowering thorn. From the corner of the divan of Persian saddle-bags on which he was lying, smoking, as was his custom, innumerable cigarettes, Lord Henry Wotton could just catch the gleam of the honey-sweet and honey-coloured blossoms of a laburnum, whose tremulous branches seemed hardly able to bear the burden of a beauty so flame-like as theirs.

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Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

- A: To depict Lord Henry Wotton as a man of leisure and indulgence 
- B: To illustrate the opulence and luxury of Lord Henry's surroundings 
- C: To suggest that Lord Henry is a man of refined tastes and sensibilities 
- D: To create a vivid and sensory-rich setting for the scene 



Text 1

Postmodernism is a movement that emerged in the mid to late 20th century. It rejects grand theories and ideologies and instead focuses on individual and cultural subjectivity. It is often associated with deconstruction and post-structuralism because its usage as a term gained significant popularity in the 1980s as a result of its adoption by academics in the fields of architecture, art, and criticism.

Text 2

Critical theory, on the other hand, is a social philosophy that focuses on reflective assessment and critique of society and culture in order to reveal and challenge power structures. While it shares some views with postmodernism, particularly its critique of grand narratives, it maintains a belief in the potential of social transformation, something postmodernism is often accused of lacking.

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Based on the texts, what would the author of Text 2 most likely say about Text 1’s characterization of postmodernism?

- A: It is accurate but incomplete, as it does not mention the criticism postmodernism faces for its perceived lack of belief in social transformation.
- B: It is overly critical, as postmodernism does believe in the potential of social transformation.
- C: It is incorrect, as postmodernism does not reject grand theories and ideologies.
- D: It is misleading, as postmodernism is not associated with deconstruction and post-structuralism.

The advent of artificial intelligence (AI) has significant implications for various sectors, including healthcare, finance, and transportation. AI systems, with their ability to process and analyze large volumes of data, offer potential for increased efficiency and innovation. However, there are growing concerns about the ethical implications, such as privacy issues and job displacement. The role of AI in decision-making processes, especially in areas like criminal justice and employment, has raised questions about bias and fairness. The development of AI technology challenges us to rethink our approach to privacy, employment, and ethical standards in the digital age.

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According to the text, why is the development of AI significant?

- A: AI is significant because it has already solved all major ethical and privacy concerns.
- B: The text suggests that AI development has had no notable impact on various industries.
- C: AI's significance lies in its potential for efficiency and innovation, coupled with ethical and privacy challenges.
- D: AI development is primarily important for its role in completely eliminating job displacement.

The following poem from Emily Dickinson's 'Because I could not stop for Death' is addressed to the theme of mortality and the inevitable passage of time.

'Because I could not stop for Death – He kindly stopped for me – The Carriage held but just Ourselves – And Immortality. We slowly drove – He knew no haste And I had put away My labor and my leisure too, For His Civility – We passed the School, where Children strove At Recess – in the Ring – We passed the Fields of Gazing Grain – We passed the Setting Sun – Or rather – He passed us – The Dews drew quivering and Chill – For only Gossamer, my Gown – My Tippet – only Tulle –'

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What is the main idea of the text?

- A: The poem reflects on the journey with death as a serene and inevitable passage, marking the end of life's stages.

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- B: The poem narrates a hurried journey to escape death, symbolized by the carriage ride.

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- C: The poem focuses on the speaker's regrets about unfulfilled desires and uncompleted tasks in life.

⌵
- D: The poem depicts a literal journey through different physical landscapes, highlighting the beauty of nature.

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In 'Moby-Dick' by Herman Melville, Captain Ahab's obsession with the white whale is a central theme. Ahab's monomaniacal pursuit of Moby Dick drives the narrative and leads to dramatic confrontations. His fixation is not merely a quest for revenge; it becomes a symbol of humanity's struggle against nature. Ahab's complex relationship with the whale is encapsulated when he _____

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Which quotation from 'Moby-Dick' most effectively illustrates the claim?

- A: muses to Starbuck, 'There is a wisdom that is woe; but there is a woe that is madness. And there is a Catskill eagle in some souls that can alike dive down into the blackest gorges.'

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- B: proclaims to the crew, 'Let the most absent-minded of men be plunged in his deepest reveries—stand that man on his legs, set his feet a-going, and he will infallibly lead you to water.'

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- C: declares with fervor, 'Talk not to me of blasphemy, man; I'd strike the sun if it insulted me. For could the sun do that, then could I do the other; since there is ever a sort of fair play.'

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- D: reflects, 'Whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul, I account it high time to get to sea as soon as I can.'

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In a study on the impact of microfinance on poverty alleviation, researchers analyzed the economic progress of individuals who received small loans in developing countries. The hypothesis was that access to microfinance would lead to significant improvement in the borrowers' economic conditions. Data was collected on borrowers' income levels, business growth, and savings before and after receiving microloans. The study also compared these metrics with a control group of individuals who did not have access to microfinance but were otherwise similar in economic status.

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Which finding, if true, would most directly support the researchers' hypothesis?

- A: Most borrowers used the microloans for immediate consumption needs rather than investing in businesses.
- B: Borrowers reported a high level of satisfaction with the microfinance institutions, citing easy access to loans.
- C: Individuals in the control group showed similar improvements in income levels and business growth as those who received microloans.
- D: Borrowers demonstrated a significant increase in income and business growth compared to the control group.

During the Spanish colonial era in the Philippines (1565-1898), the Spanish introduced many cultural, economic, and political changes. One of these was the Galleon Trade, a maritime route that connected Manila in the Philippines to Acapulco in Mexico. Despite its economic potential, the Galleon Trade was also a source of significant conflict and tension. Historian Luis Hidalgo suggests that this trade route led to increased social stratification and instability within the colonial Philippines. He argues that the wealth gained from the Galleon Trade disproportionately benefited the Spanish elites and created a widened economic gap.

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Which of the following findings, if true, would most strengthen Hidalgo's argument about the impact of the Galleon Trade on social stratification in the Spanish Philippines?

- A: There were a number of other trade routes that were established by the Spanish during their colonial rule in the Philippines.

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- B: The Galleon Trade route was primarily used to transport luxury goods like silk, spices, and porcelain, which were highly valued in Europe.

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- C: Documented evidence shows a significant increase in the wealth of Spanish elites in the Philippines and a simultaneous decline in the economic status of the local population during the peak of the Galleon Trade.

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- D: The Galleon Trade route was a significant factor in the Spanish Empire's global influence during the colonial period.

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Teaching Method	Student Engagement	Method Type	Performance Success Rate
Lecture-Based	Low	Traditional	60-70%
Interactive Learning	Moderate	Mixed	70-85%
Technology-Assisted	High	Modern	65-90%
Problem-Based Learning	Varied	Innovative	60-80%

Educational researchers have been exploring the impact of different teaching methods on student performance in mathematics. Traditional lecture-based methods are being compared with interactive and technology-assisted methods to understand their effectiveness in enhancing student learning.

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Mark for Review

Which choice best describes data from the table that support the hypothesis that student performance in mathematics varies with the method of instruction?

- A: The continued use of lecture-based methods, despite their lower student engagement, suggests their reliability in teaching mathematics.

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- B: Technology-assisted methods, with the highest student engagement, result in the highest performance success rates.

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- C: The varied performance success rates across different teaching methods support the hypothesis that student performance in mathematics varies with the method of instruction.

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- D: Newer methods like problem-based and technology-assisted learning show more effectiveness in student performance compared to traditional methods.

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The proliferation of smart home devices has enabled homeowners to automate various household tasks, leading to increased efficiency and energy savings. These devices often collect data on user behavior to optimize their performance. However, concerns have been raised about the potential for data breaches and the lack of robust security measures in some products. If both the convenience and the security risks of smart home devices are taken into account, that would imply that _____

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Which choice most logically completes the text?

A: smart home devices are universally beneficial and pose no significant risks to users.



B: consumers need to balance the benefits of automation with the importance of protecting their personal information.



C: the efficiency gained from smart home devices is negligible compared to the security risks they present.



D: homeowners are likely to reject smart home devices entirely due to the associated security concerns.



A sociological study on communication patterns revealed that individuals in larger groups are less likely to engage in direct, one-on-one conversations, preferring instead to communicate through group channels. This dynamic was observed to shift as the group size decreased, with more intimate and direct forms of communication emerging. The study also noted that the quality of communication improved as the number of participants in the conversation decreased. These observations may suggest that _____

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 Mark for Review

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A: larger groups are more efficient in disseminating information due to the increased number of communication channels.



B: individuals feel more comfortable expressing themselves in smaller groups, leading to enhanced group cohesion.



C: the presence of a group leader or moderator is essential for effective communication in any group setting.



D: in smaller groups, individuals are more likely to engage in meaningful dialogue, which contributes to higher communication quality.



The inflation rate, which reached its peak in mid-2023, has been extensively analyzed by experts. Factors _____ point to a complex mix of causes.

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 Mark for Review

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

A: like supply, chain disruptions and increased consumer spending,



B: like supply chain disruptions, and increased consumer spending



C: such as, supply chain disruptions, and increased consumer spending



D: such as supply chain disruptions and increased consumer spending



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In the latest superhero blockbuster, the character's iconic shield is made from the fictional metal _____ which allows it to absorb massive impacts without denting.

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

A: vibranium



B: vibranium,



C: vibranium;



D: vibranium:



Urban sociology focuses on social structures and processes in urban areas, particularly how individuals and groups interact within this context. Professor Thompson's fieldwork in metropolitan areas has revealed that urban planning decisions are often influenced by _____, which can have profound effects on community development.

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 Mark for Review

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

A: economic interests, political pressures



B: economic interests political pressures,



C: economic interests, political pressures,




D: economic interests and political pressures



In a recent track and field event, renowned sprinter Usain Bolt set a world record by completing the 100-meter dash in under 9.6 seconds. Such incredible performances, characterized by Bolt's unmatched speed and agility, _____ the pinnacle of human athletic achievement in the sport of running.

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

A: were showcasing



B: has showcased



C: showcase



D: showcases



Recent advancements in medical science have led to significant improvements in patient care, developments that _____ the prognosis for many diseases

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

A: improving



B: improve



C: improved




D: to improve



The French Revolution, a complex series of events that reshaped the political landscape of Europe, _____ the rise of Napoleon Bonaparte as a formidable leader

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

A: to herald



B: heralded



C: heralding



D: herald



The French Revolution, a complex series of events that reshaped the political landscape of Europe, _____ the rise of Napoleon Bonaparte as a formidable leader

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 Mark for Review

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

A: to herald



B: heralded



C: heralding




D: herald



The architectural marvels of the Renaissance period _____ a testament to the ingenuity of their creators.

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

A: are



B: have been



C: was



D: is







In the field of environmental science, researchers have found that deforestation leads to a significant increase in carbon dioxide emissions. This activity not only contributes to climate change but also results in a loss of biodiversity. _____ some nations are implementing reforestation initiatives, recognizing the urgent need to restore forested areas for ecological balance.

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Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?





- A: Furthermore, 
- B: Indeed, 
- C: Therefore, 
- D: Still, 

In the realm of quantum physics, the observer effect postulates that the mere observation of a phenomenon inevitably changes that phenomenon. ____ this principle has profound implications, not just in physics, but in various fields such as philosophy and psychology. The act of measuring certain elements in quantum mechanics, for instance, alters their position or momentum, an enigma that challenges our understanding of reality.

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Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A: Secondly, 
- B: Consequently, 
- C: Moreover, 
- D: However, 



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

- Software development is the process of conceiving, specifying, designing, programming, documenting, testing, and bug fixing involved in creating and maintaining applications or frameworks.
- It is a systematic approach that involves multiple stages, including planning, analysis, design, implementation, and maintenance.
- Agile, Waterfall, and DevOps are some of the methodologies used in software development.
- Collaboration and communication among team members are key to successful software development.
- Continuous integration and deployment are practices that can improve the software development process.

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The student wants to present the software development process and its methodology. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A: Software development is a systematic process that includes stages from planning to maintenance, utilizing methodologies like Agile and DevOps for success.
- B: The only important aspect of software development is the use of methodologies such as Agile, with other stages being less significant.
- C: Software development is primarily about collaboration and communication, with the actual development stages being a secondary concern.
- D: While continuous integration is a part of software development, the process itself is not systematic and lacks a structured methodology.

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

- Utilitarianism is an ethical theory that advocates for actions that maximize happiness and well-being for the majority of people.
- The principle of utility is central to utilitarianism, suggesting that the best action is the one that produces the greatest good for the greatest number.
- Critics argue that utilitarianism can overlook individual rights and may justify harmful actions if they benefit the majority.
- Utilitarianism has influenced various fields, including economics, politics, and law.
- Key philosophers associated with utilitarianism include Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill.

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The student wants to present the key insights about Utilitarianism and its conclusions. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

A: Utilitarianism is about choosing actions that make the most people happy and has been discussed by philosophers like Bentham and Mill.



B: Utilitarianism posits that ethical decisions should aim for the greatest overall happiness, but its application raises concerns about the potential neglect of individual rights and the justification of harmful majority-benefiting actions.



C: The utilitarian principle of maximizing well-being has been influential, despite criticism that it may not always protect individual rights.



D: Philosophers such as Bentham and Mill have contributed to utilitarianism, which focuses on the happiness of the majority and has applications in law and politics.





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

- The potlatch ceremony is a traditional celebration among indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast of Canada and the United States.
- Potlatch involves the host lavishly giving away gifts to guests, which signifies wealth and status.
- The ceremony serves as a means of redistributing wealth within the community.
- Potlatches were banned by the Canadian government in 1884 due to misunderstanding of the practice.
- The ban was lifted in 1951, and the potlatch has since been recognized as a vital aspect of cultural heritage.

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The student wants to emphasize the significance of the potlatch ceremony in indigenous cultures. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A: The potlatch ceremony is a traditional event where hosts give gifts to display their status and was once banned by the Canadian government.
- B: As a crucial cultural practice, the potlatch ceremony not only asserts social status but also plays a key role in wealth distribution within indigenous communities.
- C: Potlatch, a gift-giving feast, was misunderstood and banned, highlighting the cultural conflicts between indigenous peoples and the Canadian government.
- D: The potlatch ceremony involves gift-giving by the host and was banned in Canada until 1951 when it was allowed again.