

MAT Language Comprehension Sample Paper - 10

Duration: 24 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 30

Instructions

- This paper contains **30** Multiple Choice Questions from the **Language Comprehension** section of MAT.
- Each correct answer carries **+1 mark**.
- Each incorrect answer carries **-0.25 mark** (negative marking).
- No negative marking for unattempted questions.
- All questions are compulsory. Choose the best option (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Passage I

Read the passage below carefully. Questions 1 to 4 are based on this passage. Choose the one best answer for each question.

"The shift toward a decentralized digital economy has moved beyond mere speculative finance into the realm of institutional structural change. At the core of this transition is the concept of programmable trust, facilitated by automated smart contracts that execute without the need for traditional legal intermediaries. While proponents argue that this democratization of fiscal infrastructure reduces transactional friction and democratizes access to global capital, skeptics point to the systemic vulnerabilities inherent in code-based governance. The lack of a centralized regulatory anchor means that algorithmic anomalies or deliberate exploits can result in irreversible capital flight. Furthermore, the philosophical premise of "code is law" frequently clashes with existing jurisdictional frameworks, creating a complex legal vacuum. As institutional capital continues to interface with decentralized protocols, the ultimate viability of this ecosystem will depend not on the elimination of regulation, but on the synthesis of algorithmic compliance with macroscopic sovereign oversight."



- Q1.** Which of the following best expresses the primary argument of the author in the passage?
- (A) Centralized regulatory authorities are entirely obsolete in the face of modern programmable trust frameworks.
 - (B) The long-term stability of the decentralized economy relies on reconciling algorithmic protocols with state regulation.
 - (C) Systemic code vulnerabilities and algorithmic exploits make decentralized finance inherently unviable for retail investors.
 - (D) Smart contracts have successfully eliminated transactional friction and democratized global access to capital markets.
- Q2.** According to the passage, the phrase “code is law” presents a challenge because:
- (A) automated smart contracts require manual intervention to execute properly during financial crises.
 - (B) it facilitates instantaneous capital flight that cannot be tracked by standard cryptographic ledgers.
 - (C) it establishes a mechanism that frequently operates outside of and conflicts with established state legal systems.
 - (D) institutional investors refuse to deploy capital into ecosystems that lack traditional legal intermediaries.
- Q3.** The author’s attitude toward the future of the decentralized digital economy can best be described as:
- (A) unequivocally optimistic regarding the democratization of global capital infrastructure.
 - (B) dismissive of the architectural risks posed by algorithmic anomalies and code exploits.
 - (C) highly skeptical that sovereign nations will ever permit algorithmic compliance.



(D) analytical and contingent upon the integration of structural oversight with automated systems.

Q4. Based on the context of the passage, the term “friction” most nearly means:

(A) structural resistance or systemic inefficiencies that delay or complicate transactions.

(B) physical wear and tear on digital servers maintaining blockchain ledgers.

(C) ideological conflict between corporate institutions and decentralized protocols.

(D) regulatory penalties imposed by sovereign entities on financial intermediaries.

Passage II

Read the passage below carefully. Questions 5 to 8 are based on this passage. Choose the one best answer for each question.

"The preservation of linguistic diversity is fundamentally intertwined with the conservation of ecological biodiversity. Traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) is dynamically encoded within the grammar, taxonomies, and oral traditions of indigenous languages. When a language becomes extinct, a highly specialized epistemological framework for understanding local ecosystems is permanently lost. For instance, detailed classifications of flora with medicinal properties or nuanced descriptions of avian migratory patterns often exist exclusively within the vocabulary of a localized dialect. Modern conservation efforts that ignore this linguistic dimension frequently default to Western taxonomic models, which may lack the granular environmental resolution necessary for localized habitat restoration. Protecting endangered languages is therefore not merely an exercise in cultural preservation; it is a critical imperative for global environmental sustainability."

Q5. The passage suggests that Western taxonomic models:



- (A) are superior to traditional ecological knowledge for macro-level habitat restoration.
- (B) may fail to capture the highly specific environmental nuances recorded by indigenous languages.
- (C) are structurally derived from the oral traditions of ancient localized dialects.
- (D) have successfully prevented the extinction of endangered flora and fauna species.

Q6. Which of the following statements best summarizes the central theme of the passage?

- (A) Ecological conservation cannot be fully realized without the active preservation of indigenous languages.
- (B) Oral traditions are more reliable for documenting avian migratory patterns than modern scientific tracking.
- (C) Western taxonomic models are entirely incompatible with local habitat restoration protocols.
- (D) The extinction of localized dialects is primarily driven by global environmental degradation.

Q7. According to the author, Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) is:

- (A) an obsolete epistemological framework that has been replaced by modern biology.
- (B) a static set of rules divorced from the active grammar of indigenous speakers.
- (C) structurally embedded within the linguistic components of endangered languages.
- (D) accessible exclusively through the translation services of Western taxonomists.

Q8. In the phrase “granular environmental resolution,” the word “granular” most closely corresponds to:

- (A) coarse or abrasive



- (B) highly detailed or specific
- (C) broadly generalized
- (D) economically profitable

Passage III

Read the passage below carefully. Questions 9 to 12 are based on this passage. Choose the one best answer for each question.

"The phenomenon of cognitive dissonance occurs when an individual holds contradictory beliefs, ideas, or values, typically experiencing psychological discomfort as a result. To mitigate this internal tension, individuals frequently employ cognitive biases that distort objective reality. The most pervasive of these mechanisms is confirmation bias, wherein a person selectively seeks out, interprets, and remembers information that aligns pre-existing frameworks while systematically discounting incongruent data. In the digital age, this psychological tendency is heavily amplified by algorithmic curation on social media platforms. These algorithms create self-reinforcing information ecosystems known as "echo chambers," which insulate individuals from dissenting viewpoints. Consequently, cognitive dissonance is not merely resolved; it is preemptively avoided altogether. This systemic insulation exacerbates social polarization, as communities become increasingly entrenched within mutually incompatible realities."

Q9. The passage implies that social media algorithms affect cognitive dissonance by:

- (A) forcing individuals to constantly confront contradictory viewpoints.
- (B) neutralizing the psychological comfort derived from confirmation bias.
- (C) generating environments where conflicting information rarely reaches the user.
- (D) encouraging users to critically analyze their pre-existing belief frameworks.

Q10. According to the text, confirmation bias serves primarily to:



- (A) increase the level of psychological discomfort experienced by an individual.
- (B) bridge the ideological divide between polarized online communities.
- (C) assist individuals in reducing the tension caused by contradictory ideas.
- (D) objective analyze empirical data without emotional or psychological interference.

Q11. Which of the following is a direct consequence of the “echo chambers” mentioned in the passage?

- (A) Enhanced critical thinking skills across digital communication platforms.
- (B) The elimination of all algorithmic curation on mainstream media networks.
- (C) Deepened societal division due to entrenched, conflicting perceptions of reality.
- (D) A rapid decline in the individual usage of confirmation bias mechanisms.

Q12. Select the option that contains the best summary of the paragraph provided.

- (A) Cognitive dissonance is a psychological condition that can only be resolved by abandoning social media platforms entirely.
- (B) Confirmation bias is a newly developed cognitive flaw caused directly by the rise of modern digital communication networks.
- (C) Individuals reduce psychological tension through confirmation bias, an effect intensified by social media algorithms that isolate users and drive social polarization.
- (D) Algorithmic curation on social media platforms has successfully eliminated the psychological discomfort known as confirmation bias.

Verbal Ability & Vocabulary

Q13. Identify the error in the following sentence.

Neither the primary architect nor the project engineers was prepared for the sudden escalation in material costs that followed the regulatory announcement.



- (A) Neither the primary architect nor
- (B) project engineers was prepared for
- (C) that followed the regulatory announcement
- (D) No error

Q14. Choose the option that best fills the blanks to complete the sentence meaningfully. The diplomat's presentation was remarkably _____; though she spoke for less than ten minutes, she managed to _____ the core issues of the geopolitical dispute with absolute clarity.

- (A) verbose ... obfuscate
- (B) succinct ... elucidate
- (C) protracted ... delineate
- (D) ephemeral ... overlook

Q15. Rearrange the following sentences (A, B, C, D) to form a coherent paragraph.

A. This economic shift has forced traditional retailers to rapidly modify their supply chain strategies.

B. Consequently, urban distribution hubs are now prioritized over massive rural warehouses to ensure rapid delivery.

C. Consumer expectations regarding shipping speeds have reached unprecedented levels over the last decade.

D. This proximity to the end consumer significantly mitigates the transit delays typical of older logistics networks.

- (A) CABD
- (B) ACBD
- (C) CADB
- (D) ABCD

Q16. Choose the option that is closest in meaning to the bolded word.

The committee praised the researcher's **meticulous** documentation, noting that every single data point had been cross-referenced with multiple independent sources.



- (A) cursory
- (B) scrupulous
- (C) erratic
- (D) pretentious

Q17. Choose the option that best completes the sentence.

If the board of directors _____ the proposal during the previous fiscal quarter, the current structural reorganization would not have been necessary.

- (A) would approve
- (B) had approved
- (C) approved
- (D) will approve

Q18. Choose the option that is opposite in meaning to the bolded word.

The judge noted that the witness's testimony was highly **equivocal**, rendering it virtually useless for the defense's argument.

- (A) ambiguous
- (B) explicit
- (C) dubious
- (D) fraudulent

Q19. Identify the error in the following sentence.

The proliferation of digital communication platforms have significantly altered the speed at which corporate enterprises process consumer feedback.

- (A) The proliferation of digital communication platforms
- (B) have significantly altered the speed
- (C) process consumer feedback
- (D) No error

Q20. Choose the option that best fills the blanks to complete the sentence meaningfully.

Despite the _____ review from the senior critic, the debut novel went on to



become a commercial success, proving that public taste is often _____ by academic opinions.

- (A) laudatory ... swayed
- (B) scathing ... unaffected
- (C) superficial ... governed
- (D) enthusiastic ... deterred

Q21. Rearrange the following sentences (A, B, C, D) to form a coherent paragraph.

A. These behavioral patterns are heavily influenced by the availability of specialized resources within their habitats.

B. Ethologists have spent decades observing the complex foraging rituals of these specific primate populations.

C. However, when these resources become scarce, the social hierarchy of the troop shifts dramatically.

D. As a result, cooperation gives way to intense competition, disrupting long-standing communal alliances.

- (A) BACD
- (B) BADC
- (C) ABCD
- (D) ACBD

Q22. Choose the option that best identifies the meaning of the underlined idiom.

The project manager told the team that it was time to bite the bullet and accept the financial losses on the stalled initiative.

- (A) to delay a critical decision indefinitely
- (B) to face an inevitable, difficult situation with courage
- (C) to blame an external vendor for internal failures
- (D) to invest more capital into a failing venture

Q23. Identify the error in the following sentence.

Each of the participating departments are required to submit a comprehensive



budget allocation report before the end of the current fiscal period.

- (A) Each of the participating departments
- (B) are required to submit
- (C) before the end of the current fiscal period
- (D) No error

Q24. Choose the option that best fills the blanks to complete the sentence meaningfully. The structural integrity of the ancient monument had been _____ by centuries of seismic activity, making the current restoration efforts both _____ and dangerous.

- (A) bolstered ... superfluous
- (B) compromised ... precarious
- (C) enhanced ... straightforward
- (D) stabilized ... problematic

Q25. Choose the option that is closest in meaning to the bolded word. The corporate executive was known for her **astute** business decisions, which consistently anticipated market fluctuations months before they occurred.

- (A) naïve
- (B) shrewd
- (C) arbitrary
- (D) impetuous

Q26. Choose the option that best identifies the meaning of the underlined idiom. The research team decided to call it a day after working for fourteen consecutive hours without obtaining a viable reaction yield.

- (A) to cancel the entire research project permanently
- (B) to change the primary hypothesis of the experiment
- (C) to stop working on an activity for the rest of the day
- (D) to celebrate a major breakthrough in the laboratory



Q27. "Choose the option that best captures its essence, summary, or logical conclusion. The concept of architectural determinism posits that the physical design of built environments exerts a direct, predictable influence on human behavior and social interaction. Proponents of this theory argue that high-density urban planning, characterized by imposing high-rise residential complexes and minimal public green space, inherently fosters social alienation and elevated psychological stress. Conversely, suburban designs that prioritize sprawling, automobile-dependent infrastructure are criticized for fracturing community cohesion by minimizing spontaneous interpersonal encounters. However, contemporary sociologists caution against overstating the validity of architectural determinism. They contend that human agency, socioeconomic status, and cultural variables play a far more decisive role in shaping community dynamics than the physical geometry of concrete and asphalt. Built environments may constrain or facilitate certain behavioral choices, but they do not absolute dictate social outcomes."

According to contemporary sociologists mentioned in the passage, architectural determinism:

- (A) completely ignores the negative psychological effects of high-density urban housing.
- (B) oversimplifies the complex factors that influence human social behavior.
- (C) accurately predicts how physical geometry dictates community cohesion.
- (D) offers the only viable solution for reducing stress in urban environments.

Q28. The passage states that suburban architectural designs are frequently criticized because they:

- (A) rely heavily on high-rise structures that cause extreme social alienation.
- (B) reduce opportunities for unexpected, spontaneous interactions among residents.
- (C) force communities to adopt strict socioeconomic hierarchies.
- (D) demand excessive public green spaces that cost too much to maintain.



- Q29.** Which of the following words can best replace the word “fosters” as used in the passage?
- (A) suppresses
 - (B) engenders
 - (C) simulates
 - (D) tolerates
- Q30.** Which of the following statements represents the most accurate conclusion based on the passage?
- (A) High-density urban architecture must be completely abandoned to protect public mental health.
 - (B) Human behavior is entirely independent of the architectural design of built environments.
 - (C) Physical architecture acts as a facilitator or constraint rather than an absolute controller of social dynamics.
 - (D) Socioeconomic status is determined directly by the physical geometry of urban planning layouts.



Detailed Solutions**Q1.****Solution**

Concept: The core challenge in reading comprehension passages involving complex fiscal or systemic architectures lies in distinguishing the author's primary thesis from supporting counterarguments. Authors frequently introduce a fundamental dichotomy (such as technological autonomy versus statutory control) to build a final synthesis that functions as their core claim.

Solution:

- (a) The passage initiates a discussion on the structural shift toward a decentralized digital economy governed by programmable trust and smart contracts.
- (b) The author carefully balances two opposing views: the optimistic perspective highlighting reduced transactional friction and the skeptical view focusing on systemic code vulnerabilities, potential legal vacuums, and capital flight.
- (c) In the crucial final sentence, the author states that the ultimate viability of this financial ecosystem depends entirely on the synthesis of algorithmic compliance with macroscopic sovereign oversight.
- (d) This conclusion underscores that decentralized networks cannot exist entirely in a vacuum; their survival relies on harmonizing automation with traditional state systems.
- (e) Option (B) precisely mirrors this synthesis by stating that long-term stability relies on reconciling algorithmic protocols with state regulation.

Final Answer: (B) The long-term stability of the decentralized economy relies on reconciling algorithmic protocols with state regulation.

Answer: (B)

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Q2.

Solution

Concept: Specific details or phraseology used within quotes in a text must be analyzed in direct relation to their surrounding contextual sentences. The problem requires identifying how a philosophical tenet creates specific functional, systemic, or structural friction when operationalized alongside existing institutional frameworks.

Solution:

- (a) The phrase “code is law” is specifically introduced in the latter half of the passage to highlight a foundational conflict within decentralized systems.
- (b) The text explicitly notes that this philosophical premise frequently clashes with existing jurisdictional frameworks, which directly results in a complex legal vacuum.
- (c) This conflict arises because automated protocols execute absolute commands purely based on software code, completely ignoring traditional external statutory mandates.
- (d) Because it operates autonomously of sovereign legal boundaries, it creates an environment that conflicts with established state mechanisms.
- (e) Option (C) captures this precisely, as the challenge stems directly from the mechanism operating outside of and conflicting with established state legal systems.

Final Answer: (C) it establishes a mechanism that frequently operates outside of and conflicts with established state legal systems.

Answer: (C)

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Q3.

Solution

Concept: Tone and attitude evaluation requires tracking the author's logical progression rather than focusing on isolated adjectives. A balanced text that dissects structural pitfalls while concurrently outlining a necessary path forward indicates a systematic, objective, and contingent critical stance.

Solution:

- (a) The author avoids an emotional or biased stance, refraining from uncritical enthusiasm or dismissive cynicism regarding decentralized finance.
- (b) Throughout the narrative, the author systematically tracks both architectural benefits, like capital democratization, and structural defects, like algorithmic anomalies.
- (c) The text presents a clear conditional outlook: the success of this technological framework is strictly contingent upon whether its processes can be synthesized with regulatory oversight.
- (d) This method of evaluation shows an objective framework that relies on the interaction between two separate structural components.
- (e) Option (D) perfectly captures this intellectual stance by describing the author's perspective as analytical and contingent upon the integration of structural oversight with automated systems.

Final Answer: (D) analytical and contingent upon the integration of structural oversight with automated systems.

Answer: (D)

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Q4.

Solution

Concept: In context-dependent vocabulary problems, technical terms from physical sciences are frequently applied metaphorically to abstract systems like economics or digital networks. The correct interpretation must match the exact systemic inefficiencies described within that operational model.

Solution:

- (a) The term ‘friction’ is used within the sentence: ‘democratization of fiscal infrastructure reduces transactional friction and democratizes access to global capital.’
- (b) In an economic network, systemic friction refers to transactional processing delays, heavy intermediary fees, redundant regulatory loops, and architectural barriers.
- (c) Proponents claim that automated smart contracts solve these issues by streamlining operations, thereby removing traditional legal intermediaries.
- (d) This means that the term denotes the removal of structural resistance or operational inefficiencies that impede financial capital mobility.
- (e) Option (A) is the only choice that accurately addresses this operational meaning within a financial technology framework.

Final Answer: (A) structural resistance or systemic inefficiencies that delay or complicate transactions.

Answer: (A)

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Q5.

Solution

Concept: Analyzing scientific paradigms requires evaluating how specific localized systems contrast with generalized macroscopic models. When the text evaluates a traditional framework against an institutional standard, it highlights how generalized systems can lack specific operational insights.

Solution:

- (a) The passage points out that current ecological conservation initiatives regularly skip over localized linguistic inputs in favor of standard Western taxonomic models.
- (b) The author notes that these Western taxonomic models may lack the granular environmental resolution necessary for localized habitat restoration.
- (c) This structural lack of granularity implies that the models do not have the vocabulary or classification capacity to map out specific environmental details.
- (d) Traditional ecological knowledge, which is preserved through local indigenous dialects, captures these exact details, including specific flora values and migration paths.
- (e) Therefore, option (B) is correct, as it reflects the author's point that Western models may fail to capture highly specific environmental nuances.

Final Answer: (B) may fail to capture the highly specific environmental nuances recorded by indigenous languages.

Answer: (B)

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Q6.

Solution

Concept: To find the central theme of a passage, one must look at the overall logical relationship proposed across all paragraphs. The reader must identify the primary interaction connecting two seemingly disparate fields of study into a single thesis statement.

Solution:

- (a) The very first sentence declares that the preservation of linguistic diversity is fundamentally intertwined with the conservation of ecological biodiversity.
- (b) The author validates this assertion by demonstrating how critical botanical and environmental insights are uniquely preserved within the grammar of local communities.
- (c) The text builds toward a final conclusion, warning that ignoring these languages results in a permanent loss of vital environmental preservation tools.
- (d) This makes protecting endangered dialects a core prerequisite for global environmental sustainability rather than just a cultural goal.
- (e) Option (A) best encapsulates this central theme by stating that ecological conservation cannot be fully realized without preserving indigenous languages.

Final Answer: (A) Ecological conservation cannot be fully realized without the active preservation of indigenous languages.

Answer: (A)

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Q7.

Solution

Concept: Defining specific operational terms like Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) requires tracking how they are embedded within the systemic variables of the text. The correct option must identify the precise medium through which this structural information is conveyed.

Solution:

- (a) The text explicitly introduces Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) in the second sentence of the second passage.
- (b) It states that this specialized knowledge base is dynamically encoded within the grammar, taxonomies, and oral traditions of indigenous languages.
- (c) This description indicates that TEK is not a detached, external database, but an organic part of the structural components of these languages.
- (d) When a language disappears, this specific framework for understanding local ecosystems is permanently lost because it was embedded within that dialect.
- (e) Option (C) matches this premise perfectly by stating that TEK is structurally embedded within the linguistic components of endangered languages.

Final Answer: (C) structurally embedded within the linguistic components of endangered languages.

Answer: (C)

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Q8.

Solution

Concept: Deciphering descriptive vocabulary used in advanced scientific contexts requires evaluating modifiers in relation to their target nouns. The term must be evaluated based on how it changes the capacity of a measuring model to view details clearly.

Solution:

- (a) The term under review is found in the phrase: ‘may lack the granular environmental resolution necessary for localized habitat restoration.’
- (b) In this context, ‘resolution’ refers to the degree of clarity, detail, or distinction that an environmental classification system provides.
- (c) The modifier “granular” relates to grains or minute components, suggesting an analysis that looks at small, specific details instead of broad trends.
- (d) This means Western models lack the highly detailed, micro-level information that indigenous vocabularies offer for localized environments.
- (e) Option (B) is the accurate choice, as it correctly aligns the term with meaning highly detailed or specific.

Final Answer: (B) highly detailed or specific

Answer: (B)

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Q9.

Solution

Concept: Analyzing psychological and technological interactions requires identifying how algorithmic processes change human cognitive patterns. The response must track how automated networks filter information to stop cognitive friction from happening in the first place.

Solution:

- (a) The passage outlines cognitive dissonance as internal psychological tension caused by processing conflicting ideological viewpoints.
- (b) It explains that social media platforms use automated curation algorithms to build insulated environments called echo chambers.
- (c) These echo chambers actively filter out dissenting viewpoints, serving to isolate users and protect them from conflicting data.
- (d) As a direct result of this filtering, cognitive dissonance is not merely resolved after it happens; it is preemptively avoided altogether.
- (e) Option (C) reflects this mechanism accurately, showing that social media networks create environments where conflicting information rarely reaches the user.

Final Answer: (C) generating environments where conflicting information rarely reaches the user.

Answer: (C)

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Q10.

Solution

Concept: Psychological mechanisms or cognitive strategies are always discussed in relation to their immediate functional utility for an individual. The reader must identify the primary internal objective behind using a selective interpretation strategy.

Solution:

- (a) The author introduces confirmation bias as a cognitive mechanism where individuals selectively seek out and interpret data that matches pre-existing frameworks.
- (b) The passage explicitly explains the purpose of this behavioral pattern in the second sentence: "To mitigate this internal tension, individuals frequently employ cognitive biases."
- (c) The phrase "internal tension" directly references the psychological discomfort generated by cognitive dissonance.
- (d) Therefore, confirmation bias functions as an internal tool designed to help reduce or eliminate psychological discomfort.
- (e) Option (C) captures this functional relationship exactly by stating that it assists individuals in reducing the tension caused by contradictory ideas.

Final Answer: (C) assist individuals in reducing the tension caused by contradictory ideas.

Answer: (C)

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Q11.

Solution

Concept: Evaluating downstream societal consequences from individual cognitive processes requires tracking causal paths from micro-level behavior to macro-level trends. The solution must link technological isolation to broad societal outcomes.

Solution:

- (a) The text states that digital curation algorithms trap users inside echo chambers, insulating them from dissenting perspectives.
- (b) By preemptively avoiding cognitive dissonance, individuals become highly entrenched within their own belief systems.
- (c) The author explicitly states the final downstream effect in the closing sentence: “This systemic insulation exacerbates social polarization.”
- (d) This polarization happens because separate communities become deeply locked into mutually incompatible perceptions of reality.
- (e) Option (C) is the only choice that matches this outcome, citing the deepened societal division due to entrenched, conflicting perceptions of reality.

Final Answer: (C) Deepened societal division due to entrenched, conflicting perceptions of reality.

Answer: (C)

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Q12.

Solution

Concept: An accurate abstract or summary must integrate all three core variables introduced in the text: the internal psychological condition, the accelerating technological variable, and the macro-level societal outcome.

Solution:

- (a) The passage links three core ideas: the reduction of cognitive dissonance via confirmation bias, the amplification of this process via social media networks, and the resulting social polarization.
- (b) A complete summary must contain all three components to preserve the full causal chain of the author's argument.
- (c) Option (A) is inaccurate because it focuses on a single extreme solution; option (B) erroneously frames confirmation bias as a modern invention; option (D) states that the discomfort was eliminated entirely rather than avoided.
- (d) Option (C) correctly traces the entire sequence: reducing tension via bias, algorithmic amplification, user isolation, and downstream social polarization.

Final Answer: (C) Individuals reduce psychological tension through confirmation bias, an effect intensified by social media algorithms that isolate users and drive social polarization.

Answer: (C)

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Q13.

Solution

Concept: The rule of proximity states that when a subject is composed of two noun phrases joined by the correlative conjunctions neither/nor or either/or, the verb must agree in number with the closer noun phrase or subject component.

Solution:

- (a) The sentence features a compound subject structure where the primary architect and the project engineers are connected through the conjunction pair neither/nor.
- (b) According to standard grammatical principles, when subjects differ in number, the verb is determined by the specific noun phrase situated closest to it.
- (c) The element adjacent to the verb position is the project engineers, which is explicitly plural in form.
- (d) Consequently, the singular auxiliary verb was is syntactically invalid and must be replaced with the plural form were to match the adjacent plural subject.
- (e) This means option (B) holds the grammatical flaw because it contains the number mismatch between the plural noun phrase and the singular verb form.

Final Answer: (B) project engineers was prepared for

Answer: (B)

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Q14.

Solution

Concept: Double-blank contextual completion requires analyzing contrasting clausal relationships. A transitional modifier like though signals an internal shift where brief execution leads to comprehensive clarity, demanding vocabulary that reflects brevity and explanation.

Solution:

- (a) The subordinate clause indicates that the diplomat spoke for less than ten minutes, which provides a definitive context clue regarding the descriptive nature of the presentation.
- (b) This absolute temporal brevity requires the first contextual blank to be filled by a word meaning concise or compressed, making succinct a perfect fit.
- (c) The structural transition though sets up a contrast indicating that despite this brevity, she managed to clear up or explain the complex geopolitical issues.
- (d) The term elucidate directly means to make something clear or to throw light upon a convoluted topic, matching the phrase absolute clarity perfectly.
- (e) Evaluating alternative combinations reveals mismatched contextual logic, leaving option (B) as the only choice that balances both semantic positions correctly.

Final Answer: (B) succinct ... elucidate

Answer: (B)

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Q15.

Solution

Concept: Paragraph logical organization requires identifying anchor premises, tracking step-by-step causal mechanisms, and decoding linking expressions like consequently or this economic shift to sequence ideas chronologically.

Solution:

- (a) Sentence C functions as the macro-level introductory anchor by introducing a historical trend over the last decade regarding heightened consumer shipping expectations.
- (b) Sentence A naturally follows Sentence C because the phrase this economic shift directly serves as a conceptual pronoun linking back to the shifting consumer expectations.
- (c) Sentence B builds out the next logical step by showing the operational result of that change, starting with the cause-and-effect transition word consequently.
- (d) Sentence B details a shift toward urban distribution hubs, which leads directly to the physical proximity explained in the final sentence, Sentence D.
- (e) Tracking this logical development confirms that the structural arrangement CADB creates a flawless, unified flow from cause to physical effect.

Final Answer: (C) CADB

Answer: (C)

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Q16.

Solution

Concept: Synonym identification requires assessing a targeted word within its specific contextual environment to see how it shapes neighboring structural qualifiers, such as verification metrics or auditing parameters.

Solution:

- (a) The passage mentions that the researcher displayed meticulous documentation, and follows up by noting that every single data point was thoroughly cross-referenced.
- (b) Cross-referencing every single point across multiple independent sources indicates an extreme degree of attention to detail, precision, and systemic accuracy.
- (c) The word scrupulous precisely defines an individual or methodology that is exceptionally thorough, precise, and attentive to ethical or structural details.
- (d) Cursory means brief and superficial, erratic implies unpredictable irregularity, and pretentious relates to an exaggerated display of importance, making them all inaccurate.
- (e) Thus, scrupulous matches the structural demands of the context, making option (B) the most accurate synonym for the highlighted term.

Final Answer: (B) scrupulous

Answer: (B)

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Q17.

Solution

Concept: The third conditional framework expresses hypothetical scenarios in the past that did not happen. It requires a specific past perfect construction in the conditional clause paired with a perfect conditional matrix in the main clause.

Solution:

- (a) The sentence structures an unfulfilled past hypothesis, indicated by the main clause verb construction would not have been necessary.
- (b) Under standard rules for third conditional statements, the independent clause uses would have plus the past participle, while the dependent if-clause requires past perfect.
- (c) The past perfect tense configuration is constructed using the auxiliary verb had combined with the past participle form of the main verb, which gives us had approved.
- (d) Option (A) introduces a redundant modal, option (C) uses simple past which alters the timeline, and option (D) incorrectly applies future tense to a past event.
- (e) Selecting option (B) satisfies the syntactic rules governing counterfactual past timelines within complex corporate sentences.

Final Answer: (B) had approved

Answer: (B)

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Q18.

Solution

Concept: Antonym selection requires establishing the true definition of a word within its textual setting, then locating an option that offers an exact opposite logical and communicative meaning.

Solution:

- (a) The sentence notes that the witness gave highly equivocal testimony, which ultimately rendered it virtually useless for the defense's legal argument.
- (b) In a legal setting, equivocal describes statements that are intentionally vague, open to multiple interpretations, or lacking clear definition.
- (c) To counter an ambiguous statement, the defense would require testimony that is direct, leaving no room for inference or misinterpretation.
- (d) The word explicit describes communication that is stated clearly and in detail, leaving absolutely no room for confusion or doubt.
- (e) Because explicit provides a direct semantic contrast to ambiguity, it serves as the perfect antonym, making option (B) the correct choice.

Final Answer: (B) explicit

Answer: (B)

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Q19.

Solution

Concept: Subject-verb agreement requires separating the core noun head of a complex subject phrase from any modifying prepositional phrases that sit between that noun and the main verb.

Solution:

- (a) The subject phrase in this sentence is the proliferation of digital communication platforms, which contains both a singular head and a plural prepositional modifier.
- (b) The core head of this phrase is the singular noun proliferation, while of digital communication platforms acts as a descriptive modifier.
- (c) Prepositional modifiers that sit between a subject head and its verb do not change the grammatical number of the subject noun head.
- (d) Since the true subject proliferation is singular, it requires the singular auxiliary verb has instead of the plural form have.
- (e) This shows that option (B) contains the grammatical error, as it improperly matches a plural verb to a singular subject head.

Final Answer: (B) have significantly altered the speed

Answer: (B)

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Q20.

Solution

Concept: Completing a sentence with two blanks requires analyzing logical transition words. The presence of the word despite indicates that the first descriptor must run counter to the ultimate commercial success of the novel.

Solution:

- (a) The sentence states that the debut novel went on to become a major commercial success despite an initial review from a senior critic.
- (b) The transition word despite shows that the critic's review must have been highly critical or negative, which points toward the word scathing.
- (c) The second half of the sentence explains the broader takeaway, noting that public taste is often independent of academic opinions.
- (d) The word unaffected fits this logic perfectly, showing that the public's purchasing decisions were not swayed by negative academic reviews.
- (e) Combining scathing and unaffected creates a coherent, logical sentence, proving that option (B) is the correct choice.

Final Answer: (B) scathing ... unaffected

Answer: (B)

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Q21.

Solution

Concept: Paragraph reconstruction requires identifying the structural topic anchor and tracking chronological or causal transitions. Decoding pronoun markers like these behavioral patterns allows for accurate sequential ordering.

Solution:

- (a) Sentence B serves as the paragraph anchor by introducing the core subject, which focuses on ethologists observing foraging rituals in specific primate populations.
- (b) Sentence A naturally follows Sentence B because the descriptive opening phrase these behavioral patterns acts as a direct reference to the foraging rituals.
- (c) Sentence C introduces a critical environmental variable, using the contrast transition however to outline what occurs when those specialized resources become scarce.
- (d) Sentence D builds the final step in the causal chain, using the phrase as a result to show how resource scarcity leads to intense competition.
- (e) This logical sequence creates a clear narrative arc from baseline observation to environmental disruption, showing that option (A) is the correct arrangement.

Final Answer: (A) BACD

Answer: (A)

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Q22.

Solution

Concept: Idiomatic interpretation involves evaluating standard figurative expressions within a professional context. The selected option must capture the willingness to endure an unavoidable hardship.

Solution:

- (a) The sentence describes a scenario where a project manager advises a corporate team to accept financial losses on a stalled initiative.
- (b) The underlined idiom bite the bullet historically refers to facing an inevitable, painful, or highly disagreeable situation with fortitude and stoic acceptance.
- (c) In corporate management, this translates to executing a painful but necessary choice, such as stopping a failing project to prevent further waste.
- (d) Option (A) is incorrect because it suggests delay; option (C) suggests projecting blame; option (D) suggests expanding capital investment.
- (e) Option (B) accurately defines the phrase, as it denotes facing an inevitable, difficult situation with courage, making it the correct choice.

Final Answer: (B) to face an inevitable, difficult situation with courage

Answer: (B)

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Q23.

Solution

Concept: Subject-verb agreement requires parsing out distributive pronoun qualifiers. When a distributive pronoun serves as the true subject head, it dictates a singular verb pattern.

Solution:

- (a) The sentence opens with the phrase each of the participating departments, which functions as the complete subject of the main clause.
- (b) The head of this phrase is the distributive pronoun each, which refers to the members of a group taken individually.
- (c) Grammatical rules specify that the pronoun each is singular and requires a singular verb, regardless of plural nouns in the prepositional phrase.
- (d) The plural auxiliary verb are is incorrect because it mistakenly agrees with the adjacent plural noun departments instead of the head pronoun.
- (e) Replacing are with the singular form is establishes correct agreement, meaning option (B) contains the grammatical error.

Final Answer: (B) are required to submit

Answer: (B)

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Q24.

Solution

Concept: Contextual sentence completion with two blanks requires analyzing cause and effect. Severe environmental stress factors must align with modifiers that describe safety risks and structural decay.

Solution:

- (a) The sentence describes an ancient monument that has been subjected to centuries of destructive seismic activity, indicating a negative physical outcome.
- (b) This context requires a word for the first blank that means weakened or damaged, making compromised an accurate description of the structural integrity.
- (c) The second clause states that the combination of this structural damage and seismic history makes current restoration efforts highly dangerous.
- (d) The word precarious means dependent on uncertain conditions, dangerously insecure, or unstable, which matches the hazard context perfectly.
- (e) Option (B) provides a harmonious combination where structural degradation leads directly to a dangerous and uncertain working environment.

Final Answer: (B) compromised ... precarious

Answer: (B)

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Q25.

Solution

Concept: Synonym identification requires analyzing context clues. When an executive anticipates complex market fluctuations months in advance, the descriptor must reflect exceptional commercial intellect and sharp perception.

Solution:

- (a) The text highlights a corporate executive whose business decisions consistently and accurately anticipated shifting market trends well before they materialized.
- (b) This performance demonstrates sharp mental perception, practical intelligence, and an exceptional capacity to analyze complex data sets.
- (c) The vocabulary term astute is defined as having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage.
- (d) The word shrewd is an exact synonym that describes an individual who possesses sharp powers of judgment and practical insight.
- (e) Naive represents an antonym, arbitrary implies a lack of reasoned method, and impetuous denotes rash impulsiveness, leaving option (B) as the correct choice.

Final Answer: (B) shrewd

Answer: (B)

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Q26.

Solution

Concept: Idiomatic expressions often communicate a transition from an active working state to a period of rest. The context clues must show an exhausting duration that justifies halting operations.

Solution:

- (a) The sentence describes a laboratory research team that has been working continuously for fourteen hours without achieving a viable yield.
- (b) Working for such an extended period without success creates physical exhaustion, leading naturally to a suspension of laboratory activities.
- (c) The underlined idiom call it a day is a standard expression that means to stop working on an activity for the remainder of the day.
- (d) Option (A) is incorrect because it implies total abandonment; option (B) implies modifying the thesis; option (D) implies a successful breakthrough.
- (e) Option (C) matches the context, as it describes the sensible choice to pause operations after an exhausting work period.

Final Answer: (C) to stop working on an activity for the rest of the day

Answer: (C)

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Q27.

Solution

Concept: Evaluating arguments within reading comprehension requires identifying specific critiques leveled by experts against a deterministic theory. The solution must focus on the missing variables highlighted by those critics.

Solution:

- (a) The passage introduces architectural determinism as a theory stating that built environments directly dictate human behavior and community interactions.
- (b) The text introduces a counter-perspective from contemporary sociologists who warn against overstating the validity of this spatial theory.
- (c) These sociologists contend that human agency, socioeconomic status, and cultural variables play a decisive role in shaping community dynamics.
- (d) By prioritizing physical geometry over these social elements, the theory oversimplifies the complex factors that influence human behavior.
- (e) Option (B) accurately reflects this sociological critique by stating that the theory oversimplifies the complex factors driving human actions.

Final Answer: (B) oversimplifies the complex factors that influence human social behavior.

Answer: (B)

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Q28.

Solution

Concept: Locating explicit details requires scanning the text for specific architectural models and identifying the structural vulnerabilities that critics associate with those layouts.

Solution:

- (a) The passage shifts its focus to alternative designs in the third sentence, introducing suburban layouts characterized by automobile-dependent infrastructure.
- (b) The author explicitly states that these specific designs are criticized for fracturing community cohesion by minimizing spontaneous interpersonal encounters.
- (c) This means that sprawling infrastructure isolates residents, making unexpected interactions less likely to happen during daily routines.
- (d) Option (A) is incorrect because high-rise structures are linked to urban layouts; options (C) and (D) introduce external themes not found in the text.
- (e) Option (B) matches the text by identifying the reduction of unexpected, spontaneous interactions as the primary criticism.

Final Answer: (B) reduce opportunities for unexpected, spontaneous interactions among residents.

Answer: (B)

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Q29.

Solution

Concept: Context-based word replacement requires finding a synonym that preserves the causal direction of the sentence. The chosen word must show how an environment acts as the source of a social outcome.

Solution:

- (a) The term under review appears in the context: “imposing high-rise residential complexes... inherently fosters social alienation.”
- (b) In this context, the passage describes how high-density urban planning acts as a direct catalyst for negative psychological states like alienation.
- (c) The verb fosters means to encourage, promote, or bring about the development of a specific condition or behavioral pattern.
- (d) The word engenders is defined as to cause, give rise to, or bring about a particular feeling, situation, or condition.
- (e) Suppresses acts as an antonym, while simulates and tolerates introduce inaccurate meanings, leaving option (B) as the correct replacement.

Final Answer: (B) engenders

Answer: (B)

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Q30.

Solution

Concept: Drawing a valid conclusion requires identifying the balanced synthesis that appears at the end of a passage, ensuring it accounts for both human choices and physical design limitations.

Solution:

- (a) The passage ends with a clear summary that balances the influence of built environments with independent human actions.
- (b) The author explicitly writes that built environments may constrain or facilitate certain behavioral choices, but they do not absolute dictate social outcomes.
- (c) This conclusion avoids extreme views, showing that architecture is neither completely dominant nor entirely irrelevant to human behavior.
- (d) Instead, physical layouts function as a background framework that can either support or hinder social choices without controlling them completely.
- (e) Option (C) captures this nuanced relationship, stating that architecture acts as a facilitator or constraint rather than an absolute controller.

Final Answer: (C) Physical architecture acts as a facilitator or constraint rather than an absolute controller of social dynamics.

Answer: (C)

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