

#1

ID: 37e5c794

Despite being cheap, versatile, and easy to produce, \_\_\_\_\_ they are made from nonrenewable petroleum, and most do not biodegrade in landfills.

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

- A) there are two problems associated with commercial plastics:
- B) two problems are associated with commercial plastics:
- C) commercial plastics' two associated problems are that
- D) commercial plastics have two associated problems:

#2

ID: a2816c7f

American abstract artist Richard \_\_\_\_\_ his installations to make passersby keenly aware of how one's movements are affected by the physical features of one's environment, assembles large-scale steel plates into sculptures that dominate the outdoor spaces they occupy.

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

- A) Serra is intending
- B) Serra, intends
- C) Serra, intending
- D) Serra intends

#3

ID: 9df6da04

Entomologists Yash Sondhi and Samuel Fabian have tried to explain why moths fly erratically around light sources at night. Knowing that flying insects keep their backs pointed toward sunlight during the day, \_\_\_\_\_

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

- A) the researchers theorize that moths, mistaking nighttime lights for the Sun, continually try to reorient their bodies while flying near such lights.
- B) the researchers' theory is that moths mistake nighttime lights for the Sun, continually trying to reorient their bodies while flying near such lights.
- C) moths mistake nighttime lights for the Sun and continually try to reorient their bodies while flying near such lights, the researchers theorize.
- D) moths continually try to reorient their bodies while flying near nighttime lights, the researchers theorize, mistaking such lights for the Sun.

#4

ID: ae439895

In her 1983 book *The Managed Heart: Commercialization of Human Feeling*, sociologist Arlie Russell Hochschild first explored at length her conception of a “sociology of emotions”—the idea that the various cultural and ideological frameworks a person has internalized (class, gender, political affiliation, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ each emotional reaction that person has within a situation.

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

- A) underlies
- B) is underlying
- C) underlie
- D) has been underlying

#5

ID: f0864217

*Rabinal Achí* is a precolonial Maya dance drama performed annually in Rabinal, a town in the Guatemalan highlands. Based on events that occurred when Rabinal was a city-state ruled by a king, \_\_\_\_\_ had once been an ally of the king but was later captured while leading an invading force against him.

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

- A) *Rabinal Achí* tells the story of K'iche' Achí, a military leader who
- B) K'iche' Achí, the military leader in the story of *Rabinal Achí*,
- C) the military leader whose story is told in *Rabinal Achí*, K'iche' Achí,
- D) there was a military leader, K'iche' Achí, who in *Rabinal Achí*

#6

ID: c91ef0f0

During the American Civil War, Thomas Morris Chester braved the front lines as a war correspondent for the *Philadelphia Press*. Amplifying the voices and experiences of Black soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ of particular importance to Chester, who later became an activist and lawyer during the postwar Reconstruction period.

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

- A) were
- B) have been
- C) are
- D) was

#7

ID: ea0aa676

In the 1970s, Janaki Ammal, a prominent botanist, emerged as a powerful voice in India's environmental conservation movement. Her exhaustive chromosomal survey of plants in Silent Valley, a pristine tropical forest in Kerala, India, that is home to nearly 1,000 species of native flora (many of which are endangered), \_\_\_\_\_ instrumental in the government's decision to preserve the forest.

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

- A) are
- B) were
- C) have been
- D) was

#8

ID: dc645172

The artistic talents of Barbara Chase-Riboud, most known for her 1979 historical novel *Sally Hemings* and the conversation it inspired, \_\_\_\_\_ limited to the realm of prose: she first excelled in sculpture, where her affinity for bronze—a material she described as “timeless” due to its use across eras and cultures—became part of her artistic identity.

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

- A) hasn't been
- B) wasn't
- C) isn't
- D) aren't

#9

ID: 512f0ac9

Working from an earlier discovery of Charpentier’s, chemists Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna—winners of the 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry—re-created and then reprogrammed the so-called “genetic scissors” of a species of DNA-cleaving bacteria \_\_\_\_\_ a tool that is revolutionizing the field of gene technology.

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

- A) to forge
- B) forging
- C) forged
- D) and forging

#10

ID: d2b81427

In assessing the films of Japanese director Akira Kurosawa, \_\_\_\_\_ have missed his equally deep engagement with Japanese artistic traditions such as Noh theater.

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

- A) many critics have focused on Kurosawa’s use of Western literary sources but
- B) Kurosawa’s use of Western literary sources has been the focus of many critics, who
- C) there are many critics who have focused on Kurosawa’s use of Western literary sources, but they
- D) the focus of many critics has been on Kurosawa’s use of Western literary sources; they

#11

ID: 3bcceb93

When they were first discovered in Australia in 1798, duck-billed, beaver-tailed platypuses so defied categorization that one scientist assigned them the name *Ornithorhynchus paradoxus*: “paradoxical bird-snout.” The animal, which lays eggs but also nurses \_\_\_\_\_ young with milk, has since been classified as belonging to the monotremes group.

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

- A) they're
- B) their
- C) its
- D) it's

#12

ID: dab8b8ee

Known as Earth’s “living skin,” biocrusts are thin layers of soil held together by surface-dwelling microorganisms such as fungi, lichens, and cyanobacteria. Fortifying soil in arid ecosystems against erosion, \_\_\_\_\_

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

- A) a recent study’s estimate is that these crusts reduce global dust emissions by 60 percent each year.
- B) an estimated 60 percent reduction in global dust emissions each year is due to these crusts, according to a recent study.
- C) these crusts reduce global dust emissions by an estimated 60 percent each year, according to a recent study.
- D) a recent study has estimated that these crusts reduce global dust emissions by 60 percent each year.

#13

ID: a75d5984

Several advantages—the ability to react strongly with chip components, to avoid interference from other waves, and to be confined within tiny circuits—\_\_\_\_\_ acoustic waves as a promising alternative to electrical waves for transmitting data on computer chips; as a result, researchers are invested in developing more acoustic wave–based chips.

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

- A) have positioned
- B) positioning
- C) by positioning
- D) having positioned

#14

ID: 0fe5ce68

Ten of William Shakespeare’s plays are classified as histories. Although each one of these plays, which include *Henry V* and *Richard III*, \_\_\_\_\_ on a single historical figure (specifically, an English king), some, such as *Henry VI Part One* and *Henry VI Part Two*, feature different episodes from the same monarch’s life.

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

- A) focuses
- B) focus
- C) are focused
- D) were focused

#15

ID: b369d54c

Woven from recycled yarn and hand tufted using a carpet weaving technique passed down by the artist's Turkish grandmother, \_\_\_\_\_ so lush and tactilely inviting that you are tempted to reach out and touch them.

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

- A) the topological tapestries of Argentine textile artist Alexandra Kehayoglou are
- B) the Argentine textile artist Alexandra Kehayoglou creates topological tapestries that are
- C) when she creates her topological tapestries, Argentine textile artist Alexandra Kehayoglou makes them
- D) Alexandra Kehayoglou is an Argentine textile artist whose topological tapestries are

#16

ID: 5b8f9cf2

In the canon of North African literature, Moroccan author Driss Chraïbi's 1954 novel *The Simple Past (Le Passé simple)* looms large. A coming-of-age story, a social meditation, and a sober gaze into the dark maw of French colonialism, \_\_\_\_\_ interrogates systemic power with memorable intensity.

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

- A) Morocco gained its independence two years before the publication of Chraïbi's debut novel, which
- B) Chraïbi's debut novel, published two years before Morocco gained its independence,
- C) Chraïbi wrote a debut novel that, published two years before Morocco gained its independence,
- D) published two years before Morocco gained its independence, Chraïbi wrote a debut novel that



#17

ID: de3dd17d

Planetary scientist Briony Horgan and her colleagues have determined that as much as 25 percent of the sand on Mars is composed of impact spherules. These spherical bits of glass form when asteroids collide with the planet, ejecting bits of molten rock into the atmosphere that, after cooling and solidifying into glass, \_\_\_\_\_ back onto Mars's surface.

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

- A) to rain
- B) raining
- C) having rained
- D) rain

#18

ID: 2dd1b8bf

Compared to that of alumina glass, \_\_\_\_\_ silica glass atoms are so far apart that they are unable to re-form bonds after being separated.

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

- A) silica glass is at a significant disadvantage due to its more dispersed atomic arrangement:
- B) silica glass has a more dispersed atomic arrangement, resulting in a significant disadvantage:
- C) a significant disadvantage of silica glass is that its atomic arrangement is more dispersed:
- D) silica glass's atomic arrangement is more dispersed, resulting in a significant disadvantage:

#19

ID: 188f7e3c

In 2016, engineer Vanessa Galvez oversaw the installation of 164 bioswales, vegetated channels designed to absorb and divert stormwater, along the streets of Queens, New York. By reducing the runoff flowing into city sewers, \_\_\_\_\_

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

- A) the mitigation of both street flooding and the resulting pollution of nearby waterways has been achieved by bioswales.
- B) the bioswales have mitigated both street flooding and the resulting pollution of nearby waterways.
- C) the bioswales' mitigation of both street flooding and the resulting pollution of nearby waterways has been achieved.
- D) both street flooding and the resulting pollution of nearby waterways have been mitigated by bioswales.

#20

ID: 61160f0a

Author Madeline L'Engle, \_\_\_\_\_ to create a suspenseful tone that draws the reader in, begins her novel *A Wrinkle in Time* with descriptions of "wraithlike shadows" and "the frenzied lashing of the wind."

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

- A) looked
- B) looks
- C) is looking
- D) looking

#21

ID: d46ac7e7

A second-generation Japanese American, Wataru Misaka \_\_\_\_\_ in World War II (1941-45) and won two amateur national basketball championships at the University of Utah when he joined the New York Knicks for the 1947-48 season, becoming the first non-white basketball player in the US's top professional league.

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

- A) already served
- B) was already serving
- C) already serves
- D) had already served

#22

ID: 329255db

Bengali author Toru Dutt's *A Sheaf Gleaned in French Fields* (1876), a volume of English translations of French poems, \_\_\_\_\_ scholars' understanding of the transnational and multilingual contexts in which Dutt lived and worked.

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

- A) has enhanced
- B) are enhancing
- C) have enhanced
- D) enhance

#23

ID: 50801257

In 1994, almost 200 years after the death of Wang Zhenyi, the International Astronomical \_\_\_\_\_ the contributions of the barrier-breaking 18th-century astronomer and author of "Dispute of the Procession of the Equinoxes," naming a crater on Venus after her.

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

- A) Union would finally acknowledge
- B) Union to finally acknowledge
- C) Union, having finally acknowledged
- D) Union, finally acknowledging

#24

ID: a14eef71

In 2015, a team led by materials scientists Anirudha Sumant and Diana Berman succeeded in reducing the coefficient of friction (COF) between two surfaces to the lowest possible level—superlubricity. A nearly frictionless (and, as its name suggests, extremely slippery) state, \_\_\_\_\_

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

- A) when their COF drops below 0.01, two surfaces reach superlubricity.
- B) two surfaces, when their COF drops below 0.01, reach superlubricity.
- C) reaching superlubricity occurs when two surfaces' COF drops below 0.01.
- D) superlubricity is reached when two surfaces' COF drops below 0.01.

#25

ID: 8a9d2f4e

Researchers studying the “terra-cotta army,” the thousands of life-size statues of warriors found interred near the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang of China, were shocked to realize that the shape of each statue’s ears, like the shape of each person’s ears, \_\_\_\_\_ unique.

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

- A) are
- B) is
- C) were
- D) have been

#26

ID: dfbf5d33

In 1453, English King Henry VI became unfit to rule after falling gravely ill. As a result, Parliament appointed Richard, Third Duke of York, who had a strong claim to the English throne, to rule as Lord Protector. Upon recovering two years later, \_\_\_\_\_ forcing an angered Richard from the royal court and precipitating a series of battles later known as the Wars of the Roses.

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

- A) Henry resumed his reign,
- B) the reign of Henry resumed,
- C) Henry’s reign resumed,
- D) it was Henry who resumed his reign,

#27

ID: 3daf126e

A model created by biologist Luis Valente predicts that the rate of speciation—the rate at which new species form—on an isolated island located approximately 5,000 kilometers from the nearest mainland \_\_\_\_\_ triple the rate of speciation on an island only 500 kilometers from the mainland.

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

- A) being
- B) to be
- C) to have been
- D) will be

#28

ID: 1c65db8f

A species of *Byropsis* algae produces toxins to avoid being eaten by predators. However, in some cases, the toxins the organism uses to protect itself from predation actually \_\_\_\_\_ its attractiveness to predators. The Hawaiian sea slug, for example, not only tolerates *Byropsis* toxins but actually uses them for protection in the same way the algae does.

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

- A) is increasing
- B) increase
- C) increases
- D) has increased