

to spend too much time reviewing them once you are at the test center and the test is under way.

Sentence correction questions present a sentence, part or all of which is underlined. Beneath the sentence, you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined passage. The first answer choice repeats the original underlined passage; the other four are different. If you think the original phrasing is best, choose the first answer; otherwise, choose one of the others.

This type of question tests your ability to recognize the correctness and effectiveness of expression in standard written English. In choosing your answer, follow the requirements of standard written English; that is, pay attention to grammar, choice of words, and sentence construction. Choose the answer that produces the most effective sentence; this answer should be clear and exact, without awkwardness, ambiguity, redundancy, or grammatical error.

5.6 Sample Questions

Each of the [sentence correction](#) questions presents a sentence, part of or all of which is underlined. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. The first of these repeats the original; the other four are different. Follow the requirements of standard written English to choose your answer, paying attention to grammar, word choice, and sentence construction. Select the answer that produces the most effective sentence; your answer should make the sentence clear, exact, and free of grammatical error. It should also minimize awkwardness, ambiguity, and redundancy.

189. Using digital enhancements of skull fragments from five prehistoric hominids dating to more than 350,000 years ago, anthropologists argue that these human ancestors probably had hearing similar to that of people today.
- A. anthropologists argue that these human ancestors
 - B. anthropologists argue, so these human ancestors
 - C. anthropologists argue, these human ancestors
 - D. these human ancestors, anthropologists argue,

- E. these human ancestors are argued by anthropologists to have
190. The interior minister explained that one of the village planning proposal's best characteristics was their not detracting from the project's overall benefit by being a burden on the development budget.
- A. one of the village planning proposal's best characteristics was their not detracting
 - B. one of the village's planning proposal's best characteristics were its not taking
 - C. one of the best characteristics of the village's planning proposal was that it did not detract
 - D. a best characteristic of the village planning proposal was, it did not take
 - E. among the village planning proposal's best characteristics, one was, it did not detract
191. Like ants, termites have an elaborate social structure in which a few individuals reproduce and the rest are serving the colony by tending juveniles, gathering food, building the nest, or they battle intruders.
- A. are serving the colony by tending juveniles, gathering food, building the nest, or they battle
 - B. are serving the colony in that they tend juveniles, gather food, build the nest, or battle
 - C. serve the colony, tending juveniles, gathering food, building the nest, or by battling
 - D. serve the colony by tending juveniles, gathering food, by building the nest, or by battling
 - E. serve the colony by tending juveniles, gathering food, building the nest, or battling
192. Global warming is said to be responsible for extreme weather changes, which, like the heavy rains that caused more than \$2 billion in damages and led to flooding throughout the state of

California, and the heat wave in the northeastern and midwestern United States, which was also the cause of a great amount of damage and destruction.

- A. which, like the heavy rains that caused more than \$2 billion in damages and led to flooding throughout the state of California,
- B. which, like the heavy rains that throughout the state of California caused more than \$2 billion in damages and led to flooding,
- C. like the heavy flooding that, because of rains throughout the state of California, caused more than \$2 billion in damages,
- D. such as the heavy flooding that led to rains throughout the state of California causing more than \$2 billion in damages,
- E. such as the heavy rains that led to flooding throughout the state of California, causing more than \$2 billion in damages,

193. The voluminous personal papers of Thomas Alva Edison reveal that his inventions typically sprang to life not in a flash of inspiration but evolved slowly from previous works.

- A. sprang to life not in a flash of inspiration but evolved slowly
- B. sprang to life not in a flash of inspiration but were slowly evolved
- C. did not spring to life in a flash of inspiration but evolved slowly
- D. did not spring to life in a flash of inspiration but had slowly evolved
- E. did not spring to life in a flash of inspiration but they were slowly evolved

194. Hundreds of species of fish generate and discharge electric currents, in bursts or as steady electric fields around their bodies, using their power either to find and attack prey, to defend themselves, or also for communicating and navigating.

- A. either to find and attack prey, to defend themselves, or also

for communicating and navigating

- B. either for finding and attacking prey, defend themselves, or for communication and navigation
- C. to find and attack prey, for defense, or communication and navigation
- D. for finding and attacking prey, to defend themselves, or also for communication and navigation
- E. to find and attack prey, to defend themselves, or to communicate and navigate

195. Native to South America, when peanuts were introduced to Africa by Portuguese explorers early in the sixteenth century they were quickly adopted into Africa's agriculture, probably because of being so similar to the Bambarra groundnut, a popular indigenous plant.

- A. when peanuts were introduced to Africa by Portuguese explorers early in the sixteenth century they were quickly adopted into Africa's agriculture, probably because of being
- B. peanuts having been introduced to Africa by Portuguese explorers early in the sixteenth century and quickly adopted into Africa's agriculture, probably because of being
- C. peanuts were introduced to Africa by Portuguese explorers early in the sixteenth century and were quickly adopted into Africa's agriculture, probably because they were
- D. peanuts, introduced to Africa by Portuguese explorers early in the sixteenth century and quickly adopted into Africa's agriculture, probably because they were
- E. peanuts, introduced to Africa by Portuguese explorers early in the sixteenth century and having been quickly adopted into Africa's agriculture, probably because they were

196. It stood twelve feet tall, weighed nine thousand pounds, and wielded seven-inch claws, and *Megatherium americanum*, a giant ground sloth, may have been the largest hunting mammal ever to walk the Earth.

- A. It stood twelve feet tall, weighed nine thousand pounds, and wielded seven-inch claws, and *Megatherium americanum*, a giant ground sloth,
 - B. It stood twelve feet tall, weighing nine thousand pounds, and wielding seven-inch claws, *Megatherium americanum* was a giant ground sloth and
 - C. The giant ground sloth *Megatherium americanum*, having stood twelve feet tall, weighing nine thousand pounds, and wielding seven-inch claws, it
 - D. Standing twelve feet tall, weighing nine thousand pounds, and wielding seven-inch claws, *Megatherium americanum*, a giant ground sloth,
 - E. Standing twelve feet tall, weighing nine thousand pounds, it wielded seven-inch claws, and the giant ground sloth *Megatherium americanum*
197. Delighted by the reported earnings for the first quarter of the fiscal year, it was decided by the company manager to give her staff a raise.
- A. it was decided by the company manager to give her staff a raise
 - B. the decision of the company manager was to give her staff a raise
 - C. the company manager decided to give her staff a raise
 - D. the staff was given a raise by the company manager
 - E. a raise was given to the staff by the company manager
198. Studying skeletons unearthed near Rome, DNA evidence was recovered by scientists, who were able to deduce from this that an epidemic of malaria struck in the empire's waning days.
- A. Studying skeletons unearthed near Rome, DNA evidence was recovered by scientists, who were able to deduce from this
 - B. In studying skeletons unearthed near Rome, DNA evidence was recovered by scientists, who were able to deduce from

this

- C. Scientists recovered DNA evidence from studying skeletons unearthed near Rome, being able to deduce from this
 - D. Skeletons unearthed near Rome allowed scientists to recover DNA evidence, and they were able to deduce from it
 - E. Scientists studying skeletons unearthed near Rome recovered DNA evidence from which they were able to deduce
199. Coffee prices rose sharply Monday, posting their biggest one-day gain in almost three years, after a weekend cold snap in Brazil raised concern that there could be damage to the world's largest crop when at a time with supplies already tight.
- A. that there could be damage to the world's largest crop when at a time with supplies
 - B. that the world's largest crop could be damaged at a time such as when supplies are
 - C. that the world's largest crop could be damaged at a time when supplies are
 - D. of the world's largest crop possibly being damaged at a time with supplies
 - E. of possibly damaging the world's largest crop at a time that supplies were
200. Growing competitive pressures may be encouraging auditors to bend the rules in favor of clients; auditors may, for instance, allow a questionable loan to remain on the books in order to maintain a bank's profits on paper.
- A. clients; auditors may, for instance, allow
 - B. clients, as an instance, to allow
 - C. clients, like to allow
 - D. clients, such as to be allowing
 - E. clients; which might, as an instance, be the allowing of
201. A March 2000 Census Bureau survey showed that Mexico

accounted for more than a quarter of all foreign-born residents of the United States, the largest share for any country to contribute since 1890, when about 30 percent of the country's foreign-born population was from Germany.

- A. the largest share for any country to contribute
- B. the largest share that any country has contributed
- C. which makes it the largest share for any country to contribute
- D. having the largest share to be contributed by any country
- E. having the largest share to have been contributed by any country

202. Recently declassified information from military satellites in orbit thousands of miles above the Earth show the planet continually bombarded by large meteoroids that explode with the power of atomic bomb blasts.

- A. show the planet continually bombarded by
- B. show continual bombarding of the planet by
- C. show a continual bombardment of the planet from
- D. shows continually that the planet is bombarded from
- E. shows that the planet is continually bombarded by

203. The themes that Rita Dove explores in her poetry is universal, encompassing much of the human condition while occasionally she deals with racial issues.

- A. is universal, encompassing much of the human condition while occasionally she deals
- B. is universal, encompassing much of the human condition, also occasionally it deals
- C. are universal, they encompass much of the human condition and occasionally deals
- D. are universal, encompassing much of the human condition while occasionally dealing

- E. are universal, they encompass much of the human condition, also occasionally are dealing
204. Child development specialists believe that, in confining babies much of the time to strollers, high chairs, playpens, and walkers, muscle development can be inhibited.
- A. that, in confining babies much of the time to strollers, high chairs, playpens, and walkers, muscle development can be inhibited
 - B. that, in their confinement much of the time to strollers, high chairs, playpens, and walkers, muscle development can be inhibited in babies
 - C. that confining babies much of the time to strollers, high chairs, playpens, and walkers can inhibit muscle development
 - D. that babies, if confined much of the time to strollers, high chairs, playpens, and walkers can inhibit muscle development
 - E. that strollers, high chairs, playpens, and walkers can, if babies are confined to them much of the time, result in muscle development being inhibited
205. Travelers to Mars would have to endure low levels of gravity for long periods of time, avoid large doses of radiation, contend with the chemically reactive Martian soil, and perhaps even having to ward off contamination by Martian life-forms.
- A. contend with the chemically reactive Martian soil, and perhaps even having to ward
 - B. contend with the chemically reactive Martian soil, and perhaps even warding
 - C. contend with the chemically reactive Martian soil, and perhaps even ward
 - D. contending with the chemically reactive Martian soil, and perhaps even to ward
 - E. contending with the chemically reactive Martian soil, and

perhaps even warding

206. The personal income tax did not become permanent in the United States until the First World War; before that time the federal government was dependent on tariffs to be their main source of revenue.
- A. the federal government was dependent on tariffs to be their main source of revenue
 - B. the federal government had depended on tariffs as its main source of revenue
 - C. tariffs were what the federal government was dependent on to be its main source of revenue
 - D. the main source of revenue for the federal government was dependent on tariffs
 - E. for their main source of revenue, tariffs were depended on by the federal government
207. In 1776 Adam Smith wrote that it is young people who have “the contempt of risk and the presumptuous hope of success” needed to found new businesses.
- A. who have
 - B. with
 - C. having
 - D. who are those with
 - E. who are the ones to have
208. The gyrfalcon, an Arctic bird of prey, has survived a close brush with extinction; its numbers are now five times greater than when the use of DDT was sharply restricted in the early 1970’s.
- A. extinction; its numbers are now five times greater than
 - B. extinction; its numbers are now five times more than
 - C. extinction, their numbers now fivefold what they were
 - D. extinction, now with fivefold the numbers they had
 - E. extinction, now with numbers five times greater than

209. In his *Uses of Enchantment* (1976), it was psychologist Bruno Bettelheim's assertion that the apparently cruel and arbitrary nature of many fairy tales actually are an instructive reflection of a child's natural and necessary "killing off" of successive phases in his or her own development.
- A. it was psychologist Bruno Bettelheim's assertion that the apparently cruel and arbitrary nature of many fairy tales actually are
 - B. it was the assertion of psychologist Bruno Bettelheim that what is apparently the cruel and arbitrary nature of many fairy tales actually is
 - C. psychologist Bruno Bettelheim's assertion that what is apparently the cruel and arbitrary nature of many fairy tales actually is
 - D. psychologist Bruno Bettelheim asserted that the apparently cruel and arbitrary nature of many fairy tales actually are
 - E. psychologist Bruno Bettelheim asserted that the apparently cruel and arbitrary nature of many fairy tales is actually
210. After weeks of uncertainty about the course the country would pursue to stabilize its troubled economy, officials reached a revised agreement with the International Monetary Fund, pledging the enforcement of substantially greater budget discipline as that which was originally promised and to keep inflation below ten percent.
- A. the enforcement of substantially greater budget discipline as that which was originally promised and to keep inflation below ten percent
 - B. the enforcement of substantially greater budget discipline than originally promised and keeping inflation below the ten percent figure
 - C. to enforce substantially greater budget discipline than originally promised and to keep inflation below ten percent
 - D. to enforce substantially greater budget discipline than that which was originally promised and keeping inflation less

than the ten percent figure

- E. to enforce substantially greater budget discipline as that which was originally promised and to keep inflation less than ten percent

211. A new satellite sweeping over the poles at altitudes of up to 32,000 miles is called POLAR, giving scientists their best look yet at the magnetosphere, the region of space under the invisible influence of Earth's magnetic field.

- A. A new satellite sweeping over the poles at altitudes of up to 32,000 miles is called POLAR, giving scientists their best look yet at the magnetosphere, the region of space under the invisible influence of Earth's magnetic field.
- B. A new satellite called POLAR that is giving scientists their best look yet at the magnetosphere, the region of space under the invisible influence of Earth's magnetic field, sweeping over the poles at altitudes of up to 32,000 miles.
- C. Scientists are getting their best look yet at the magnetosphere, the region of space under the invisible influence of Earth's magnetic field, from a new satellite sweeping over the poles at altitudes of up to 32,000 miles called POLAR.
- D. Sweeping over the poles at altitudes of up to 32,000 miles, a new satellite called POLAR is giving scientists their best look yet at the magnetosphere, the region of space under the invisible influence of Earth's magnetic field.
- E. Sweeping over the poles at altitudes of up to 32,000 miles, scientists' best look yet at the magnetosphere, the region of space under the invisible influence of Earth's magnetic field, is coming from a new satellite called POLAR.

212. The treasury market dropped in response to a decrease in the value of the dollar and to continued concern that the economy might be growing as fast as to accelerate inflation and drive interest rates higher.

- A. that the economy might be growing as fast as

- B. that the economy might be growing fast enough
 - C. with the economy's possibly growing so fast as
 - D. with the possibility of the economy growing fast enough so as
 - E. with the possibility of the economy possibly growing fast enough
213. Like Rousseau, Tolstoi rebelled against the unnatural complexity of human relations in modern society.
- A. Like Rousseau, Tolstoi rebelled
 - B. Like Rousseau, Tolstoi's rebellion was
 - C. As Rousseau, Tolstoi rebelled
 - D. As did Rousseau, Tolstoi's rebellion was
 - E. Tolstoi's rebellion, as Rousseau's, was
214. Japanese researchers are producing a series of robots that can identify human facial expressions, to which they will then respond; their goal is primarily creating a robot that will empathize with us.
- A. expressions, to which they will then respond; their goal is primarily creating
 - B. expressions, then responding to them; primarily to create
 - C. expressions and then respond to them; the researchers' primary goal is to create
 - D. expressions as well as giving a response to them; their primary goal is creation of
 - E. expressions and responding to them; primarily, the researchers' goal is creating
215. Despite a growing population, in 1998 the United States used 38 billion fewer gallons of water a day when comparing it to the period of all-time highest consumption almost 20 years earlier.
- A. day when comparing it to the period of all-time highest consumption almost 20 years earlier

- B. day than it did during the period of all-time highest consumption almost 20 years earlier
 - C. day than were used almost 20 years earlier, which had been the all-time high consumption
 - D. day, compared to almost 20 years earlier, that having been the all-time high consumption
 - E. day, which is in comparison to the period of all-time highest consumption almost 20 years earlier
216. Analysts believe that whereas bad decisions by elected leaders can certainly hurt the economy, no administration can really be said to control or manage all of the complex and interrelated forces that determine the nation's economic strength.
- A. no administration can really be said to control
 - B. no administration can be said that it really controls
 - C. that no administration can really be said to control
 - D. that no administration can really be said that it controls
 - E. that it cannot be said that any administration really controls
217. Except for a concert performance that the composer himself staged in 1911, Scott Joplin's ragtime opera *Treemonisha* was not produced until 1972, sixty-one years after its completion.
- A. Except for a concert performance that the composer himself staged
 - B. Except for a concert performance with the composer himself staging it
 - C. Besides a concert performance being staged by the composer himself
 - D. Excepting a concert performance that the composer himself staged
 - E. With the exception of a concert performance with the staging done by the composer himself
218. Nearly unrivaled in their biological diversity, coral reefs provide a host of benefits that includes the supply of protein for people,

protecting shorelines, and they contain biochemical sources for new life-saving medicines.

- A. coral reefs provide a host of benefits that includes the supply of protein for people, protecting shorelines,
- B. coral reefs provide a host of benefits: they supply people with protein, they protect the shorelines,
- C. coral reefs provide a host of benefits that include supplying protein for people, as well as shoreline protection,
- D. a coral reef provides a host of benefits; they supply protein for people, the protecting of shorelines,
- E. a coral reef provides a host of benefits, including protein for people, protecting shorelines,

219. Literacy opened up entire realms of verifiable knowledge to ordinary men and women having been previously considered incapable of discerning truth for themselves.

- A. having been previously considered incapable of discerning truth for themselves
- B. who had previously been considered incapable of discerning truth for themselves
- C. previously considered incapable of discerning truth for himself or herself
- D. of whom it had previously been considered they were incapable of discerning truth for themselves
- E. who had previously been considered incapable of discerning truth for himself or herself

220. In early Mesopotamian civilization, castor oil served not only as a laxative, but also a skin-softening lotion and it was a construction lubricant for sliding giant stone blocks over wooden rollers.

- A. not only as a laxative, but also a skin-softening lotion and it was a construction
- B. as not only a laxative, but also a skin-softening lotion, and it was a construction

- C. not only as a laxative but also as a skin-softening lotion and as a construction
 - D. as not only a laxative but as a skin-softening lotion and in construction, as a
 - E. not only as a laxative, but a skin-softening lotion and in construction, a
221. An analysis of tree bark all over the globe shows that chemical insecticides have often spread thousands of miles from where they were originally used.
- A. that chemical insecticides have often spread thousands of miles from where they were originally used
 - B. that chemical insecticides have spread, often thousands of miles from their original use
 - C. chemical insecticides, having often spread thousands of miles from where they were used originally
 - D. chemical insecticides, often spreading thousands of miles from where their original use
 - E. chemical insecticides, often spreading thousands of miles from where they were originally used
222. Consumers may not think of household cleaning products to be hazardous substances, but many of them can be harmful to health, especially if they are used improperly.
- A. Consumers may not think of household cleaning products to be
 - B. Consumers may not think of household cleaning products being
 - C. A consumer may not think of their household cleaning products being
 - D. A consumer may not think of household cleaning products as
 - E. Household cleaning products may not be thought of, by consumers, as

223. According to the Economic Development Corporation of Los Angeles County, if one were to count the Los Angeles metropolitan area as a separate nation, it would have the world's eleventh largest gross national product, that is bigger than that of Australia, Mexico, or the Netherlands.
- A. if one were to count the Los Angeles metropolitan area as a separate nation, it would have the world's eleventh largest gross national product, that is
 - B. if the Los Angeles metropolitan area is counted as a separate nation, it has the world's eleventh largest gross national product, that being
 - C. if the Los Angeles metropolitan area were a separate nation, it would have the world's eleventh largest gross national product,
 - D. were the Los Angeles metropolitan area a separate nation, it will have the world's eleventh largest gross national product, which is
 - E. when the Los Angeles metropolitan area is counted as a separate nation, it has the world's eleventh largest gross national product, thus
224. Initiated five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World on Columbus Day 1992, Project SETI pledged a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.
- A. Initiated five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World on Columbus Day 1992, Project SETI pledged a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.
 - B. Initiated on Columbus Day 1992, five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World, a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence was pledged by Project SETI.
 - C. Initiated on Columbus Day 1992, five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World, Project SETI pledged a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

- D. Pledging a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, the initiation of Project SETI five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World on Columbus Day 1992.
 - E. Pledging a \$100 million investment in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence five centuries after Europeans arrived in the New World, on Columbus Day 1992, the initiation of Project SETI took place.
225. According to some economists, the July decrease in unemployment so that it was the lowest in two years suggests that the gradual improvement in the job market is continuing.
- A. so that it was the lowest in two years
 - B. so that it was the lowest two-year rate
 - C. to what would be the lowest in two years
 - D. to a two-year low level
 - E. to the lowest level in two years
226. Developed by Pennsylvania's Palatine Germans about 1750, Conestoga wagons, with high wheels capable of crossing rutted roads, muddy flats, and the nonroads of the prairie and they had a floor curved upward on either end so as to prevent cargo from shifting on steep grades.
- A. wagons, with high wheels capable of crossing rutted roads, muddy flats, and the nonroads of the prairie and they had a floor curved upward on either end so as to prevent
 - B. wagons, with high wheels capable of crossing rutted roads, muddy flats, and the nonroads of the prairie, and with a floor that was curved upward at both ends to prevent
 - C. wagons, which had high wheels capable of crossing rutted roads, muddy flats, and the nonroads of the prairie, and floors curved upward on their ends so that they prevented
 - D. wagons had high wheels capable of crossing rutted roads, muddy flats, and the nonroads of the prairie, and a floor that was curved upward at both ends to prevent

- E. wagons had high wheels capable of crossing rutted roads, muddy flats, and the nonroads of the prairie and floors curving upward at their ends so that it prevented
227. The Baldrick Manufacturing Company has for several years followed a policy aimed at decreasing operating costs and improving the efficiency of its distribution system.
- A. aimed at decreasing operating costs and improving
 - B. aimed at the decreasing of operating costs and to improve
 - C. aiming at the decreasing of operating costs and improving
 - D. the aim of which is the decreasing of operating costs and improving
 - E. with the aim to decrease operating costs and to improve
228. Some buildings that were destroyed and heavily damaged in the earthquake last year were constructed in violation of the city's building code.
- A. Some buildings that were destroyed and heavily damaged in the earthquake last year were
 - B. Some buildings that were destroyed or heavily damaged in the earthquake last year had been
 - C. Some buildings that the earthquake destroyed and heavily damaged last year have been
 - D. Last year the earthquake destroyed or heavily damaged some buildings that have been
 - E. Last year some of the buildings that were destroyed or heavily damaged in the earthquake had been
229. Because the collagen fibers in skin line up in the direction of tension, surgical cuts made along these so-called Langer's lines sever fewer fibers and is less likely to leave an unsightly scar.
- A. Because the collagen fibers in skin line up in the direction of tension, surgical cuts made along these so-called Langer's lines sever fewer
 - B. Because the collagen fibers in skin line up in the direction of

tension, a surgical cut having been made along these so-called Langer's lines severs less

- C. Because the collagen fibers in skin line up in the direction of tension, a surgical cut made along these so-called Langer's lines severs fewer
- D. With the collagen fibers in skin lining up in the direction of tension, surgical cuts made along these so-called Langer's lines sever less
- E. With the collagen fibers in skin lining up in the direction of tension, a surgical cut made along these so-called Langer's lines sever fewer

230. In A.D. 391, resulting from the destruction of the largest library of the ancient world at Alexandria, later generations lost all but the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* among Greek epics, most of the poetry of Pindar and Sappho, and dozens of plays by Aeschylus and Euripides.

- A. resulting from the destruction of the largest library of the ancient world at Alexandria,
- B. the destroying of the largest library of the ancient world at Alexandria resulted and
- C. because of the result of the destruction of the library at Alexandria, the largest of the ancient world,
- D. as a result of the destruction of the library at Alexandria, the largest of the ancient world,
- E. Alexandria's largest library of the ancient world was destroyed, and the result was

231. The nephew of Pliny the Elder wrote the only eyewitness account of the great eruption of Vesuvius in two letters to the historian Tacitus.

- A. The nephew of Pliny the Elder wrote the only eyewitness account of the great eruption of Vesuvius in two letters to the historian Tacitus.
- B. To the historian Tacitus, the nephew of Pliny the Elder

wrote two letters, being the only eyewitness accounts of the great eruption of Vesuvius.

- C. The only eyewitness account is in two letters by the nephew of Pliny the Elder writing to the historian Tacitus an account of the great eruption of Vesuvius.
 - D. Writing the only eyewitness account, Pliny the Elder's nephew accounted for the great eruption of Vesuvius in two letters to the historian Tacitus.
 - E. In two letters to the historian Tacitus, the nephew of Pliny the Elder wrote the only eyewitness account of the great eruption of Vesuvius.
232. Nearly two tons of nuclear-reactor fuel have already been put into orbit around the Earth, and the chances of a collision involving such material increase greatly as the amount of both space debris and satellites continue to rise.
- A. as the amount of both space debris and satellites continue to rise
 - B. as the rise continues in both the amount of satellites and space debris
 - C. as the amount of space debris and the number of satellites continue to rise
 - D. with the continually increasing amount of space debris and the number of satellites
 - E. with the amount of space debris continuing to increase along with the number of satellites
233. Though being tiny, blind, and translucent, a recently discovered species of catfish lessens their vulnerability with thickened bones and armor plates on their sides.
- A. Though being tiny, blind, and translucent, a recently discovered species of catfish lessens their vulnerability with thickened bones and armor plates on their sides.
 - B. Though tiny, blind, and translucent, a recently discovered species of catfish has thickened bones and armor plates on

its sides that lessen its vulnerability.

- C. A recently discovered species of catfish has thickened bones and armor plates on its sides that lessen their vulnerability, though tiny, blind, and translucent.
 - D. Thickened bones and armor plates on their sides lessen the vulnerability of a recently discovered species of catfish that is tiny, blind, and translucent.
 - E. Tiny, blind, and translucent, thickened bones and armor plates on its sides lessen the vulnerability of a recently discovered species of catfish.
234. A recent court decision has qualified a 1998 ruling that workers cannot be laid off if they have been given reason to believe that their jobs will be safe, provided that their performance remains satisfactory.
- A. if they have been given reason to believe that their jobs will
 - B. if they are given reason for believing that their jobs would still
 - C. having been given reason for believing that their jobs would
 - D. having been given reason to believe their jobs to
 - E. given reason to believe that their jobs will still
235. Thomas Eakins' powerful style and his choices of subject—the advances in modern surgery, the discipline of sport, the strains of individuals in tension with society or even with themselves—was as disturbing to his own time as it is compelling for ours.
- A. was as disturbing to his own time as it is
 - B. were as disturbing to his own time as they are
 - C. has been as disturbing in his own time as they are
 - D. had been as disturbing in his own time as it was
 - E. have been as disturbing in his own time as
236. As well as heat and light, the sun is the source of a continuous stream of atomic particles known as the solar wind.

- A. As well as heat and light, the sun is the source of a continuous stream
 - B. Besides heat and light, also the sun is the source of a continuous stream
 - C. Besides heat and light, the sun is also the source of a continuous streaming
 - D. The sun is the source not only of heat and light, but also of a continuous stream
 - E. The sun is the source of not only heat and light but, as well, of a continuous streaming
237. The psychologist William James believed that facial expressions not only provide a visible sign of an emotion, actually contributing to the feeling itself.
- A. emotion, actually contributing to the feeling itself
 - B. emotion but also actually contributing to the feeling itself
 - C. emotion but also actually contribute to the feeling itself
 - D. emotion; they also actually contribute to the feeling of it
 - E. emotion; the feeling itself is also actually contributed to by them
238. Inspired by the Helsinki Accords and outraged by the harsh sentences meted out to a group of Czech rock musicians called the Plastic People of the Universe, Charter 77 was established by dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals to be a human rights group.
- A. Charter 77 was established by dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals to be
 - B. Charter 77 had been established by dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals as
 - C. Charter 77, established by dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals, was
 - D. dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals established Charter 77 as

- E. dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals had established Charter 77 to be
239. According to research covering the last decade, the average number of rooms added by high-end hotel chains was lower than what the hotel industry average did for this period, but their occupancy and room rates grew faster than the average hotel.
- A. than what the hotel industry average did for this period, but their occupancy and room rates grew faster than
 - B. than the hotel industry average for this period, but occupancy and room rates grew faster for these chains than for
 - C. as compared to the hotel industry average for this period, but occupancy and room rates for them grew faster than with
 - D. as compared to what the hotel industry average had been for this period, but occupancy and room rates for these chains grew faster than did
 - E. as compared to the hotel industry average for this period, but their occupancy and room rates grew faster than they did for
240. Of all the record companies involved in early jazz, the three most prominent were Columbia, Victor, and Okeh.
- A. Of all the record companies involved in early jazz, the three most prominent were Columbia, Victor, and Okeh.
 - B. Three most prominent record companies of all the ones that were involved in early jazz were Columbia, Victor, and Okeh.
 - C. Columbia, Victor, and Okeh were, of all the record companies involved in early jazz, the three of them that were most prominent.
 - D. Columbia, Victor, and Okeh were three most prominent of all the record companies involved in early jazz.
 - E. Out of all the record companies that were involved in early

jazz, three of them that were the most prominent were Columbia, Victor, and Okeh.

241. Analysts blamed May's sluggish retail sales on unexciting merchandise as well as the weather, colder and wetter than was usual in some regions, which slowed sales of barbecue grills and lawn furniture.

- A. colder and wetter than was usual in some regions, which slowed
- B. which was colder and wetter than usual in some regions, slowing
- C. since it was colder and wetter than usually in some regions, which slowed
- D. being colder and wetter than usually in some regions, slowing
- E. having been colder and wetter than was usual in some regions and slowed

242. Twenty-two feet long and 10 feet in diameter, the AM-1 is one of the many new satellites that is a part of 15 years effort of subjecting the interactions of Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces to detailed scrutiny from space.

- A. satellites that is a part of 15 years effort of subjecting the interactions of Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces
- B. satellites, which is a part of a 15-year effort to subject how Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces interact
- C. satellites, part of 15 years effort of subjecting how Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces are interacting
- D. satellites that are part of an effort for 15 years that has subjected the interactions of Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces
- E. satellites that are part of a 15-year effort to subject the interactions of Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces

243. On the tournament roster are listed several tennis students, most all of which play as good as their instructors.
- A. most all of which play as good
 - B. most all of whom play as good
 - C. almost all of which play as well
 - D. almost all of whom play as good
 - E. almost all of whom play as well
244. Recently discovered fossil remains strongly suggest that the Australian egg-laying mammals of today are a branch of the main stem of mammalian evolution rather than developing independently from a common ancestor of mammals more than 220 million years ago.
- A. rather than developing independently from
 - B. rather than a type that developed independently from
 - C. rather than a type whose development was independent of
 - D. instead of developing independently from
 - E. instead of a development that was independent of
245. In 1974 a large area of the surface of Mercury was photographed from varying distances, which revealed a degree of cratering similar to that of the Moon's.
- A. which revealed a degree of cratering similar to that of the Moon's
 - B. to reveal a degree of cratering similar to the Moon
 - C. revealing a degree of cratering similar to that of the Moon
 - D. and revealed cratering similar in degree to the Moon
 - E. that revealed cratering similar in degree to that of the Moon
246. The energy source on *Voyager 2* is not a nuclear reactor, in which atoms are actively broken apart; rather a kind of nuclear battery that uses natural radioactive decay to produce power.
- A. apart; rather

- B. apart, but rather
 - C. apart, but rather that of
 - D. apart, but that of
 - E. apart; it is that of
247. Many kitchens today are equipped with high-speed electrical gadgets, such as blenders and food processors, which are able to inflict as serious injuries as those caused by an industrial wood-planing machine.
- A. which are able to inflict as serious injuries as those
 - B. which can inflict serious injuries such as those
 - C. inflicting injuries as serious as that having been
 - D. capable to inflict injuries as serious as that
 - E. capable of inflicting injuries as serious as those
248. Under high pressure and intense heat, graphite, the most stable form of pure carbon, changes into the substance commonly referred to as diamond and remaining this way whether or not the heat and pressure are removed.
- A. remaining this way whether or not
 - B. remaining like that even as
 - C. remaining as such whether or not
 - D. remains in this way although
 - E. remains thus even when
249. The computer company reported strong second-quarter earnings that surpassed Wall Street's estimates and announced the first in a series of price cuts intended to increase sales further.
- A. The computer company reported strong second-quarter earnings that surpassed Wall Street's estimates and announced the first in a series of price cuts intended to increase sales further.
 - B. The report of the computer company showed strong second-quarter earnings, surpassing Wall Street's

estimates, and they announced the first in a series of price cuts that they intend to increase sales further.

- C. Surpassing Wall Street's estimates, the report of the computer company showed strong second-quarter earnings, and, for the purpose of increasing sales further, they announced the first in a series of price cuts.
- D. The computer company reported strong second-quarter earnings, surpassing Wall Street's estimates, and announcing the first in a series of price cuts for the purpose of further increasing sales.
- E. The computer company, surpassing Wall Street's estimates, reported strong second-quarter earnings, while announcing that to increase sales further there would be the first in a series of price cuts.

250. Being a United States citizen since 1988 and born in Calcutta in 1940, author Bharati Mukherjee has lived in England and Canada, and first came to the United States in 1961 to study at the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

- A. Being a United States citizen since 1988 and born in Calcutta in 1940, author Bharati Mukherjee has
- B. Having been a United States citizen since 1988, she was born in Calcutta in 1940; author Bharati Mukherjee
- C. Born in Calcutta in 1940, author Bharati Mukherjee became a United States citizen in 1988; she has
- D. Being born in Calcutta in 1940 and having been a United States citizen since 1988, author Bharati Mukherjee
- E. Having been born in Calcutta in 1940 and being a United States citizen since 1988, author Bharati Mukherjee

251. As a result of record low temperatures, the water pipes on the third floor froze, which caused the heads of the sprinkler system to burst, which released torrents of water into offices on the second floor.

- A. which caused the heads of the sprinkler system to burst, which released torrents of water

- B. which caused the heads of the sprinkler system to burst and which released torrents of water
 - C. which caused the heads of the sprinkler system to burst, torrents of water were then released
 - D. causing the heads of the sprinkler system to burst, then releasing torrents of water
 - E. causing the heads of the sprinkler system to burst and release torrents of water
252. Archaeologists in Ireland believe that a recently discovered chalice, which dates from the eighth century, was probably buried to keep from being stolen by invaders.
- A. to keep from
 - B. to keep it from
 - C. to avoid
 - D. in order that it would avoid
 - E. in order to keep from
253. The bank holds \$3 billion in loans that are seriously delinquent or in such trouble that they do not expect payments when due.
- A. they do not expect payments when
 - B. it does not expect payments when it is
 - C. it does not expect payments to be made when they are
 - D. payments are not to be expected to be paid when
 - E. payments are not expected to be paid when they will be
254. Faced with an estimated \$2 billion budget gap, the city's mayor proposed a nearly 17 percent reduction in the amount allocated the previous year to maintain the city's major cultural institutions and to subsidize hundreds of local arts groups.
- A. proposed a nearly 17 percent reduction in the amount allocated the previous year to maintain the city's major cultural institutions and to subsidize
 - B. proposed a reduction from the previous year of nearly 17

percent in the amount it was allocating to maintain the city's major cultural institutions and for subsidizing

- C. proposed to reduce, by nearly 17 percent, the amount from the previous year that was allocated for the maintenance of the city's major cultural institutions and to subsidize
 - D. has proposed a reduction from the previous year of nearly 17 percent of the amount it was allocating for maintaining the city's major cultural institutions, and to subsidize
 - E. was proposing that the amount they were allocating be reduced by nearly 17 percent from the previous year for maintaining the city's major cultural institutions and for the subsidization
255. In the textbook publishing business, the second quarter is historically weak, because revenues are low and marketing expenses are high as companies prepare for the coming school year.
- A. low and marketing expenses are high as companies prepare
 - B. low and their marketing expenses are high as they prepare
 - C. low with higher marketing expenses in preparation
 - D. low, while marketing expenses are higher to prepare
 - E. low, while their marketing expenses are higher in preparation
256. Ms. Chambers is among the forecasters who predict that the rate of addition to arable lands will drop while those of loss rise.
- A. those of loss rise
 - B. it rises for loss
 - C. those of losses rise
 - D. the rate of loss rises
 - E. there are rises for the rate of loss
257. Less than 400 Sumatran rhinos survive on the Malay peninsula and on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo, and they occupy a small fraction of the species' former range.

- A. Less than 400 Sumatran rhinos survive on the Malay peninsula and on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo, and they occupy a small fraction of the species' former range.
 - B. Less than 400 Sumatran rhinos, surviving on the Malay peninsula and on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo, occupy a small fraction of the species' former range.
 - C. Occupying a small fraction of the species' former range, the Malay peninsula and the islands of Sumatra and Borneo are where fewer than 400 Sumatran rhinos survive.
 - D. Occupying a small fraction of the species' former range, fewer than 400 Sumatran rhinos survive on the Malay peninsula and on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo.
 - E. Surviving on the Malay peninsula and on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo, less than 400 Sumatran rhinos occupy a small fraction of the species' former range.
258. Certain pesticides can become ineffective if used repeatedly in the same place; one reason is suggested by the finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals.
- A. Certain pesticides can become ineffective if used repeatedly in the same place; one reason is suggested by the finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals.
 - B. If used repeatedly in the same place, one reason that certain pesticides can become ineffective is suggested by the finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals.
 - C. If used repeatedly in the same place, one reason certain pesticides can become ineffective is suggested by the finding that much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes are found in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than those that are free of such chemicals.

- D. The finding that there are much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in soils that are free of such chemicals is suggestive of one reason, if used repeatedly in the same place, certain pesticides can become ineffective.
 - E. The finding of much larger populations of pesticide-degrading microbes in soils with a relatively long history of pesticide use than in those that are free of such chemicals suggests one reason certain pesticides can become ineffective if used repeatedly in the same place.
259. While some academicians believe that business ethics should be integrated into every business course, others say that students will take ethics seriously only if it would be taught as a separately required course.
- A. only if it would be taught as a separately required course
 - B. only if it is taught as a separate, required course
 - C. if it is taught only as a course required separately
 - D. if it was taught only as a separate and required course
 - E. if it would only be taught as a required course, separately
260. Whether they will scale back their orders to pre-2003 levels or stop doing business with us altogether depends on whether the changes that their management has proposed will be fully implemented.
- A. Whether they will scale back their orders to pre-2003 levels or stop doing business with us altogether depends on whether the changes that their management has proposed will be fully implemented.
 - B. Whether they scale back their orders to pre-2003 levels or whether they discontinue their business with us altogether depends on the changes their management has proposed, if fully implemented or not.
 - C. Their either scaling back their orders in the future to pre-2003 levels, or their outright termination of business with us, depends on their management's proposed changes being

fully implemented or not.

- D. Whether they will scale back their orders to pre-2003 levels or stop doing business with us altogether depends if the changes that their management has proposed become fully implemented.
- E. They will either scale back their orders to pre-2003 levels, or they will stop doing business with us altogether dependent on whether the changes their management has proposed will be fully implemented, or not.

261. Until 1868 and Disraeli, Great Britain had no prime ministers not coming from a landed family.

- A. Until 1868 and Disraeli, Great Britain had no prime ministers not coming
- B. Until 1868 and Disraeli, Great Britain had had no prime ministers who have not come
- C. Until Disraeli in 1868, there were no prime ministers in Great Britain who have not come
- D. It was not until 1868 that Great Britain had a prime minister—Disraeli—who did not come
- E. It was only in 1868 and Disraeli that Great Britain had one of its prime ministers not coming

262. Around 1900, fishermen in the Chesapeake Bay area landed more than seventeen million pounds of shad in a single year, but by 1920, overfishing and the proliferation of milldams and culverts that have blocked shad migrations up their spawning streams had reduced landings to less than four million pounds.

- A. that have blocked shad migrations up their spawning streams had reduced landings to less
- B. that blocked shad from migrating up their spawning streams had reduced landings to less
- C. that blocked shad from migrating up their spawning streams reduced landings to a lower amount
- D. having blocked shad from migrating up their spawning

streams reduced landings to less

- E. having blocked shad migrations up their spawning streams had reduced landings to an amount lower

263. By offering lower prices and a menu of personal communications options, such as caller identification and voice mail, the new telecommunications company has not only captured customers from other phone companies but also forced them to offer competitive prices.

- A. has not only captured customers from other phone companies but also forced them
- B. has not only captured customers from other phone companies, but it also forced them
- C. has not only captured customers from other phone companies but also forced these companies
- D. not only has captured customers from other phone companies but also these companies have been forced
- E. not only captured customers from other phone companies, but it also has forced them

264. After suffering \$2 billion in losses and 25,000 layoffs, the nation's semiconductor industry, which makes chips that run everything from computers and spy satellites to dishwashers, appears to have made a long-awaited recovery.

- A. computers and spy satellites to dishwashers, appears to have
- B. computers, spy satellites, and dishwashers, appears having
- C. computers, spy satellites, and dishwashers, appears that it has
- D. computers and spy satellites to dishwashers, appears that it has
- E. computers and spy satellites as well as dishwashers, appears to have

265. Over a range of frequencies from 100 to 5,000 hertz, monkeys and marmosets have a hearing sensitivity remarkably similar to

humans, above which the sensitivity begins to differ.

- A. Over a range of frequencies from 100 to 5,000 hertz, monkeys and marmosets have a hearing sensitivity remarkably similar to humans
 - B. Compared to humans, the hearing sensitivity of monkeys and marmosets are remarkably similar over a range of frequencies from 100 to 5,000 hertz
 - C. Compared to humans over a range of frequencies from 100 to 5,000 hertz, the hearing sensitivity of monkeys and marmosets is remarkably similar
 - D. The hearing sensitivity of monkeys and marmosets, when compared to humans over a range of frequencies from 100 to 5,000 hertz, is remarkably similar
 - E. The hearing sensitivity of monkeys, marmosets, and humans is remarkably similar over a range of frequencies from 100 to 5,000 hertz
266. The computer company has announced that it will purchase the color-printing division of a rival company for \$950 million, which is part of a deal that will make it the largest manufacturer in the office color-printing market.
- A. million, which is part of a deal that will make
 - B. million, a part of a deal that makes
 - C. million, a part of a deal making
 - D. million as a part of a deal to make
 - E. million as part of a deal that will make
267. Kudzu, an Asian vine that has grown rampantly in the southern United States since introducing it in the 1920s to thwart soil erosion, has overrun many houses and countless acres of roadside.
- A. that has grown rampantly in the southern United States since introducing it in the 1920s to thwart
 - B. that has grown rampantly in the southern United States, since it was introduced in the 1920s for thwarting

- C. that has grown rampant in the southern United States since it was introduced in the 1920s to thwart
 - D. growing rampant in the southern United States since introducing it in the 1920s for thwarting
 - E. growing rampantly in the southern United States, since it was introduced in the 1920s to thwart
268. Unable to build nests or care for their young, a female cowbird lays up to 40 eggs a year in the nests of other birds, including warblers, vireos, flycatchers, and thrushes.
- A. a female cowbird lays up to 40 eggs a year in the nests of other birds, including
 - B. a female cowbird will use the nests of other birds to lay up to 40 eggs a year, including those of
 - C. female cowbirds use the nests of other birds to lay up to 40 eggs a year, including those of
 - D. female cowbirds lay up to 40 eggs a year in the nests of other birds, including
 - E. up to 40 eggs a year are laid by female cowbirds in the nests of other birds, including
269. Bluegrass musician Bill Monroe, whose repertory, views on musical collaboration, and vocal style were influential on generations of bluegrass artists, was also an inspiration to many musicians, that included Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia, whose music differed significantly from his own.
- A. were influential on generations of bluegrass artists, was also an inspiration to many musicians, that included Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia, whose music differed significantly from
 - B. influenced generations of bluegrass artists, also inspired many musicians, including Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia, whose music differed significantly from
 - C. was influential to generations of bluegrass artists, was also inspirational to many musicians, that included Elvis Presley

and Jerry Garcia, whose music was different significantly in comparison to

D. was influential to generations of bluegrass artists, also inspired many musicians, who included Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia, the music of whom differed significantly when compared to

E. were an influence on generations of bluegrass artists, was also an inspiration to many musicians, including Elvis Presley and Jerry Garcia, whose music was significantly different from that of

270. In many of the world's regions, increasing pressure on water resources has resulted both from expanding development, changes in climate, and from pollution, so that the future supply in some of the more arid areas is a concern going forward.

A. both from expanding development, changes in climate, and from pollution, so that the future supply in some of the more arid areas is a concern going forward

B. both from expanding development or changes in climate, and pollution, so that future supplies in some of the more arid areas are a concern

C. from expanding development, changes in climate, and also from pollution, so that the future supply in some of the more arid areas is a matter of concern going forward

D. from expanding development, changes in climate, and pollution, so that future supplies in some of the more arid areas are a concern

E. from expansion of development, changes in climate, and from pollution, so that supplies in some of the more arid areas are a future concern

271. The computer company's present troubles are a result of technological stagnation, marketing missteps, and managerial blunders so that several attempts to revise corporate strategies have failed to correct it.

A. so that several attempts to revise corporate strategies have

- failed to correct it
- B. so that several attempts at revising corporate strategies have failed to correct
 - C. in that several attempts at revising corporate strategies have failed to correct them
 - D. that several attempts to revise corporate strategies have failed to correct
 - E. that several attempts at revising corporate strategies have failed to correct them
272. The root systems of most flowering perennials either become too crowded, which results in loss in vigor, and spread too far outward, producing a bare center.
- A. which results in loss in vigor, and spread
 - B. resulting in loss in vigor, or spreading
 - C. with the result of loss of vigor, or spreading
 - D. resulting in loss of vigor, or spread
 - E. with a resulting loss of vigor, and spread
273. In theory, international civil servants at the United Nations are prohibited from continuing to draw salaries from their own governments; in practice, however, some governments merely substitute living allowances for their employees' paychecks, assigned by them to the United Nations.
- A. for their employees' paychecks, assigned by them
 - B. for the paychecks of their employees who have been assigned
 - C. for the paychecks of their employees, having been assigned
 - D. in place of their employees' paychecks, for those of them assigned
 - E. in place of the paychecks of their employees to have been assigned by them
274. Industry analysts said that the recent rise in fuel prices may be an

early signal of the possibility of gasoline and heating oil prices staying higher than usually through the end of the year.

- A. of the possibility of gasoline and heating oil prices staying higher than usually through
- B. of the possibility that gasoline and heating oil prices could stay higher than usual throughout
- C. of prices of gasoline and heating oil possibly staying higher than usually through
- D. that prices of gasoline and heating oil could stay higher than they usually are throughout
- E. that prices of gasoline and heating oil will stay higher than usual through

275. The Anasazi settlements at Chaco Canyon were built on a spectacular scale, with more than 75 carefully engineered structures, of up to 600 rooms each, were connected by a complex regional system of roads.

- A. scale, with more than 75 carefully engineered structures, of up to 600 rooms each, were
- B. scale, with more than 75 carefully engineered structures, of up to 600 rooms each,
- C. scale of more than 75 carefully engineered structures of up to 600 rooms, each that had been
- D. scale of more than 75 carefully engineered structures of up to 600 rooms and with each
- E. scale of more than 75 carefully engineered structures of up to 600 rooms, each had been

276. Even though the overall consumer price index did not change in April, indicating the absence of any general inflation or deflation, prices in several categories of merchandise have fallen over the last several months.

- A. April, indicating the absence of any general inflation or deflation, prices in several categories of merchandise have fallen

- B. April, indicating that any general inflation or deflation were absent, prices in several categories of merchandise fell
- C. April and indicated that absence of any general inflation or deflation, prices in several categories of merchandise fell
- D. April, having indicated the absence of any general inflation or deflation, prices in several categories of merchandise fell
- E. April, which indicated that any general inflation or deflation were absent, prices in several categories of merchandise have fallen

277. Despite Japan's relative isolation from world trade at the time, the prolonged peace during the Tokugawa shogunate produced an almost explosive expansion of commerce.

- A. Japan's relative isolation from world trade at the time, the prolonged peace during the Tokugawa shogunate
- B. the relative isolation of Japan from world trade at the time and the Tokugawa shogunate's prolonged peace, it
- C. being relatively isolated from world trade at the time, the prolonged peace during Japan's Tokugawa shogunate
- D. Japan's relative isolation from world trade at the time during the Tokugawa shogunate, prolonged peace
- E. its relative isolation from world trade then, prolonged peace in Japan during the Tokugawa shogunate

278. Government officials announced that restrictions on the use of water would continue because no appreciative increase in the level of the river resulted from the intermittent showers that had fallen throughout the area the day before.

- A. restrictions on the use of water would continue because no appreciative increase in the level of the river
- B. restricting the use of water would continue because there had not been any appreciative increase in the river's level that
- C. the use of water would continue to be restricted because not any appreciable increase in the river's level had

- D. restrictions on the use of water would continue because no appreciable increase in the level of the river had
 - E. using water would continue being restricted because not any appreciable increase in the level of the river
279. According to United States census data, while there was about one-third of mothers with young children working outside the home in 1975, in 2000, almost two-thirds of those mothers were employed outside the home.
- A. while there was about one-third of mothers with young children working outside the home in 1975, in 2000, almost two-thirds of those mothers were employed outside the home
 - B. there were about one-third of mothers with young children who worked outside the home in 1975; in 2000, almost two-thirds of those mothers were employed outside the home
 - C. in 1975 about one-third of mothers with young children worked outside the home; in 2000, almost two-thirds of such mothers were employed outside the home
 - D. even though in 1975 there were about one-third of mothers with young children who worked outside the home, almost two-thirds of such mothers were employed outside the home in 2000
 - E. with about one-third of mothers with young children working outside the home in 1975, almost two-thirds of such mothers were employed outside the home in 2000
280. Clouds are formed from the evaporation of the oceans' water that is warmed by the sun and rises high into the atmosphere, condensing in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust.
- A. Clouds are formed from the evaporation of the oceans' water that is warmed by the sun and rises high into the atmosphere, condensing in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust.
 - B. Clouds form by the sun's warmth evaporating the water in the oceans, which rises high into the atmosphere,

condensing in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust.

- C. Warmed by the sun, ocean water evaporates, rises high into the atmosphere, and condenses in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust to form clouds.
 - D. The water in the oceans evaporates, warmed by the sun, rises high into the atmosphere, and condenses in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust, which forms clouds.
 - E. Ocean water, warmed by the sun, evaporates and rises high into the atmosphere, which then condenses in tiny droplets on minute particles of dust to form as clouds.
281. Schistosomiasis, a disease caused by a parasitic worm, is prevalent in hot, humid climates, and it has become more widespread as irrigation projects have enlarged the habitat of the freshwater snails that are the parasite's hosts for part of its life cycle.
- A. the freshwater snails that are the parasite's hosts for part of its life cycle
 - B. the freshwater snails that are the parasite's hosts in part of their life cycle
 - C. freshwater snails which become the parasite's hosts for part of its life cycles
 - D. freshwater snails which become the hosts of the parasite during the parasite's life cycles
 - E. parasite's hosts, freshwater snails which become their hosts during their life cycles
282. Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz was making the case for women's equality long before the cause had a name: Born in the mid-seventeenth century in San Miguel Nepantla, Mexico, the convent was the perfect environment for Sor Juana to pursue intellectual pursuits, achieving renown as a mathematician, poet, philosopher, and playwright.
- A. the convent was the perfect environment for Sor Juana to pursue intellectual pursuits, achieving

- B. Sor Juana found the convent provided the perfect environment for intellectual pursuits, and she went on to achieve
 - C. the convent provided the perfect environment for intellectual pursuits for Sor Juana; going on to achieve
 - D. Sor Juana found the convent provided the perfect environment for intellectual pursuits; achieving
 - E. the convent was, Sor Juana found, the perfect environment for intellectual pursuits, and she went on to achieve
283. By devising an instrument made from a rod, wire, and lead balls, and employing uncommonly precise measurements, in 1797–1798 Henry Cavendish’s apparatus enabled him to arrive at an astonishingly accurate figure for the weight of the earth.
- A. By devising an instrument made from a rod, wire, and lead balls, and employing uncommonly precise measurements, in 1797–1798 Henry Cavendish’s apparatus enabled him
 - B. In 1797–1798, by devising an instrument made from a rod, wire, and lead balls, and employing uncommonly precise measurements, Henry Cavendish’s apparatus enabled him
 - C. Henry Cavendish devised an instrument made from a rod, wire, and lead balls, and employed uncommonly precise measurements, and in 1797–1798 was able
 - D. Having devised an instrument from a rod, wire, and lead balls, and employment of uncommonly precise measurements, Henry Cavendish in 1797–1798 was able
 - E. By devising an instrument made from a rod, wire, and lead balls, and employing uncommonly precise measurements, Henry Cavendish was able in 1797–1798
284. The growth projected for these storms in different computerized weather models varies widely.
- A. projected for these storms in different computerized weather models varies widely
 - B. for these storms is projected in different computerized

models of weather to vary widely

- C. of these storms, projected in different computerized weather models, vary widely
 - D. projected for these storms, which vary widely in different computerized weather models
 - E. that varies widely for these storms are projected in different computerized weather models
285. By using a process called echolocation to analyze the echoes of the high-pitched sounds they produce, bats can determine not only the distance to an object, but they also can determine its shape and size and the direction in which it is moving.
- A. can determine not only the distance to an object, but they also can determine
 - B. not only can determine the distance to an object but also
 - C. can determine not only the distance to an object but also
 - D. not only can determine its distance from an object but also
 - E. can determine not only their distance from an object, but they can also determine
286. Carbon dioxide, which traps heat in the atmosphere and helps regulate the planet's surface temperature, is constantly being exchanged between the atmosphere on the one hand and the oceans and terrestrial plants on the other.
- A. exchanged between the atmosphere on the one hand and the oceans and terrestrial plants on the other
 - B. exchanged, on the one hand, between the atmosphere and the oceans and terrestrial plants, on the other
 - C. exchanged between, on the one hand, the atmosphere, with the oceans and terrestrial plants, on the other
 - D. exchanged, on the one hand, among the oceans and terrestrial plants, and the atmosphere, on the other
 - E. exchanged among the oceans and terrestrial plants on the one hand and the atmosphere on the other

287. Floating in the waters of the equatorial Pacific, an array of buoys collects and transmits data on long-term interactions between the ocean and the atmosphere, interactions that affect global climate.
- A. atmosphere, interactions that affect
 - B. atmosphere, with interactions affecting
 - C. atmosphere that affects
 - D. atmosphere that is affecting
 - E. atmosphere as affects
288. Sixty-five million years ago, according to some scientists, an asteroid bigger than Mount Everest slammed into North America, which, causing plant and animal extinctions, marks the end of the geologic era known as the Cretaceous Period.
- A. which, causing plant and animal extinctions, marks
 - B. which caused the plant and animal extinctions and marks
 - C. and causing plant and animal extinctions that mark
 - D. an event that caused plant and animal extinctions, which marks
 - E. an event that caused the plant and animal extinctions that mark
289. Although the first pulsar, or rapidly spinning collapsed star, to be sighted was in the summer of 1967 by graduate student Jocelyn Bell, it had not been announced until February 1968.
- A. Although the first pulsar, or rapidly spinning collapsed star, to be sighted was in the summer of 1967 by graduate student Jocelyn Bell, it had not been announced until February 1968.
 - B. Although not announced until February 1968, in the summer of 1967 graduate student Jocelyn Bell observed the first pulsar, or rapidly spinning collapsed star, to be sighted.
 - C. Although observed by graduate student Jocelyn Bell in the summer of 1967, the discovery of the first sighted pulsar, or rapidly spinning collapsed star, had not been announced

before February 1968.

- D. The first pulsar, or rapidly spinning collapsed star, to be sighted was observed in the summer of 1967 by graduate student Jocelyn Bell, but the discovery was not announced until February 1968.
 - E. The first sighted pulsar, or rapidly spinning collapsed star, was not announced until February 1968, while it was observed in the summer of 1967 by graduate student Jocelyn Bell.
290. Sound can travel through water for enormous distances, prevented from dissipating its acoustic energy as a result of boundaries in the ocean created by water layers of different temperatures and densities.
- A. prevented from dissipating its acoustic energy as a result of
 - B. prevented from having its acoustic energy dissipated by
 - C. its acoustic energy prevented from dissipating by
 - D. its acoustic energy prevented from being dissipated as a result of
 - E. preventing its acoustic energy from dissipating by
291. Last year, land values in most parts of the pinelands rose almost so fast, and in some parts even faster than what they did outside the pinelands.
- A. so fast, and in some parts even faster than what they did
 - B. so fast, and in some parts even faster than, those
 - C. as fast, and in some parts even faster than, those
 - D. as fast as, and in some parts even faster than, those
 - E. as fast as, and in some parts even faster than what they did
292. The North American moose's long legs enable it to move quickly through the woods, stepping easily over downed trees, but predators pursuing it must leap or go around them.
- A. moose's long legs enable it to move quickly through the woods, stepping easily over downed trees, but predators

pursuing it must leap or go around them

- B. moose's long legs enable it to move quickly through the woods, stepping easily over downed trees while predators pursuing them must leap or go around
 - C. moose's long legs enable it to move quickly through the woods and to step easily over downed trees, but predators pursuing them must leap over or go around them
 - D. moose has long legs, enabling it to move quickly through the woods and to step easily over downed trees while predators pursuing them must leap or go around
 - E. moose has long legs that enable it to move quickly through the woods, stepping easily over downed trees while predators pursuing it must leap over or go around them
293. Early administrative decisions in China's Ming Dynasty eventually caused a drastic fall in tax revenues, a reduction in military preparedness, the collapse of the currency system, and failed to make sufficient investment in vital transportation infrastructure.
- A. the collapse of the currency system, and failed
 - B. the collapse of the currency system, and failing
 - C. and the collapse of the currency system, also failed
 - D. the collapse of the currency system, as well as failing
 - E. and the collapse of the currency system, as well as a failure
294. Seismologists studying the earthquake that struck northern California in October 1989 are still investigating some of its mysteries: the unexpected power of the seismic waves, the upward thrust that threw one man straight into the air, and the strange electromagnetic signals detected hours before the temblor.
- A. the upward thrust that threw one man straight into the air, and the strange electromagnetic signals detected hours before the temblor
 - B. the upward thrust that threw one man straight into the air,

and strange electromagnetic signals were detected hours before the temblor

- C. the upward thrust threw one man straight into the air, and hours before the temblor strange electromagnetic signals were detected
 - D. one man was thrown straight into the air by the upward thrust, and hours before the temblor strange electromagnetic signals were detected
 - E. one man who was thrown straight into the air by the upward thrust, and strange electromagnetic signals that were detected hours before the temblor
295. The type of behavior exhibited when an animal recognizes itself in a mirror comes within the domain of “theory of mind,” thus is best studied as part of the field of animal cognition.
- A. of “theory of mind,” thus is best
 - B. “theory of mind,” and so is best to be
 - C. of a “theory of mind,” thus it is best
 - D. of “theory of mind” and thus is best
 - E. of the “theory of mind,” and so it is best to be
296. Unlike the United States, where farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long, the rains in most parts of Sri Lanka are concentrated in the monsoon months, June to September, and the skies are generally clear for the rest of the year.
- A. Unlike the United States, where farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long, the rains in most parts of Sri Lanka
 - B. Unlike the United States farmers who can usually depend on rain or snow all year long, the rains in most parts of Sri Lanka
 - C. Unlike those of the United States, where farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long, most parts of Sri Lanka’s rains
 - D. In comparison with the United States, whose farmers can

usually depend on rain or snow all year long, the rains in most parts of Sri Lanka

- E. In the United States, farmers can usually depend on rain or snow all year long, but in most parts of Sri Lanka, the rains

297. In preparation for the prediction of a major earthquake that will hit the state, a satellite-based computer network is being built by the California Office of Emergency Services for identifying earthquake damage and to pinpoint the most affected areas within two hours of the event.

- A. In preparation for the prediction of a major earthquake that will hit the state, a satellite-based computer network is being built by the California Office of Emergency Services for identifying
- B. In preparing for the prediction that a major earthquake will hit the state, the California Office of Emergency Services is building a satellite-based computer network that will identify
- C. In preparing for a major earthquake that is predicted to hit the state, the California Office of Emergency Services is building a satellite-based computer network to identify
- D. To prepare for the prediction of a major earthquake hitting the state, a satellite-based computer network is being built by the California Office of Emergency Services to identify
- E. To prepare for a major earthquake that is predicted to hit the state, the California Office of Emergency Services is building a satellite-based computer network that will identify

298. Once numbering in the millions worldwide, it is estimated that the wolf has declined to 200,000 in 57 countries, some 11,000 of them to be found in the lower 48 United States and Alaska.

- A. it is estimated that the wolf has declined to 200,000 in 57 countries, some
- B. the wolf is estimated to have declined to 200,000 in 57 countries, with approximately

- C. the wolf has declined to an estimate of 200,000 in 57 countries, some
 - D. wolves have declined to an estimate of 200,000 in 57 countries, with approximately
 - E. wolves have declined to an estimated 200,000 in 57 countries, some
299. As business grows more complex, students majoring in specialized areas like those of finance and marketing have been becoming increasingly successful in the job market.
- A. majoring in specialized areas like those of finance and marketing have been becoming increasingly
 - B. who major in such specialized areas as finance and marketing are becoming more and more
 - C. who majored in specialized areas such as those of finance and marketing are being increasingly
 - D. who major in specialized areas like those of finance and marketing have been becoming more and more
 - E. having majored in such specialized areas as finance and marketing are being increasingly
300. Created in 1945 to reduce poverty and stabilize foreign currency markets, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund have, according to some critics, continually struggled to meet the expectations of their major shareholders—a group comprising many of the world’s rich nations—but neglected their intended beneficiaries in the developing world.
- A. continually struggled to meet the expectations of their major shareholders—a group comprising many of the world’s rich nations—but neglected
 - B. continually struggled as they try to meet the expectations of their major shareholders—a group comprising many of the world’s rich nations—while neglecting that of
 - C. continually struggled to meet their major shareholders’ expectations—a group comprising many of the world’s rich

nations—but neglected that of

- D. had to struggle continually in trying to meet the expectations of their major shareholders—a group comprising many of the world’s rich nations—while neglecting that of
- E. struggled continually in trying to meet their major shareholders’ expectations—a group comprising many of the world’s rich nations—and neglecting

301. Unlike auto insurance, the frequency of claims does not affect the premiums for personal property coverage, but if the insurance company is able to prove excessive loss due to owner negligence, it may decline to renew the policy.

- A. Unlike auto insurance, the frequency of claims does not affect the premiums for personal property coverage,
- B. Unlike with auto insurance, the frequency of claims do not affect the premiums for personal property coverage,
- C. Unlike the frequency of claims for auto insurance, the premiums for personal property coverage are not affected by the frequency of claims,
- D. Unlike the premiums for auto insurance, the premiums for personal property coverage are not affected by the frequency of claims,
- E. Unlike with the premiums for auto insurance, the premiums for personal property coverage is not affected by the frequency of claims,