

NEW DIGITAL SAT TEST (ENGLISH)



SAT Digital Practice Test 6

READING AND WRITING: MODULE 1

1. Hyraxes are small, furry, herbivorous mammals with short tails that live primarily in Africa. One species is also found in the Middle East. These little animals spend time in trees or rocky outcrops. They _____ resemble Guinea pigs, but in reality, are much more closely related to sea cows and elephants.

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

- A) logically
- B) customarily
- C) superficially
- D) universally

2. The following text is adapted from a publication by Jefferson Keel's 2011 publication "The Indian Reorganization Act—75 Years :Later: Renewing our Commitment to Restore Tribal Homelands and Promote Self-determination."

Today, the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) is as necessary as it was in 1934. The purposes of the IRA we're frustrated first by World War II and then the termination era. Work did not begin again until the 1970s with a self determination policy, and since then, Indian tribes are building economies from the ground up.

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

- A) annoyed
- B) unfulfilled
- C) dissatisfied
- D) thwarted

3. The following text is adapted from Mother Jones's speech to coal miners in West Virginia in 1912.

The guards of the mining companies beat, abuse, maim, and hold up citizens without process of law; deny freedom of speech, a provision guaranteed by the constitution; deny the citizens the right to assemble in a peaceable manner for the purpose of discussing questions in which they are concerned.

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

- A) allocation
- B) arrangement
- C) contingency
- D) requirement

4. The following text is from Frances Hodgson Burnett's 1905 novel "A Little Princess"

If Sarah had been older or less punctilious about being quite polite to people, she could have explained herself in a very few words. But, as it was, she felt a flush rising on her cheeks. Miss Minchin was a very severe and imposing person, and she seemed so absolutely sure that Sarah knew nothing whatever of French, that she felt as if it would be almost rude to correct her. The truth was that Sarah could not remember the time when she had not seemed to know French.

Which choice best states the function of the underlying sentence in the text as a whole?

- A) It gives a description of the physical appearance of one of the characters.
- B) it establishes why one of the characters was not comfortable in the situation.
- C) it reinforces an emotional state alluded to in the previous sentence.
- D) It introduces the interaction between two characters in the following sentences.

5. The following text is adapted from Herman Millville's 1851 novel "Moby Dick; or The Whale."

Now, When I say that I am in the habit of going to sea... I never go as a passenger; nor, though I am something of a salt, do I ever go to see as Commodore, or a captain, or a cook. I abandon the glory and distinction of such offices to those who like them. No, when I go to sea, I go as a simple sailor, right before the mast, plump down into the forecastle aloft there to the royal mast-head. Tru, they rather order me about some, and make me jump from spar to spar, like a grasshopper in May meadow. And at first, this sort of thing is unpleasant enough. But this wears off in time.

The narrator brings up the analogy of a grasshopper to anticipate which of the following arguments?

- A) A regular crew member does not receive enough compensation.
- B) The duties of a simple sailor are sufficient to occupy that person's time.
- C) The narrator should try to work his way up to a position as an officer.
- D) It is important to obey orders from superior officer aboard a ship.

6. The following text is adapted from F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1922 novel, "The Beautiful and the Damned."

At fifty-seven years old Adam Patch determined, after a severe attack of sclerosis, to consecrate the remainder of his life to the moral regeneration of the world. He became a reformer among reformers. He levelled a varied assortment of uppercuts and body blows at liquor, literature, vice, art, patent medicines, and Sunday theatres. From an armchair in the office of his Tarrytown estate he directed against the enormous hypothetical enemy, unrighteousness, a campaign which went on through fifteen years, during which he displayed himself a rabid monomaniac, an unqualified nuisance, and an intolerable bore. This year in which this story opens found him wearying; 1861 was creeping up slowly on 1895; his thoughts ran a great deal on the civil war, somewhat on his dead wife and son, almost infinitesimally on his grandson Anthony.

Which choice best states the function of the underlined portion in the text as a whole?

- A) It indicates that Adam Patch was living in the past rather than the present.
- B) It provides a reason Adam Patch did not reflect often on the deaths of his wife and son.
- C) It offers the reason that Adam Patch dedicated most of his time to campaigning against vices.
- D) It clarifies the previous claim that Adam Patch was an intolerable bore.

7. The following text is adapted from Tian Nguyen's 2019 publication, "Antibodies Reverse Synthetic Opioid Overdoses in Mice"

Medical professionals have only one treatment option, a drug called naloxone, against acute opioid overdoses, which is a growing problem that in 2017 killed more than 47,000 people in the US. The fast-acting treatment, sold as Narcan, races towards the brain where it blocks opioid receptors, denying the drugs access to them. But naloxone breaks down after about an hour, which allows a relapse into overdose unless the drug is re-administered. Naloxone's short lifetime also makes it less effective against powerful synthetic opioids like fentanyl and carfentanil, which are 100- and 10,000-fold stronger than morphine, respectively.

Which choice best explains why naloxone is not completely desirable as a solution for patients who have overdosed on opiates?

- A) Naloxone is only able to protect a patient for a limited period.
- B) Naloxone is more expensive than other available treatment options.
- C) Naloxone offers no results for overdoses of many opiate drugs.
- D) Naloxone has harmful side effects which can injure the patient.

8. Why does the sky turn red at sunrise and sunset?

The reason is Rayleigh Scattering, which is actually the same effect that you see in a rainbow when light hits rain. Light travels in waves, with red waves being the longest visible light and blue being the shortest. The shorter the wave, the easier it scatters into different directions. During the day, the Sun shines directly down on the atmosphere, so all wavelengths enter and the sky looks blue to a viewer. However, when the Sun gets lower on the horizon, the light is traveling through a much larger distance of the atmosphere to reach the same place on the Earth's surface.

At that angle, many of the shorter blue waves get scattered into outer space, and only the longer, red waves, which travel in a straighter line before being scattered, reach the viewer.

Why does the author mention a rainbow in the text?

- A) To explain where waves of light originate
- B) To offer an example that the reader might recognize
- C) To present an exception to a general rule
- D) To show why blue waves scatter more easily than red waves

9. The following text is adapted from Fyodor Dostoevsky's 1848 collection of stories, "White Nights and Other Stories."

Leaning on the canal railing stood a woman with her elbows on the rail. she was apparently looking with great attention at the muddy water of the canal. She was wearing a very charming yellow hat and a jaunty little black mantle. "She's a girl, and I am sure she is dark," I thought. She did not seem to hear my footsteps and did not even stir when I passed by with bated breath and loudly throbbing heart. was taken aback when realized she was not just gazing at the water but sobbing uncontrollably.

In the text, what is the main function of the words "charming" and "jaunty"?

- A) They show that the girl's true age belied her outward appearance.
- B) They establish that the girl was not suitably clad for the weather.
- C) They identify the reason for the narrator's interest in the girl.
- D) They highlight a contrast between the girl's appearance and her actions.

10. Most of the population in Sub-Saharan Africa works in subsistence agriculture to make a living and feed their typically large families. In recent decades, there has been enormous rural-to-urban migration to the major cities, which are extremely overcrowded. At the center of the main business districts are modern high-rise business offices well connected to the global economy, but outside are slums with no services and miserable unsanitary conditions. The informal sector of the economy--that which is not regulated, controlled, or taxed- has become the primary system of doing business. The lack of government regulation prevents taxes from being assessed or collected, which, in turn, diminishes support for public services or infrastructure.

Based on information from the text, which of the following would best illustrate a transaction that occurs in the informal sector of the Sub-Saharan economy?

- A) A farmer trades several chickens for enough wood to build a house for his newly-married son.
- B) An international corporation from Denmark invests money in erecting a new school in a rural area.
- C) A governor uses tax money to build a bridge, but hires a construction company owned by a good friend.
- D) A young man from a rural area moves to a large city because he wants to find a better job.

11. The US Cities with the Greatest Percentage of Residents who Commute by Bicycle

Based on data from the US Census Bureau

Why do people ride bicycles to work? Weather is not everything, as there is an annual average of 156 days of rain in the top commuting city, Portland, Oregon. Making cycling safer by adding protected bike lanes can increase ridership. Another option is making bikes more accessible, such as was done in the District of Columbia, which added 400 bike share depots since 2010. The success of such programs is evident: ____

Which choice most effectively uses data from the graph to complete the example?

- A) Ridership in Washington, DC, increased from just over 2 percent in 2010 to 4 percent in 2015.
- B) Washington, DC, used to have lower ridership than any other of the top five cities for bicycle commuters in 2010.
- C) Portland, Oregon, now boasts over 6 percent of commuters who ride bikes and Washington, DC, has increased to 4 percent.
- D) Washington, DC now has more bicycle commuters than San Francisco, California or Seattle, Washington.

12. Cumulative number of battery-electric cars in the UK (2016 to date)

According to a study released by The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), the number of electric cars registered in the United Kingdom has increased dramatically over the years, showing increasing customer preference for battery-electric cars over traditional cars. However, this customer preference for battery-electric cars has not increased uniformly over the years. For instance, _____

Which choice most effectively uses data from the graph to complete the text?

- A) between 2016 to 2019, less than 200,000 battery-electric cars were registered in the UK
- B) in 2020, less than 300,000 battery-electric cars were registered in the UK
- C) by 2022, almost 700,000 electric cars had been registered
- D) while the number of registered electric cars rose by 200,00 between the years 2020 and 2021, there was a spike of almost 300,000 additional cars registered in 2022

13. A new species of salamander, *Tylototriton phukhaensis*, was named in 2020. The defining feature is a distinct head ridge, though it also has head horns and a stripe down its back. A molecular examination shows that it is closely related to two of the four other *Tylototriton* species found in Thailand. First identified from a 20-year-old photograph in a travel magazine, biologists speculated whether the species still existed in the wild, but _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

- A) had to base their assessments on the *Tylototriton* species that were more readily available to them.
- B) were able to locate living specimens that could provide enough information for a positive identification.
- C) spent years vainly scouring the tropical rainforests before determining that it was probably indeed extinct.
- D) finally concluded that the photograph might have been inaccurate or was possibly even created as a hoax

14. Menkes disease is lethal and there is no known cure, so most patients die within the first decade of their lives, most before the age of 3. Because it is so rare, few pharmaceutical companies are investing in research related to the disease. Through the NIH Undiagnosed Diseases program, we evaluated a patient who presented clinically with abnormal hair and cognitive dysfunction. 'The hair abnormalities observed in our patient resemble those found in Menkes syndrome, but sequence analysis of the *ATP7A* gene and relevant biochemical testing showed that *ATP7A* was involved in causing our patients clinical features.

Which statement regarding Menkes disease can be most reasonably inferred from the passage?

- A) Pharmaceutical companies are irresponsible in their attitude towards the disease
- B) Patients are usually not aware that they have the disease until its advanced stages.
- C) There are not enough patients to make the development of a cure financially viable.
- D) Giving a patient adequate *ATP7A* supplements can help reduce the effect of the disease.

15. There's nothing like homemade red Thai chili paste to enliven a meal. Most cooks opt for store-bought substitutes, however, because traditionally it takes over 30 minutes of grinding ingredients such as chili pepper, lemongrass, cilantro, ____ in a mortar and pestle.

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

- A) shallots and, lime
- B) shallots, and lime
- C) shallots, and lime,
- D) shallots, and, lime

16. William Shakespeare is often misquoted, but at other times, phrases are used in a context very different from what they were intended to be. While "now is the winter of our _____" frequently used to mean a horrible time, it actually signals a time of change for the better in the drama "Richard III?"

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

- A) discontent." It is
- B) discontent" is
- C) discontent", is
- D) discontent" is

17. Algeria marks its 53rd year of independence this _____ bitter struggle for freedom in the late 1950s and early 1960s became a central focus of the global movement against colonialism. It also influenced the evolving forms of oppression and resistance in apartheid South Africa.

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

- A) month, the
- B) month--the
- C) month: the
- D) month. The

18. The Earth's core is _____ a very valuable source of energy, but scientists have only begun to determine how to harness its extreme heat. which may be 10,800 degrees Fahrenheit-about the same temperature as the surface of the sun.

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

- A) potent
- B) potency
- C) potential
- D) potentially

19. The second smallest country by area in the world after Vatican City, Monaco is a mere 2.1 square kilometers. Most famous for the Monte Carlo Casino, _____. In fact, Monaco is a pioneer in marine conservation with one of the first protected marine areas in the world.

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

- A) there is also an oceanographic museum in the country which is world-class.
- B) the country also is home to a world-class oceanographic museum.
- C) a world-class oceanographic museum is also in the country.
- D) a museum of oceanography which is world-class is also in the country.

20. Given the number of incidents involving handguns in the past several years, politicians are considering new legislation to regulate the sale and possession of various firearms. Some critics claim that rather than increase the number of laws, police should make more effort to come _____ offenders.

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

- A) out of
- B) up with
- C) down on
- D) down with

21. Environmentalists have been trying a variety of solutions to remove plastic waste from the ocean. This serious problem will not be resolved easily, though, because the removal of waste from the ocean is a much slower process introduction of new plastic pollution.

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

- A) as
- B) then
- C) than
- D) to

22. Those who paid attention to the music industry started to notice the decades-long trend of Billboard-topping tracks that directly incorporated inspiration from their predecessors in the form of sampling. _____ Drake sampled Ms. Lauryn Hill, who sampled Wu Tang Clan, who sampled Gladys Knight and the Pips.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) Ultimately,
- B) In addition,
- C) Furthermore,
- D) For example,

23. Since it was completed in 1911, the Stoclet House in Belgium has been among the finest examples of the Vienna Secession of the Art Nouveau style. The integrity of the exterior architecture and garden remains almost untouched, and the interior has undergone few changes. Even much of the furniture is original. _____ the house fulfills the architectural criteria necessary for a UNESCO World Heritage site, which it became in 2009.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) Subsequently,
- B) Otherwise,
- C) Therefore,
- D) However,

24. Messier 47 is a well-known star cluster that contains mostly massive hot blue stars. It was first identified in 1654 by an Italian astronomer named Giovanni Hodierna. Charles Messier, without knowledge of Hodierna's discovery, independently cataloged the cluster about a hundred years later. he wrote down erroneous coordinates, so the Messier 47 remained lost until its presence was confirmed by TF. Morris in 1957.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) Finally,
- B) Ironically,
- C) Specifically,
- D) Accordingly,

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

- The African grey hornbill (*Lophoceros nasutus*) is a member of the Hornbill family of mainly tropical near-passerine birds found in the Old World.
- It is a widespread and common resident breeder in much of sub-Saharan Africa and the southwest of the Arabian Peninsula
- The African grey hornbill has escaped or been deliberately released into Florida, USA, but there is no evidence that the population is breeding and may only persist due to continuing releases or escapes
- At 45-51 cm (18-20 in) in length, the African grey hornbill is a large bird, although it is one of the smaller hornbills.
- The African grey hornbill is widespread over much of sub-Saharan Africa. It prefers open woodland and savannah.

The student wants to emphasize that it is unlikely that the African grey hornbill will rapidly multiply in Florida. Which choice most effectively accomplish this goal?

- A) The African grey hornbill is a smaller hornbill and is easier to hunt down.
- B) It seems likely that the presence of the African grey hornbill is due to a deliberate release or escape, with no proof of breeding.
- C) The African grey hornbill is only commonly found in sub-Saharan Africa where the climate is highly unlike Florida.
- D) It is a tropical bird that is only widespread in open woodland and savannah areas.

26. "Predictive analytics" is a term that is often used with big data. In essence, the term refers to the use of historical data and statistical techniques such as machine learning to make predictions about the future. An example is how Netflix knows what you want to watch before you do, making suggestions based on your past viewing habits. It is important to note that data doesn't just refer to rows and columns in a spreadsheet, but also to more complex files such as videos, images, and sensor data.

The writer is considering deleting the underlined sentence. Should the writer make this change?

- A) Yes, because it disrupts the flow of logic in the paragraph.
- B) Yes, because the example would be better placed at the start of the paragraph.
- C) No, because it provides a necessary transition to new information.
- D) No, because it provides a concrete example to help the reader better understand a concept.

27. Pierre Omidyar became one of the richest men in the world as the founder of eBay. He has invested large amounts of his fortune in antitrust cases against big tech companies. He says that big tech companies are overly powerful and are a danger to democracy.

Which choice most effectively combines the underlined sentences?

- A) that he says are
- B) against big tech companies, which he says are
- C) against big tech companies because big tech companies are, he says,
- D) antitrust cases, which are cases against what in his opinion are big tech companies that are