

ACCUPLACER College Board Next Generation Sample Questions Reading

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1. The city's twenty-year plan for growth and development was criticized by the mayor's opponents as overly _____. Which choice best completes the sentence?

- (A) ambitious
- (B) cautious
- (C) hasty
- (D) realistic

2. Which is the best version of the underlined portion of sentence 4 (reproduced below)? He knew that he was the first poet to participate in these prestigious ceremonies therefore, he contemplated which poem would be appropriate for the occasion

(1) The poet Robert Frost appreciated the many literary honors that had been bestowed upon him, but nothing could match the sense of pride that overwhelmed him in 1961. (2) He had received an invitation from President-Elect John F. Kennedy to read a poem at the inauguration. (3) The poet was gratified, at the age of eighty-six, to be part of what he saw as the dawning of a new cultural age. (4) He knew that he was the first poet to participate in these prestigious ceremonies, therefore, he contemplated which poem would be appropriate for the occasion. (5) The president-elect initially suggested that the poet compose new verse specifically for the event. (6) The poet expressed reluctance to proceed in this manner. (7) It was not customary for him to write a commissioned poem for a certain occasion. (8) The president then requested one of the poet's well-known pieces, "The Gift Outright," whose subject was the history and the future of the land. (9) The poet concurred because he believed the theme captured the spirit of the event. (10) He was confident he could recite the piece impeccably in the commanding voice warranted by the distinguished gathering. (11) He devoted himself to the task of creating a new poem, which he would read before he recited the familiar selection. (12) Upon further reflection, Frost decided that such an auspicious occasion merited original verse. (13) He saw this event, which would be witnessed by millions, as an opportunity to further the cause of the arts in society. (14) in spite of his concern over time constraints-the occasion was an important one! he resolved to compose a relevant tribute. (15) As the immanent poet wrote, he contemplated the dual purpose of his new poem. (16) He wanted not only to honor the new president in a way that would touch the hearts of the audience but also to inspire others to appreciate the arts. (17) He proceeded with an enthusiasm befitting his notable role.

- (A) (as it is now)
- (B) ceremonies, therefore,
- (C) ceremonies, therefore
- (D) ceremonies, therefore

3. Which is the best thing to do with sentence 9? They say we could save a great deal of energy by addressing the problem of food waste.

(1) Between a quarter and a third of the food produced in the United States gets wasted. (2) A lot of the waste happens during farming and processing, before the food even gets to consumers. (3) Later, buyers often reject produce because of minor blemishes, or they throw away food when they bought too much or allowed it to rot. (4) An average family spends hundreds of dollars each year on food that does not get eaten. (5) Compounding the problem is that food distribution system's currently require a lot of energy. (6) An item of food on an American plate has typically made a trip of over 2,400 kilometers. (7) Then once the food arrives at a market there is energy consumed by unloading and stocking it. (8) All told, around 15 percent of all the energy used in the United States is devoted to producing and distributing food. (9) They say we could save a great deal of energy by addressing the problem of food waste. (10) The sell by dates on foods are typically very conservative and result in people throwing away perfectly edible items. (11) Shoppers could be better informed about the true shelf life of the products they purchase. (12) This would help them plan meals more efficiently and end up with less spoiled food. (13) It might result in fewer trips to the store, which could keep fuel and cut down on pollution.

- (A) Replace They say with Researchers assert that
- (B) Insert probably before save
- (C) Replace by addressing with if we would address
- (D) Replace problem with problems

4. According to the passage, Margaret and others at Naxos generally regard Helga as

Passage 1: Some ecologists worry that, to the public, environmental scientists are becoming almost indistinguishable from environmental activists. 'If we promote our opinions as though they are the truth, people won't listen to the science as carefully because they'll think we have an agenda,' says Ingrid Burke, a college professor in Colorado. She and others fret that ecologists will handicap their ability to do empirical research if they go beyond current science by making value judgments-for example, by saying that nonnative plant species or global warming are categorically bad. Such values 'can really affect the way you design a study,' says John Wiens, another professor, who warns against 'creeping advocacy syndrome.' Passage 2: I believe not only that, like any other citizens, environmental scientists can be advocates, but that they ethically must be advocates, at least to the extent of informing the general public about their work and conclusions. The credibility of ecologists has been enhanced as many of them have tried to diagnose environmental ills and suggest cures. After all, biomedical scientists can gain prestige by diagnosing public health problems and recommending solutions-and, interestingly, they aren't accused of advocacy. But scientists should be careful to inform their audiences when they are representing a consensus of the knowledgeable scientific community and when they are expressing their own opinions about actions that should be taken.

- (A) highly reliable
- (B) unusually friendly
- (C) relatively practical
- (D) somewhat intimidating

5. Which is the best version of the underlined portion of sentence 9? Residential development creates a need for communities to extend water, sewer, and other municipal services to previously undeveloped areas; such extension costs more than it is collected by communities in property taxes from current residents.

- (A) (as it is now)
- (B) more for communities to collect
- (C) communities more than they collect
- (D) will be more than is collected by communities

6. The final paragraph suggests that seeing the woman has caused the narrator to

(1) Looking at her makes me remember. (2) I can almost feel the heat rising, riding the backs of broken cobblestones, gray and scraped smooth by a ceaseless parade of tired, black, sandaled feet. (3) But that was far away and long ago. (4) Here, this woman peers almost timidly around the curving, splintered wood of the brownstone door, blinking furiously now as the wind and rain whip her face. (5) I stare, and a sudden longing whistles through my mind, dancing around me on each restless gust of cold, wet wind that slams into my chest as I walk down 132nd Street in Harlem. (6) Harlem. home. (8) So far from the endless Kenyan plains that I still dream about each night

(7) So far from my

(9) The rain pelts my face, and I shiver as it shimmies down my neck and creeps underneath the thick, scratchy collar of my coat. (10) I cannot stop staring into this woman's face, this African mother draped from brow to ankle in gold and wind-crushed linen. (11) As she descends the stairs, the rain seems to disappear around her. (12) Now that she has committed herself, she does not blink or falter. (13) If anything, the rain has become a tightly woven fruit basket bearing down on the crown of her head, under which her pride demands that she stand erect. (14) The only concession she gives is to pull her head wrap up out of the folds of her long, dark cloak and clutch it tightly underneath her chin. (15) The scarf is a replica of the same gilded hijab my mother wore as a child, long before she became my mother. (16) I know this because it is the outfit that she chooses when she comes to me at night in my dreams. (17) This woman looks nothing like my mother, yet somehow my heart tells me that they are almost exactly the same. (18) She tucks her curling braids underneath the edges of the wrap, attempting to cover the wildness embroidered in her hair. (19) I don't understand why, modesty is no kin to women like her. (20) She cannot help but walk like a mountain's peak through the raunchy streets of Harlem, wearing her continent on the high bridge of her nose, with the valleys curving round like clattering rings into her nostrils. (21) Her exposed heels are lined with the deep furrows of an elephant's trunk. (22) She wears sandals in the November cold, in the hard, trash-swilling rain because the thirsty leather straps remind her of deserts and home (at least that's why I do so).

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- (A) face the negative feelings she has about her new home
- (B) realize that she misses her mother more than she admits
- (C) think about her own feelings about her family and background
- (D) remember the reason she moved away from her home country

7. The author of Passage 2 would most likely argue that, for an environmental scientist, 'making value judgments' (Passage 1) is

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- (A) an ongoing concern
 - (B) a sign of political commitment
 - (C) a civic duty
 - (D) an occupational hazard
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8. When the author writes that *Chilesaurus diegosuarezi* “should have been a meat-eater,” she most likely means that the species:

- (A) would have been healthier if it had eaten meat
 - (B) would have grown even larger if it had eaten meat
 - (C) had the head, neck, and teeth of a meat-eater
 - (D) had body features similar to those of its meat-eating relative
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9. In context, adjusting capitalization as needed, which word or phrase is best to insert at the beginning of sentence 3: 'A customer in the restaurant where Crum worked complained that his French-fried potatoes were too thick and soft and sent them back to the kitchen'?

*According to urban legend, the potato chip was accidentally invented in 1853 by an irritated chef. He was George Crum, the son of an African-American father and Native-American mother, who was working as a chef one summer in Saratoga Springs, New York. A customer in the restaurant where Crum worked complained that his French-fried potatoes were too thick and soft and sent them back to the kitchen. To teach the customer a lesson, Crum allegedly sliced a new batch of potatoes as thinly as he possibly could, fried the slices until they were hard and crunchy, and then doused them with salt. But far from being angry, the customer ended up loving the new dish, and thus the potato chip was born! Saratoga Springs was famous at the time for its natural hot springs, some of which are still in operation today. Soon the potato chips, originally known as 'Saratoga chips' or 'potato crunches,' became very popular. With the profits he'd made, Crum opened his own restaurant, where every table had its own basket of chips. The chips remained a local delicacy until the Prohibition era. This is when an entrepreneur named Herman Lay popularized the product throughout the Southeastern United States. However, not everyone believes that George Crum was the inventor of the potato chip. These skeptics say that certain cookbooks from the early 1800s, such as William Kitchiner's *The Cook's Oracle* and N.K.M. Lee's *The Cook's Own Book*, described recipes for very similar potato dishes-the only difference is that they weren't called 'potato chips.'*

- (A) You see,
- (B) Imagine this:
- (C) As the story goes,
- (D) First of all,

10. The city's twenty-year plan for growth and development was ____ in that it not only thoroughly addressed business and economic needs but also proposed extensive measures for improving public health, increasing public transportation options, and expanding affordable housing.

- (A) comprehensive
- (B) distinctive
- (C) circumspect
- (D) inhibited