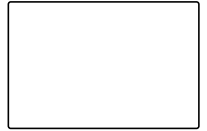


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QID: 1089

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Read the passage.

Nearsightedness and Farsightedness

Nearsighted people experience blurred vision while looking at distant objects, such as street signs viewed from inside a car. Conversely, farsighted people experience blurred vision while looking at nearby objects, such as words on a page. The causes of these two conditions differ as well. Nearsightedness, or myopia, occurs either when a person's eye is too long from back to front or when the cornea (the clear layer at the front of the eye) is too curved. On the other hand, farsightedness, or hyperopia, results when the eye is too short or when the cornea is not curved enough. Fortunately, corrective lenses can restore normal vision in both cases. As you might expect, these lenses are of opposing types: nearsightedness is improved with a lens that is thinner in the middle and thicker at the edges, while farsightedness is compensated for with a lens that is thicker in the middle and thinner at the edges.

What is the main, or central, idea of the passage?

- A. Nearsightedness and farsightedness produce contrasting vision problems, have opposite causes, and require different types of lenses.
- B. In nearsightedness, the eye may be too long from front to back, while in farsightedness, the opposite may be true.

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The main, or central, idea of the passage is Nearsightedness and farsightedness produce contrasting vision problems, have opposite causes, and require different types of lenses. How does the detail in bold develop the main idea?

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Question: 3 of 60

QID: 1098

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Which excerpt from a lab report is more formal?

- A.** We did this experiment so we could try and figure out how things like temperature and wind end up affecting transpiration.
- B.** This experiment was conducted to show how variables such as temperature and wind affect transpiration.

Question: 4 of 60

QID: 1099

Marks: 1

Which online professional profile is more formal?

- A.** I am a certified college graduate seeking a teaching position.
- B.** I've got a degree and certification and want to get a job teaching.

Question: 5 of 60

QID: 1111

Marks: 1

Which narrative point of view is shown in the passage?

The circus looks abandoned and empty. But you think perhaps you can smell caramel wafting through the evening breeze, beneath the crisp scent of the autumn leaves. . . . The people around you are growing restless from waiting, a sea of shuffling feet, murmuring about abandoning the endeavor in search of someplace warmer to pass the evening. You yourself are debating departing when it happens.
From Erin Morgenstern, *The Night Circus*. Copyright 2011 by Erin Morgenster

- A.** first person
- B.** second person
- C.** third person

Question: 6 of 60

QID: 1113

Marks: 1

Which narrative point of view is shown in the passage?

Jonas went to his own desk and began to sort through his school papers for the evening's assignment. But his mind was still on December and the coming Ceremony. Though he had been reassured by the talk with his parents, he hadn't the slightest idea what Assignment the Elders would be selecting for his future, or how he might feel about it when the day came.
From Lois Lowry, *The Giver*. Copyright 1993 by Lois Lowry

- A.** first person
- B.** second person
- C.** third person

Which narrative point of view is shown in the passage?

The bus is coming now, and you're staring at the tips of your black shoes. You've got to be prepared. You put your hand in your pocket, search among the coins, and finally take out thirty centavos. You've got to be prepared. You grab the handrail—the bus slows down but doesn't stop—and jump aboard.

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- A. first person
- B. second person
- C. third person

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QID: 1120

Marks: 1

Read the story.

Mosaic

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"Can't!" Molly waved her hands as if batting away a fly. "Of course you can. No work tomorrow, remember? Relax for once! Do something fun."

"I am. Mama and I are baking rugelach." Seeing Molly's confused expression, Masha explained, "It's a dessert."

Molly waved her hand again. "Rosie can help her."

"Rosie!" Masha laughed.

"Why not? I bet you made roo-gla at her age."

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"See, now that would be fun." Molly deepened her voice. "Ladies and gentlemen! Presenting the roo-gla, the hottest dance of 1920!" She giggled. "Anyway, what are you even saying? You're American, too. You live here, don't you?"

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Masha shook her head, already missing the smell of the rugelach dough. She wondered whether her mother would mind.

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Based on the eleventh paragraph, what does Masha mean when she says that Rosie is "of" America?

- A. Rosie feels fully American.
- B. Rosie was born in America.
- C. Rosie's parents are from America.

Question: 9 of 60

QID: 1121

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Why is it significant that Rosie feels fully American?

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- A. It suggests that Masha will become as American as Rosie
- B. It contrasts dramatically with Masha's experience.
- C. It explains why Masha and Rosie don't get along.

Read the text.

Gluten Free: Necessary for Some, Optional for Others

1

Gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley, rye, and sometimes oats—ingredients often used in breads, pastas, and desserts. As a growing number of people are choosing to avoid gluten in their diets, gluten-free products have become increasingly popular in grocery stores and on restaurant menus. After all, some people experience gas, diarrhea, or bloating after ingesting gluten. For people whose symptoms are caused by mere intolerance to the gluten protein or a wheat allergy, sidestepping gluten is a lifestyle choice. But for those with a condition known as celiac disease, avoiding gluten is a medical necessity.

Celiac disease is a type of autoimmune disease. When a person with celiac disease eats or drinks anything with gluten, the body's immune system attacks the inside of the small intestine. The resulting damage keeps the body from absorbing needed nutrients. Untreated celiac disease can lead to malnutrition, depression, anxiety, anemia, or weakened bones. It can also delay children's growth.

Celiac disease can be hard to diagnose because its symptoms are often similar to those of other disorders. The condition affects about one percent of people worldwide, yet nearly eighty percent of those suffering from celiac disease haven't been diagnosed, according to Dr. Alessio Fasano, a celiac disease specialist at Massachusetts General Hospital. "Celiac disease is a clinical chameleon. This creates tremendous confusion and challenging situations for both health care professionals and people who are trying to understand what's wrong with them," Fasano says.

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Adapted from NIH News in Health, "Going Gluten Free? Necessary for Some, Optional for Others"

What is the main focus of the text?

- A. why people avoid gluten in their diets
- B. an overview of celiac disease
- C. a comparison of celiac disease and gluten intolerance

Review the fourth paragraph.

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Which of the following would be most relevant to add to the fourth paragraph?

where and by whom the blood test is performed

why a patient should continue to ingest gluten prior to the blood test

what the genetic test for celiac disease genes involves

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Review the passage.

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The astonishment which I had at first experienced on this discovery soon gave place to delight and rapture. After so much time spent in painful labor, to arrive at once at the summit of my desires was the most gratifying consummation of my toils. But this discovery was so great and overwhelming that all the steps by which I had been progressively led to it were obliterated, and I beheld only the result. What had been the study and desire of the wisest men since the creation of the world was now within my grasp. Not that, like a magic scene, it all opened upon me at once: the information I had obtained was of a nature rather to direct my endeavors so soon as I should point them towards the object of my search than to exhibit that object already accomplished. I was like the Arabian¹ who had been buried with the dead and found a passage to life, aided only by one glimmering and seemingly ineffectual light.

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Adapted from Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus*.

Look at the text in bold. How does this description help Frankenstein to convey a key point about his discovery?

- A. It helps him to convey that he intends to use his discovery to prevent his own death.
- B. It helps him to convey that his discovery gave him a renewed sense of energy and purpose in life.
- C. It helps him to convey that the path to his discovery was both gradual and very difficult.
- D. It helps him to convey that he made his discovery after being abandoned by the scientific community.

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Based on the passage, what is Frankenstein's likely purpose for sharing his story with Walton?

- A. He intends to persuade Walton to assist him with his groundbreaking research.
- B. He wishes to teach Walton the process for bringing an inanimate object to life.
- C. He hopes to convince Walton that ambition without limits is not worth the risk.
- D. He wants to show Walton how confidence and dedication ultimately lead to success.

Read the following passage from *Frankenstein*. In this excerpt, Victor Frankenstein, the narrator, describes how he achieves his goal of bringing a creature to life.

It was on a dreary night of November that I beheld the accomplishment of my toils. With an anxiety that almost amounted to agony, I collected the instruments of life around me, that I might infuse a spark of being into the lifeless thing that lay at my feet. It was already one in the morning; the rain pattered dismally against the panes, and my candle was nearly burnt out, when, by the glimmer of the half-extinguished light, I saw the dull yellow eye of the creature open; it breathed hard, and a convulsive motion agitated its limbs.

How can I describe my emotions at this catastrophe, or how delineate the wretch whom with such infinite pains and care I had endeavored to form? His limbs were in proportion, and I had selected his features as beautiful. Beautiful! Great God! His yellow skin scarcely covered the work of muscles and arteries beneath; his hair was of a lustrous black, and flowing; his teeth of a pearly whiteness; but these luxuriances only formed a more horrid contrast with his watery eyes, that seemed almost of the same color as the dun-white sockets in which they were set, his shriveled complexion and straight black lips. The different accidents of life are not so changeable as the feelings of human nature. I had worked hard for nearly two years, for the sole purpose of infusing life into an inanimate body. For this I had deprived myself of rest and health. I had desired it with an ardor that far exceeded moderation; but now that I had finished, the beauty of the dream vanished, and breathless horror and disgust filled my heart. Unable to endure the aspect of the being I had created, I rushed out of the room and continued a long time pacing my bed-chamber, unable to compose my mind to sleep. At length, exhaustion overcame my anxiety, and I threw myself on the bed in my clothes, endeavoring to seek a few moments of forgetfulness. But it was in vain; I slept, indeed, but I was disturbed by the wildest dreams. [...] I started from my sleep with horror; a cold dew covered my forehead, my teeth chattered, and every limb became convulsed; when, by the dim and yellow light of the moon, as it forced its way through the window shutters, I beheld the wretch—the miserable monster whom I had created. He held up the curtain of the bed; and his eyes, if eyes they may be called, were fixed on me. His jaws opened, and he muttered some inarticulate sounds, while a grin wrinkled his cheeks. He might have spoken, but I did not hear; one hand was stretched out, seemingly to detain me, but I escaped and rushed downstairs. I took refuge in the courtyard belonging to the house which I inhabited, where I remained during the rest of the night, walking up and down in the greatest agitation, listening attentively, catching and fearing each sound as if it were to announce the approach of the demoniacal corpse to which I had so miserably given life.

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Which of the following most accurately describes Frankenstein's attitude toward his work during the years he spends preparing to create a living creature?

- A. He is obsessed with his work and driven to achieve his goals at any cost.
- B. He is worried that his research might be considered dangerous or unethical.
- C. He is frustrated by his slow progress and frequently on the verge of giving up.
- D. He is eager to continue his work but often too sick or exhausted to do so.

Read the document.

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You hereby acknowledge (1) that the Company will suffer irreparable harm if You breach your obligations under this Agreement; and (2) that monetary reimbursement alone will be inadequate to compensate the Company for such a breach. Therefore, if You breach any of such provisions, then the Company shall be entitled to injunctive relief, in addition to any other remedies of law, to enforce such provisions.

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Based on clues in the text, why can't names of the Company's customers and clients be disclosed until two years after employment ends?

- A. The Company wants to avoid losing its customers and clients to competing businesses.
- B. After two years, the contracts between the Company and its customers and clients will expire.
- C. After two years, the Company will no longer be able to work with its current customers and clients.
- D. The Company is legally barred from disclosing the names of its customers and clients.

Review the document, and look at the highlighted text.

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Why is this clause included in the document?

- A. It reserves the right for House of Gaston to pursue legal action against Annabelle O'Hara if she breaks the agreement.
- B. It specifies the amount of money that Annabelle O'Hara will have to pay House of Gaston if she breaks the agreement.
- C. It discloses the legal rights that Annabelle O'Hara has in the event that House of Gaston breaks the agreement.
- D. It outlines the legal process that will result if either Annabelle O'Hara or House of Gaston breaks the agreement.

Review the details below.

A basic emergency kit should include a three-day supply of food and water and a first aid kit.

Emergency kits should be available at home, at work, and in cars.

Emergency kits are best stored in cool, dry places with food and water supplies refreshed periodically.

Choose the best topic sentence to introduce a paragraph containing these details.

- A. According to experts, emergency supplies should be stored away from home in case an emergency occurs at work or on the road.
- B. Maintaining an emergency kit is a complex process requiring ample storage for supplies.
- C. Disaster-preparedness experts provide recommendations for how best to store and maintain emergency kits with basic supplies

Review the details below.

Vultures eat meat left over by large predators.

Elephants graze on grasses and break down plants, making the vegetation edible for smaller herbivores.

Lions feed on large herbivores like zebras and giraffes.

Choose the best topic sentence to introduce a paragraph containing these details.

- A. Animals in the African savanna depend on other animals in their ecosystem to survive.
- B. The African savanna is home to scavengers, which survive off the remnants left by predators.
- C. The warm climate of the African savanna makes food plentiful for all animals.

Review the details below.

Used sponges and rags should be replaced regularly to avoid spreading harmful bacteria.

Frequently hand washing with warm water and soap is the best way to get rid of germs and prevent illnesses.

Moderate exercise boosts the immune system and can reduce the risk of colds by a third.

Choose the best topic sentence to introduce a paragraph containing these details.

- A. The best way to prevent illnesses is to maintain a healthy immune system.
- B. Simple steps can reduce the likelihood of spreading or catching an infectious illness.
- C. It is possible to reduce the risk of colds and flus by washing your hands and working out several times a week.

Which sentence states a fact?

- A. Dry Valleys, Antarctica, is the driest place on Earth, followed by Arica, Chile.
- B. The cold, sunless winter months in Dry Valleys, Antarctica, are unbearable.

Which sentence states a fact?

- A. Guardians of the Galaxy was the most enjoyable film of 2014.
- B. Guardians of the Galaxy was released in theaters on July 24, 2014.

Which statement primarily appeals to pathos, or emotion, to support the position that all high school students should have summer jobs?

- A. Even some of the most successful entrepreneurs once held humble, low-paying summer jobs, using these entry-level opportunities to gain the skills that eventually propelled them to the top of their fields.
- B. As a busy high school student, I know that the time management skills I developed at my summer job help me on a daily basis.

Which statement primarily appeals to ethos, or character, to support the position that parents should not let young children play with smartphones and tablets?

- A. There is simply not enough research to support the claim that exposure to smartphones and tablets among children is safe; thus, we should avoid them until their safety is established.
- B. It is the policy of this daycare center, as it is with most others, that children and babies are not allowed to use smartphones while they are under our care.

Which statement primarily appeals to logos, or reason, to support the position that people should support locally owned businesses?

- A. Although corporate chain stores may offer customers wider selections and bigger discounts, locally owned businesses are more likely to offer personalized services and to support their local communities.
- B. By shopping at retail chains instead of small, locally owned stores, you are directly undermining—financially and socially—the foundation upon which your community is built.

Complete the sentence.

..... walk on water, but it can also catch and eat a fish as big as 3.5 inches in length.

- A. The spider Dolomedes facetus can not only
- B. Not only can the spider Dolomedes facetus

Complete the sentence.

In 1804, William Clark, who was an outdoorsman and _____

joined his friend Meriwether Lewis on an expedition from St. Louis to the coast of Oregon.

- A. a skilled mapmaker
- B. skilled at mapmaking

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Marks: 1

Complete the sentence.

Rodrigo

would make a superb mayoral candidate because he is engaging, _____ and always strives for excellence.

- A. thoughtful
- B. is thoughtful

Question: 28 of 60

QID: 1363

Marks: 1

Read the following excerpt from a student essay. How can the writer best improve his or her narrative voice?

Before I took a photography class, I always shot photos using the camera's automatic mode. In the class, though, I learned how important it is to take control of things like exposure to make photos look how you want them to look. The instructor also taught us how to change the aperture and choose the correct f- stop number. Now I know how to control shutter speed and ISO to capture clear, beautiful photos under any lighting conditions. My photos have never been better!

- A. by including more technical terms
- B. by using more emotional language
- C. by defining technical terms

Question: 29 of 60

QID: 1364

Marks: 1

Read the following excerpt from a student essay. How can the writer best improve his or her sentence fluency?

The Western Australian pitcher plant is a carnivorous plant native to southwestern Australia. The pitcher is a perennial herb. It is approximately eight inches high. Growing in swampy or sandy soils, it obtains needed nutrients from insects and other small prey. The pitcher plant has carnivorous leaves. The leaves act as traps, or pitchers. The pitchers produce enzymes for digesting prey. Prized among collectors, the plant is considered a vulnerable species.

- A. by using shorter sentences
- B. by combining sentences
- C. by varying how sentences begin

Question: 30 of 60

QID: 1368

Marks: 1

What does this Works Cited entry indicate about the cited work?

Onishi, Kristine H., and Renée Baillargeon. "Do 15- Month- Old Infants Understand False Beliefs?" *Science*, vol. 308, no. 5719, 2005, pp. 255–258.

- A. It is a journal article
- B. It is a poem.
- C. It is a book.

Question: 31 of 60

QID: 1369

Marks: 1

What does this Works Cited entry indicate about the cited work?

Dickman, Kyle. "Apocalypse in the Garden State." Rolling Stone, no. 1260, 5 May 2016, pp. 36- 39.

- A. It is a magazine article.
- B. It is a web page.
- C. It is an email.

Question: 32 of 60

QID: 1370

Marks: 1

What does this Works Cited entry indicate about the cited work?

Ghigna, Charles. A Windy Day in Spring. Illustrated by Laura Watson, Raintree, 2016.

- A. It was published in 2015.
- B. The illustrator is Charles Ghigna.
- C. The illustrator is Laura Watson

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QID: 1373

Marks: 1

What might a doctor do during a prenatal care appointment?

- A. determine a baby's expected delivery date
- B. record a newborn baby's length and weight

Question: 34 of 60

QID: 1374

Marks: 1

If you relinquish your claim, what do you do?

- A. state it clearly
- B. give it up

Question: 35 of 60

QID: 1420

Marks: 1

The root *junc* means join. What does the word *adjunct* mean?

- A. something that has harmful effects
- B. something that is added to another thing
- C. something that provides evidence

Question: 36 of 60

QID: 1421

Marks: 1

The root cede means go or yield. What does the word secede mean?

- A. to judge the legality of an issue
- B. to provoke conflict or disagreement
- C. to leave an association and become independent

Question: 37 of 60

QID: 1425

Marks: 1

Pastoral and pasture are related English words that come from Latin. What does pastoral mean?

- A. related to farm life
- B. related to ocean life
- C. related to desert life

Question: 38 of 60

QID: 1427

Marks: 1

Regicide and regal are related English words that come from Latin. What does regicide refer to?

- A. the murder of a father
- B. the murder of a president
- C. the murder of a king

Question: 39 of 60

QID: 1433

Marks: 1

What is the difference between something variable and something volatile?

- A. something volatile changes violently and unexpectedly
- B. something volatile never changes

Question: 40 of 60

QID: 1434

Marks: 1

What is the difference between calumny and censure?

- A. censure refers to unwarranted or unfair criticism
- B. calumny refers to false and malicious criticism

Complete the analogy.
disagreement is to argument as mishap is to

- A. encounter B. unlucky
 C. catastrophe

Complete the analogy.
nuisance is to pest as worry is to

- A. anxious B. failure
 C. concern

Read the passage and then answer the question.

A 2015 study by NASA scientists revealed that up to one- fifth of Mars's surface may once have been covered by water. The researchers obtained this figure by comparing the water in Mars's atmosphere today with the water found inside a 4.5 billion- year- old Martian meteorite. Specifically, the scientists calculated the ratio of H₂O to HDO in each water sample. HDO is a variant of water containing deuterium, which is an isotope of hydrogen. H₂O is light and easily escapes into space from Mars's atmosphere; HDO, meanwhile, is heavier due to the addition of a neutron in deuterium and is more likely to persist in the atmosphere as a result. The scientists used the difference between the two water samples' H₂O:HDO ratios to calculate how much water Mars has lost in the last 4.5 billion years— an estimated eighty- seven percent.

What is the meaning of isotope as used in the passage?

- A. a variant of water with a different number of neutrons B. a variant of an element with a different number of neutrons
 C. a variant of an element found only in meteorites D. a variant of water found only in meteorites

Read the passage and then answer the question.

When writing code, beginning computer science students sometimes fail to distinguish between defining a function and calling a function. This distinction can be illustrated with the "Happy Birthday" song. If you wanted to write code that could output a custom "Happy Birthday" song for a given name, you could first define a function that includes the lyrics to "Happy Birthday" with "name" as a parameter. To make the program produce the "Happy Birthday" song for your friend Henry, you would pass the argument "Henry" to the function you've just defined. That second step of telling the program to output the "Happy Birthday" song with "Henry" in place of "name" is referred to as calling the function.

What is the meaning of parameter as used in the passage?

- A. a value that is the output of a particular input B. a variable that is meant to be replaced by a specific value
 C. a specific value that is substituted for a variable D. a part of a function definition that remains unchanged

Question: 45 of 60

QID: 1448

Marks: 1

Is there a sentence fragment?

Spring and fall— the best times to enjoy the lake and avoid the crowds of summer. No fees or permits are required then.

A. yes

B. no

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QID: 1449

Marks: 1

Is this a sentence fragment?

Undoubtedly one of the most popular words in the English language, OK was first used in print in 1839.

A. yes

B. no

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QID: 1453

Marks: 1

Is the group of words in bold a phrase or a clause?

The elevated flower beds that display **Jeffrey's prize roses** are quite striking.

A. phrase

B. clause

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QID: 1454

Marks: 1

Is the group of words in bold a phrase or a clause?

Among bats, there are species that can reach speeds of more than **fifty miles per hour**.

A. phrase

B. clause

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QID: 1458

Marks: 1

Which of the following contains a vague pronoun reference?

A. Leah was delighted to find the Hendersons' delicious pies at the farmers' market.

B. The Hendersons make delicious pies; Leah was delighted to find them at the farmers' market.

Which of the following contains a vague pronoun reference?

- A. The citizens of Stamford have elected several competent city council members, but the mayor's office has prevented them from significantly influencing policy.
- B. Several competent city council members have been elected in Stamford, but the mayor's office has prevented the council members from significantly influencing policy.

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

"The foyer looks _____ Dad complained. "Let's try not to use it as a dumping ground for coats, backpacks, sports equipment, and anything else we might be carrying into the house."

- A. terribly
- B. terrible

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

After the 6.0 earthquake, we considered ourselves fortunate _____ that our losses were limited to broken dishes and picture frames, since some homes sustained serious structural damage.

- A. very
- B. real

Which sentence is correct?

- A. Disoriented by the dizzying flurry of snow, Paula's thick wool coat cushioned her inevitable fall.
- B. Paula's thick wool coat served as a cushion when, disoriented by the dizzying flurry of snow, she inevitably fell.

Which sentence is correct?

- A. Scheduled for 6:15 A.M. the next morning, the space station buzzed in anticipation of the launch.
- B. The space station buzzed in anticipation of the launch scheduled for 6:15 A.M. the next morning.

Question: 55 of 60

QID: 1475

Marks: 1

What does the following sentence suggest?

The documents that have been flagged as "confidential" should be examined immediately by a senior analyst.

- A. Senior analysts need to examine only some of the documents.
- B. Senior analysts need to examine all of the documents.

Question: 56 of 60

QID: 1476

Marks: 1

What does the following sentence suggest?

We're planning to have our wedding at the historic hotel downtown, where Austin and Cassie got married last summer.

- A. There is only one historic hotel downtown.
- B. There is more than one historic hotel downtown.

Question: 57 of 60

QID: 1480

Marks: 1

Read this text.

The Seismological Society of America has predicted that the Bay Area, which includes the cities of San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose, is more likely to be rattled by a string of several smaller earthquakes than by one large seismic event.

Is this an appropriate use of an ellipsis?

"The Seismological Society of America has predicted that the Bay Area . . . is more likely to be rattled by a string of several smaller earthquakes than by one large seismic event."

- A. yes
- B. no, because the text with an ellipsis no longer has the same meaning

Question: 58 of 60

QID: 1481

Marks: 1

Read this text.

Julius Caesar, the notable politician and military leader who expanded the Roman Empire, was born in the slums of Rome in 100 BCE to a poor noble family.

Is this an appropriate use of an ellipsis?

"Julius Caesar, the notable politician and military leader who expanded the Roman Empire, was born . . . to a poor noble family."

- A. yes
- B. no, because the text with an ellipsis no longer has the same meaning

Question: 59 of 60

QID: 115

Marks: 1

Click to correct the capitalization if needed. If the sentence is already correct, don't make any changes.

Our dog, sparky, guards our house when we are

Click to correct the capitalization if needed. If the sentence is already correct, don't make any changes.

Europeans first arrived in south America in the late 1400s

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