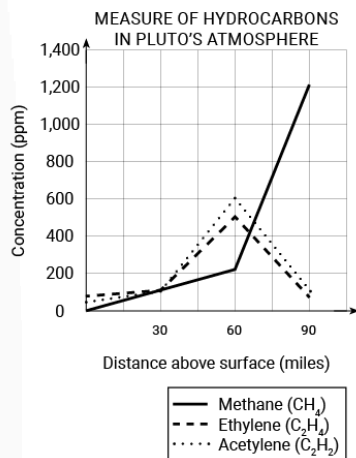


SAT Reading and Writing

Week 1

<p>1.</p> <p>In recommending Jhumpa Lahiri's novel <i>The Namesake</i>, literary critic Michiko Kakutani praises the author's ability in creating _____ characters, with their actions often revealing the complexity of their personalities. For example, one character's complaint about an overfilled kettle reflects his aversion to wastefulness, while another character's meticulous upkeep of her address book reveals her desire to feel connected to others.</p>	<p>1. Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. superficialB. unemotionalC. DishearteningD. multifaceted
<p>2.</p> <p>The following text is from Leo Tolstoy's 1867 novel <i>War and Peace</i>. In this scene, Pierre Bezukhov enters the battlefield for the first time.</p> <p><u>"All that Pierre saw was so indefinite that neither the left nor the right side of the field fully satisfied his expectations.</u></p> <p>Nowhere could he see the battlefield he had expected to find, but only fields, meadows, troops, woods, the smoke of campfires, villages, mounds, and streams; and try as he would he could descry no military 'position' in this place which teemed with life, nor could he even distinguish our troops from the enemy's."</p>	<p>2. Which choice best describes the function of the underlined sentence in the text as a whole?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. It establishes a context for portraying the brutality and callousness of war.B. It introduces the contrast between Pierre's preconceived notions of the battlefield and the reality of what he witnesses.C. It serves as an example to show Pierre's sense of disorientation by depicting his confusion and uncertainty about where to go.D. It serves to transition to describe the setting of the battlefield, from the troops to the campfire smoke.
<p>3.</p> <p>The following text is adapted from Robert Louis Stevenson's 1886 novella <i>The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i>.</p> <p>Mr. Utterson the lawyer was a man of a rugged countenance that was never lighted by a smile; cold, scanty and embarrassed in discourse; backward in sentiment; lean, long, dusty, dreary and yet somehow lovable. At friendly meetings, and when the wine was to his taste, something eminently human beaconed from his eye; something indeed which never found its way into his talk, but which spoke not only in these silent symbols of the after-dinner face, but more often and loudly in the acts of his life.</p>	<p>3. According to the text, what is true about Mr. Utterson?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. He struggles to connect with others due to the fact he never smiles and is awkward in conversations.B. When he feels comfortable enough around people, Mr. Utterson will let them know how he feels about them.C. Despite Mr. Utterson's shortcomings, people still find him likable.D. Mr. Utterson feels the need to be social, as he prefers his own company.

4.



High-resolution space images have revealed that Pluto is mostly red in color. A group of scientists speculate this is because of complex hydrocarbons known as tholins, which come from gaseous hazes in Pluto's atmosphere. In Pluto's highest atmospheric layer, methane (CH₄) is found at 1,200 parts per million (ppm). When it sinks down to lower altitudes, it starts to be broken down into ethylene (C₂H₄) and acetylene (C₂H₂). Meanwhile, the ethylene and acetylene concentration levels increase until the compounds form a gaseous haze, eventually converting into tholins. Scientists had previously theorized that the process of methane breaking down into ethylene and acetylene began close to Pluto's surface, less than 20 miles above, but based on the graph, the data suggest that _____

4. Which choice most effectively uses data from the graph to complete the example?

- A. Methane begins to break down closer to 90 miles above Pluto's surface.
- B. Methane begins to break down closer to 60 miles above Pluto's surface.
- C. Methane begins to break down closer to 30 miles above Pluto's surface.
- D. Methane begins to break down closer to 15 miles above Pluto's surface.

5.

Uganda has earned its reputation as a prominent global hub for coffee production due to its lush and fertile terrains. The country boasts an impressive annual coffee yield of approximately 6.85 million _____ its position as one of the leading coffee-producing nations worldwide.

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

- A. bags solidifying
- B. bags, solidifying
- C. bags; solidifying
- D. bags, and solidifying

6.

Scientists believe that Mars potentially _____ a hospitable environment for microbial life forms billions of years ago due to the presence of water on its surface and a denser atmosphere compared to today.

6. Which choice completes the sentence so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. has had
- B. has
- C. had
- D. was having

