

#1

ID: de55ec71

Generations of mystery and horror _____ have been influenced by the dark, gothic stories of celebrated American author Edgar Allan Poe (1809–1849).

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

- A) writers
- B) writers,
- C) writers—
- D) writers;

#2

ID: 4b0c7b62

The algaita is a double reed wind instrument from West Africa. The reed of a wind instrument is the mouthpiece _____. A double reed contains two pieces of cane that vibrate and produce sound as air passes between them.

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

- A) where sound is made?
- B) where is sound made.
- C) where sound is made.
- D) where is sound made?

#3

ID: a7c85001

Researchers Amit Kumar and Nicholas Epley investigated how _____. In a series of experiments conducted in 2022, they found that people performing small acts of kindness underestimated the positive effect their actions had on others.

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

- A) do people perceive acts of kindness.
- B) do people perceive acts of kindness?
- C) people perceive acts of kindness?
- D) people perceive acts of kindness.

#4

ID: 333b2b65

While one requires oxygen and one does _____ and anaerobic respiration are both forms of cellular respiration—that is, they are processes by which cells break down glucose to use as energy.

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

- A) not aerobic
- B) not. Aerobic
- C) not, aerobic
- D) not; aerobic

#5

ID: 148be4da

Human-made (synthetic) fibers used in clothes and many other consumer products are more durable than most natural plant _____. The manufacture of synthetic fibers requires toxic chemical solvents that can pollute air and water.

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

- A) fibers,
- B) fibers but
- C) fibers
- D) fibers, but

#6

ID: 155239cf

By analyzing ice cores from Greenland and Antarctica, a research team at Sweden's Lund University discovered evidence of a solar storm that occurred 9,200 years ago. Scientists had previously thought the Sun to be in a relatively "quiet" phase at that _____ the Lund team's finding suggests otherwise.

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

- A) time but
- B) time, but
- C) time,
- D) time

#7

ID: 9091458d

Emperor penguins don't waddle out of the ocean. They launch themselves at such a high speed that they travel up to two meters before landing. How _____. A layer of microbubbles on their plumage reduces friction as the penguins speed to the surface.

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

- A) they are able to move so fast!
- B) are they able to move so fast.
- C) they are able to move so fast.
- D) are they able to move so fast?

#8

ID: b0115ef6

Technologies such as microphones and inkjet printers are made using piezoelectric materials, which generate an internal electric field when pressure is applied to them. The toxic nature of some of these materials recently led a team from the University of Sheffield to investigate how _____

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

- A) could their use be better regulated?
- B) their use could be better regulated.
- C) their use could be better regulated?
- D) could their use be better regulated.

#9

ID: 6fece68e

Emperor Ashoka ruled the Maurya Empire in South Asia from roughly 270 to 232 BCE. He is known for enforcing a moral code called the Law of Piety, which established the sanctity of animal _____ the just treatment of the elderly, and the abolition of the slave trade.

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

- A) life
- B) life;
- C) life:
- D) life,

#11

ID: a1e0c981

In her book *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts*, author Maxine Hong Kingston examines themes _____ childhood, womanhood, and Chinese American identity by intertwining autobiography and mythology.

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

- A) of:
- B) of
- C) of—
- D) of,

#10

ID: 1724dac2

A subseasonal weather forecast attempts to predict weather conditions three to four weeks in _____ its predictions are therefore more short-term than those of the seasonal forecast, which attempts to predict the weather more than a month in advance.

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

- A) advance,
- B) advance
- C) advance;
- D) advance and

#12

ID: b35cef7

The fine, powdery substance that covers the Moon's surface is called regolith. Because regolith is both readily available and high in oxygen _____ scientists have wondered whether it could be used as a potential source of oxygen for future lunar settlements.

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

- A) content and
- B) content,
- C) content
- D) content, and

#13

ID: 486f03da

The short story “Rogue Enchantments” by Isabel Ibañez appears in *Reclaim the* _____ anthology of fantasy and science fiction written by authors of Latin American descent.

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

- A) *Stars*. An
- B) *Stars*, while an
- C) *Stars* an
- D) *Stars*, an

#14

ID: aab78b25

Psychophysicist Howard Moskowitz was hired by a soda company to determine how much artificial sweetener _____ After conducting consumer taste tests, he found that no such ideal existed: participants expressed a wide range of preferences for different blends of sweetener, carbonization, and flavoring.

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

- A) do most people prefer in a diet drink?
- B) do most people prefer in a diet drink.
- C) most people prefer in a diet drink?
- D) most people prefer in a diet drink.

#15

ID: 8b002b08

Many Samoans enjoy a sport called kilikiti. This bat-and-ball game was derived from _____ kilikiti differs from cricket in a few key ways.

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

- A) cricket but:
- B) cricket but,
- C) cricket, but
- D) cricket, but,

#16

ID: 70ced8dc

Typically, underlines, scribbles, and notes left in the margins by a former owner lower a book’s _____ when the former owner is a famous poet like Walt Whitman, such markings, known as marginalia, can be a gold mine to literary scholars.

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

- A) value, but
- B) value
- C) value,
- D) value but

#17

ID: 8a3998f1

After the United Kingdom began rolling out taxes equivalent to a few cents on single-use plastic grocery bags in 2011, plastic-bag consumption decreased by up to ninety _____ taxes are subject to what economists call the “rebound effect”: as the change became normalized, plastic-bag use started to creep back up.

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

- A) percent, such
- B) percent and such
- C) percent. Such
- D) percent such

#18

ID: 96953201

In her two major series “Memory Test” and “Autobiography,” painter Howardena Pindell explored themes _____ healing, self-discovery, and memory by cutting and sewing back together pieces of canvas and inserting personal artifacts, such as postcards, into some of the paintings.

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

- A) of
- B) of,
- C) of—
- D) of:

#19

ID: 26c8c88c

About 70,000 meteorites have been found on Earth. Although most meteorites are fragments of _____ hundred have been identified as being from the Moon or Mars.

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

- A) asteroids. Several
- B) asteroids, several
- C) asteroids; several
- D) asteroids: several

#20

ID: 60713427

Polyphenols are organic compounds _____ among their many roles, provide pigment that helps protect plants against ultraviolet radiation from sunlight.

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

- A) that—
- B) that;
- C) that,
- D) that:

#21

ID: 89ab0d46

After the printing press was introduced in 1440, handwritten manuscripts from Europe's medieval period were often destroyed and the paper used for other purposes. In one instance, pages _____ a collection of Norse tales dating to 1270 were discovered lining a bishop's miter (hat).

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

- A) from:
- B) from,
- C) from
- D) from—

#22

ID: ce81d0b7

The life spans of rockfish vary greatly by species. For instance, the colorful calico rockfish (*Sebastes dalli*) can survive for a little over a _____ the rougheye rockfish (*Sebastes aleutianus*) boasts a maximum life span of about two centuries.

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

- A) decade: while
- B) decade. While
- C) decade; while
- D) decade, while

#23

ID: 04bfd364

The intense pressure found in the deep ocean can affect the structure of proteins in fish's cells, distorting the proteins' shape. The chemical trimethylamine N-oxide (TMAO) counters this effect, ensuring that proteins retain their original _____ is found in high concentrations in the cells of the deepest-dwelling fish.

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

- A) configurations. TMAO
- B) configurations TMAO
- C) configurations, TMAO
- D) configurations and TMAO

#24

ID: ea8f4658

When particles are suspended in liquid (like pollen in a water glass), they will zigzag randomly through the liquid and collide with one another in perpetuity. This type of random, continuous _____ is known as Brownian motion, can be observed throughout the natural world.

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

- A) movement: which
- B) movement, which
- C) movement which
- D) movement. Which

#25

ID: c21df211

In 1959, the film industry debuted Smell-O-Vision. Theaters were fitted with specialized vents that emitted odors at specific points in a _____ as the scent of roses when roses appeared in a scene. Smell-O-Vision failed to impress, however, with one reviewer declaring it “briefly weird and not very interesting.”

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

- A) movie such
- B) movie; such
- C) movie. Such
- D) movie, such

#26

ID: a7fdf862

Azulejos, mosaics made of glazed ceramic tiles, can be found throughout Portugal. These mosaics beautify places such as _____ stations, and public squares.

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

- A) libraries train
- B) libraries: train
- C) libraries—train
- D) libraries, train

#27

ID: 577b09fa

Robin Wall Kimmerer of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a bryologist, a plant scientist who specializes in mosses. To Kimmerer, mosses are Earth's most adaptable plants: they can clone _____ enter a dormant state in times of drought, and grow in areas that don't have soil.

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

- A) themselves;
- B) themselves,
- C) themselves. And
- D) themselves

#28

ID: a466679a

In 1976, the Inuit rock group Sikumiut recorded the album *People of the Ice*. Though only their first record, it shows a band already skilled at the difficult task of making music that sounds easy and fun. On songs like "Utirumavunga," Lucassie Koperqualuk's guitar riffs effortlessly _____ Charlie Adams's delightfully catchy vocal melodies.

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

- A) blend, with
- B) blend. With
- C) blend; with
- D) blend with

#29

ID: cabe71d4

Both Sona Charaipotra, an Indian American, and Dhonielle Clayton, an African American, grew up frustrated by the lack of diverse characters in books for young people. In 2011, these two writers joined forces to found CAKE Literary, a book packaging _____ specializes in the creation and promotion of stories told from diverse perspectives for children and young adults.

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

- A) company,
- B) company that
- C) company
- D) company, that

#30

ID: 7b950fc2

In 2000, Nora de Hoyos Comstock, herself an owner of a successful consulting firm, sought to increase Latina representation in corporate _____ founded Las Comadres para las Americas, an international community that for over two decades has served as a resource and information network for Latina business professionals.

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

- A) settings she
- B) settings, she
- C) settings and she
- D) settings. She

#31

ID: 02871a0d

In her large-scale sculpture *Casa-Isla*, artist Edra Soto included references to her childhood in Puerto Rico. For example, the sculpture's steel panels have a crisscrossing pattern inspired by the iron gates _____

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

- A) Soto would see in her neighborhood?
- B) Soto would see in her neighborhood.
- C) would Soto see in her neighborhood.
- D) would Soto see in her neighborhood?

#32

ID: e15c50b2

A standard Argo float, a type of autonomous robot, measures temperature and salinity in the upper regions of ice-free oceans. More advanced floats can measure a wider range of _____ and monitor seasonal ice zones.

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

- A) variables: travel to greater depths
- B) variables, travel to greater depths,
- C) variables travel to greater depths,
- D) variables, travel to greater depths;

#33

ID: 96499989

Fans of science fiction will _____ multiple references to classic sci-fi stories in Janelle Monáe's song lyrics, including her recurring nods to the plot of the 1927 sci-fi film *Metropolis*.

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

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

#34

ID: 4565a53c

Lucía Michel of the University of Chile observed that alkaline soils contain an insoluble form of iron that blueberry plants cannot absorb, thus inhibiting blueberry growth. If these plants were grown in alkaline soil alongside grasses that aid in iron solubilization, _____ Michel was determined to find out.

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

- A) could the blueberries thrive.
- B) the blueberries could thrive.
- C) the blueberries could thrive?
- D) could the blueberries thrive?

#35

ID: 91fbd59d

Award-winning cinematographer James Wong Howe was known for his innovative filming techniques. While filming a boxing match for the movie *Body and Soul* _____ Howe had a handheld camera operator wear roller skates. This allowed the operator to move smoothly around actors in a boxing ring, creating an immersive experience for viewers.

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

- A) (1947), and
- B) (1947),
- C) (1947) and
- D) (1947)

#36

ID: b1e8b87f

Winding through the ice atop Norway's Jotunheim Mountains is the Lendbreen pass, an ancient route that was used by hunters, farmers, traders, and travelers in the Middle Ages before eventually falling into disuse. Recently, archeologists have _____ knives, horseshoes, wool tunics, and thousands of other artifacts from the icy pass.

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

- A) unearthed:
- B) unearthed,
- C) unearthed—
- D) unearthed

#37

ID: dddfa043

Before the Erie Canal was completed in 1825, transporting goods by wagon between New York City and the Midwest took up to forty-five days and cost one hundred dollars per ton. By linking the Hudson River to Lake _____ canal reduced transport time to nine days and cut costs to six dollars per ton.

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

- A) Erie; the
- B) Erie (the
- C) Erie, the
- D) Erie: the

#38

ID: 603755a5

In 1959, marine biologist Dr. Albert Jones founded the Underwater Adventure Seekers, a scuba diving _____ that is the oldest club for Black divers in the United States and that has helped thousands of diving enthusiasts become certified in the field.

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

- A) club
- B) club,
- C) club—
- D) club, and

#39

ID: a2293b3f

A harpsichord may look just like a piano, but the difference between the two instruments is easy to hear. When a harpsichord's keys are pressed, the strings inside the _____ are plucked, not struck.

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

- A) instrument:
- B) instrument
- C) instrument—
- D) instrument,

#40

ID: 831b55ec

Louise Bennett (1919–2006), also known as “Miss Lou,” was an influential Jamaican poet and folklorist. Her innovative poems _____ the use of Jamaican Creole (a spoken language) in literature.

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

- A) popularized;
- B) popularized,
- C) popularized
- D) popularized:

#41

ID: 1f39ab8b

In the novel *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, Okonkwo is a leader of Umuofia (a fictional Nigerian clan) and takes pride in his culture's traditions. However, when the arrival of European missionaries brings changes to Umuofia, the novel asks a central question: How _____

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

- A) Umuofia's traditions will be affected.
- B) will Umuofia's traditions be affected.
- C) Umuofia's traditions will be affected?
- D) will Umuofia's traditions be affected?

#42

ID: 60dd03bc

Located in the northern United States, the Great Lakes Basin contains roughly 35,000 islands. Lake Superior has Grand Island, for example. Lake Michigan has Belle Isle. Lake Huron, though, is home _____ the largest island of them all: Manitoulin Island.

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

- A) to;
- B) to—
- C) to
- D) to,

#43

ID: 39ac6498

In forecasting weather events, meteorologists sometimes discuss the role of atmospheric rivers. What are atmospheric rivers, and how _____ Part of the water cycle, atmospheric rivers are narrow channels of moisture moving through the atmosphere. In certain conditions, these "rivers" can release some of their moisture as precipitation.

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

- A) do they affect our weather.
- B) they do affect our weather.
- C) do they affect our weather?
- D) they do affect our weather?

#44

ID: b5ff8f8e

The element carbon has the highest melting point _____ all the elements on the periodic table—3,500 degrees Celsius.

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

- A) of
- B) of—
- C) of,
- D) of:

#45

ID: f2eaaf5d

At eight paragraphs long, the preamble to the constitution of _____ country in Western Asia —is much longer than the one-paragraph preamble to the United States Constitution.

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

- A) Bahrain—a
- B) Bahrain, a
- C) Bahrain a
- D) Bahrain: a

#46

ID: eb03096e

According to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, aloha 'āina is “a recognition, commitment, and practice sustaining the ea—or life breath” between the Hawaiian people and their natural environments. The concept has been proudly embodied _____ Native Hawaiians for generations, contributing to the lush flora and renowned beauty of the islands.

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

- A) by;
- B) by:
- C) by,
- D) by

#47

ID: d75d57a0

While many video game creators strive to make their graphics ever more _____ others look to the past, developing titles with visuals inspired by the “8-bit” games of the 1980s and 1990s. (The term “8-bit” refers to a console whose processor could only handle eight bits of data at once.)

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

- A) lifelike but
- B) lifelike
- C) lifelike,
- D) lifelike, but

#48

ID: 6997261f

In 2009, researchers determined that pottery fragments from a cave in China were close to 18,000 years old. These are some of the oldest _____ of pottery ever found.

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

- A) pieces:
- B) pieces,
- C) pieces
- D) pieces—

#49

ID: 9902d2de

The Alvarez theory, developed in 1980 by physicist Luis Walter Alvarez and his geologist son Walter Alvarez, maintained that the secondary effects of an asteroid impact caused many dinosaurs and other animals to die _____ it left unexplored the question of whether unrelated volcanic activity might have also contributed to the mass extinctions.

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

- A) out but
- B) out, but
- C) out
- D) out,

#50

ID: 64a40675

In 1953, a fellow performer tripped on legendary jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie's trumpet, bending its bell upward. When Gillespie tested the damaged instrument, he realized that he _____ sound of a bent bell over that of a straight one.

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

- A) preferred; the
- B) preferred the
- C) preferred, the
- D) preferred. The

#51

ID: 9f0ac61d

Dolores Huerta's advocacy on behalf of farmworkers was rooted in her experience as a schoolteacher in Stockton, California, in the early 1950s. Hoping to help her students and their families outside the _____ Huerta left teaching to start the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization, a group focused on the needs of local farmworkers.

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

- A) classroom.
- B) classroom;
- C) classroom,
- D) classroom