

Reading ACCUPLACER Next Generation

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1. In context, which is the best way to revise the 'it' in sentence 8? A 2010 report by the Office of the State Comptroller of New York found that it can lessen the need for increased property taxes.

- (A) a community
- (B) conserving open lands
- (C) the state of New York
- (D) environmental benefits

2. Which is the best version of the underlined portion of sentence 5? suggested that sauropods will have existed, on land

(1) Sauropods, known today as the largest dinosaurs, were long-necked giants. (2) Their fossils have baffled scientists for decades. (3) These animals were so large that scientists did not know how they were able to support their own weight, unless they lived entirely in the water. (4) Scientists also argued that these overgrown creatures were not well suited for survival and likely became extinct after only a few generations. (5) However, the fossil evidence suggested that sauropods existed, on land, for quite a long time. (6) More recent discoveries of sauropod fossils in locations around the world have confirmed that these resilient animals did indeed walk the earth for millions of years. (7) As a result, scientists have had to rethink many of their previous assumptions about these creatures. (8) By studying these fossils, they are starting to gain a better understanding of how sauropods lived and adapted to the changing environment around them. (9) One area of particular interest involves the growth rates of the creatures. (10) Because sauropods are reptiles, most early dinosaur researchers estimated sauropod growth rates based on the growth rates of modern reptiles. (11) By those calculations, it would have taken sauropods a century to reach their full size. (12) A different perspective developed when scientists began to more closely examine various features of sauropod bones. (13) It was determined that the animals' growth rates would actually have been faster than those of modern reptiles and closer to those of large-bodied mammals.

- (A) (as it is now)
- (B) exist,
- (C) existed,
- (D) will exist,

3. Because of its focus on Puerto Rican identity in the twentieth century, the poetry of Julia de Burgos is _____ to my own historical study of the tradition of Latinx literature and its social and political contexts.

- (A) identical
 - (B) pertinent
 - (C) dedicated
 - (D) conscious
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4. The author mentions the best-seller lists and the Book-of-the-Month Club primarily to emphasize Raintree County's:

In 1948, Ross Lockridge's novel Raintree County led the best-seller lists and was chosen as a Book-of-the-Month Club selection. The 1,060-page narrative, set in nineteenth-century Indiana, unapologetically aspired to be The Great American Novel. Sadly, it was the only book Lockridge would write. After his death that same year, the novel sank into obscurity, though a film adaptation starring Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Clift was released in 1957.

- (A) limited readership
 - (B) enduring appeal
 - (C) commercial success
 - (D) artistic aspirations
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5. Which is the best version of the underlined portion of sentence 12 (reproduced below)? I've enjoyed the diversity here, and wanting to learn as much as I can about the different sorts of people who live here.

(1) When I moved to New York City ten months ago to go to college, it was mainly my lack of self-confidence that made it hard to adjust to my new surroundings. (2) I'm a country kid from rural Texas. (3) I grew up on a ranch on the prairie. (4) I was used to wide-open spaces and peace and quiet, and most of my friends were of Mexican descent like me. (5) Fortunately, I've come to enjoy living in the city, but for a long time I felt overwhelmed and out of place. (6) Early on for example my anxiety about getting lost was so bad that I was even scared to go for a walk or to take a bus or the subway. (7) I feared that I might have to ask a stranger for directions and that that person might not speak one of the languages I do, (8) My irrational fears went on and on. (9) That's why I was relieved when, after many hours of reflection, I finally realized that it was my attitude and not the city that were making me miserable. (10) I adopted a new outlook and began to develop friendships and explore the city with my new companions. (11) Together we've attended many of the local festivals that are held from time to time to celebrate a holiday, a historic event, or a culture. (12) I've enjoyed the diversity here, and wanting to learn as much as I can about the different sorts of people who live here. (13) It has also been great to meet so many other people who are bilingual in Spanish and English. (14) Being able to meet others who speak Spanish has definitely helped me. (15) Actually, there's not much about living here that intimidates me anymore, and I've even gotten used to the noise. (16) The city never sleeps, as they say, and day or night there are always hundreds of people out and about on the streets. (17) Now I wonder whether I'll be able to fall asleep when I go back to Texas, where the only noise I'll hear at night is lowing of the cattle.

- (A) (as it is now)
- (B) here and had been wanting
- (C) here and I also wanted
- (D) here, and I want

6. Which choice is the best version of the quoted portion?

Instead I have this cold, hard tablet with its thousands of "pixels, little glowing dots" that make up the letters that compose the words of the novels I read.

- (A) (as it is now)
- (B) pixels, little glowing dots-
- (C) pixels, little glowing dots:
- (D) pixels- little glowing dots-

7. The author implies that the social sciences:

In a world bound to the wheel of change, the humanities stress the persistence of unchanging issues. They do not offer the prospect of progress in knowledge as the sciences do, nor do they even offer, as do the social sciences, the promise of such progress. They raise questions about meaning, purpose, and values that a hurried world, enamored of technique, finds uncomfortable.

- (A) Are valued for their techniques
- (B) Can make no contribution to progress
- (C) Cannot deal with long-term issues
- (D) May someday add to the world's knowledge

8. Which best replaces the word 'appropriate' in sentence 3 (reproduced below)? When chefs and other consumers appropriate local products rather than goods that have been transported across long distances to chain stores, they can enjoy better prices while bettering the local economy.

(1) When selecting her ingredients, a chef has a seemingly small- but nonetheless consequential- choice: she can patronize a conventional grocery store, or she can turn to a nearby farm. (2) While a store may provide benefits such as a broad range of options, a local farm can offer major advantages of its own. (3) When chefs and other consumers choose local products rather than goods that have been transported across long distances to chain stores, they can enjoy better prices while supporting the local economy. (4) Shoppers buying locally can often reap the benefits of competitive prices on goods due to reduced transport costs. (5) For example, one researcher found that the ingredients of a common Swedish breakfast- consisting of items like bread, coffee, and orange juice- were probably shipped a distance roughly equivalent to Earth's circumference, and shipping can be costly. (6) On the other hand, buying ingredients from local farms may reduce transportation costs significantly, thereby increasing savings for the consumer. (7) Research also suggests that small local farms collectively can produce a large quantity of food; a big supply can, in turn, translate into lower prices. (8) Small farms gain these yields in part through efficient land use. (9) One study found that in Brazil, nearly five million small farms- which occupy only about 30 percent of the country's total agricultural land- are able to produce most of the beans the country needs. (10) The law of supply and demand suggests that if local farmers can produce more food than large farms, consumers may pay less. (11) Lower prices are not the only potential advantage of buying locally. (12) When consumers shop nearby, they are helping to ensure that local farms and businesses thrive. (13) The Brazilian bean farmers, for example, can continue to build strong local economies and do not have to migrate to commercial farms to find work. (14) What will our chef choose? (15) Deciding where to shop can be enigmatic, as both the store and the farm have their attractions. (16) The local option often makes the most sense, however. (17) It is good for the chef's wallet, the neighborhood farmer's bottom line, and, in the end, the community's economic vigor.

- (A) gain
- (B) retrieve
- (C) purchase
- (D) redeem

9. Where would the following sentence best fit in the passage? The results of two new experiments suggest that rats are surprisingly selfless.

(1) Calling someone a rat may be complimentary. (2) In one experiment, University of Chicago neuroscientist Peggy Mason placed 30 pairs of rats in pens. (3) One rat was caged in the middle of the pen, while the other was free to run around. (4) Eventually, 23 of 30 rats liberated their peers by pushing the cage door open with their heads or leaning against the door until it tipped over. (5) In another experiment, Mason gave rats access to two cages, in one cage was another rat, in the other was a pile of chocolate chips. (6) The rats eating the chocolate themselves. (7) Instead, most of the rodents opened both cages and shared the sweets. (8) "In rat land, that is big," Mason says, claiming that this study is the first to show altruistic behavior in rodents. (9) Not all scientists agree with the conclusion Mason drew from the experiment, however. (10) The jailbreaking rats might have only been trying to silence their cohorts' distressing alarm calls. (11) Mason counters that the alarm calls from the caged rats were not frequent enough to motivate their peers, but both parties are speculating at this point. (12) Mason's new study is one of many that are changing how scientists think about empathy and altruism, namely: that such characteristics are not limited to people, as they once thought. (13) It now seems that many animals have evolved instincts to help others.

- (A) After sentence 1
- (B) After sentence 3
- (C) After sentence 8
- (D) After sentence 11

10. Which of the following statements does the passage most directly counter?

The act of producing art can be anything but romantic. To escape the blank page, the only thing on earth as passive as yourself, you cast about for distractions, half-convinced that avoiding your project will shower some sort of mystical growth hormone on your ideas. Yet for some artists, such as William Carlos Williams, life and art were more than each other's palate cleansers. The poet doctor saw his dual vocations as mysteriously fused 'They are two parts of a whole,' he contended in his 1967 autobiography. 'It is not two jobs at all.. one rests the man when the other fatigues him.' As a physician, Williams developed an antenna for the 'inarticulate poems' emanating from his patients, even as he resolved to 'use the material I knew from practicing medicine in his writing. What, then, is the real relationship between art and trade? Agonistic? Complementary? The question, suggesting something like a creative sanctum shimmering a few meters above the room in which you punch a clock or schedule a meeting, supposes that aesthetic experience is categorically different from everyday experience, and that muse-fueled invention floats apart from earthier forms of productivity.

- (A) Having a non-arts job stifles and detracts from an artist's creative work
- (B) For people working in non-arts professions, art is more than just an entertaining distraction
- (C) The poetry of William Carlos Williams exemplifies autobiographical poetry
- (D) Work and art cannot meaningfully complement each other