

SAT Reading and Writing

Week 4

<p>1.</p> <p>The spiraling shape of a seashell, with each successive revolution of the spiral growing larger than the one before it, is an example of a logarithmic growth pattern found in many living _____</p>	<p>1. Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?</p> <p>A. organisms' shells. B. organism's shells. C. organisms shells. D. organisms' shells'.</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>There are over 1,200 known ice caves in the Austrian Alps; the largest is Eisriesenwelt. The giant and beautiful ice formations in the caves attract casual visitors and scientists from all over the world. _____ many of the caves which had perennial ice now completely melt during the summer due to global warming.</p>	<p>2. Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?</p> <p>A. Consequently, B. Accordingly, C. Therefore, D. Unfortunately,</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>Anyone interested in a career in business needs superior communications skills. The ability to articulate ideas with precision to colleagues and convey plans with clarity is crucial to ensure efficient and timely completion of tasks. Additionally, these skills are instrumental in presenting _____ proposals to prospective clients and investors.</p>	<p>3. Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?</p> <p>A. charismatic B. irresistible C. attractive D. fascinating</p>

4.

Text 1

In his review of *The Great Gatsby*, critic H.L. Mencken described the novel as “easy and excellent reading.” However, Mencken also criticized the book, saying that the character of Gatsby was not believable and that the novel suffered from a lack of unity.

Text 2

Despite *The Great Gatsby's* mixed reception, renowned literary critic Gilbert Seldes argued that Gatsby's larger-than-life personality and his unrealistic dreams are precisely what make him an intriguing and tragic character. Seldes went on to assert that the novel's disjointed structure was an intentional reflection of the fragmented and chaotic nature of the Jazz Age.

4. Which choice best describes a difference in how Mencken and Seldes view *The Great Gatsby*?

- A. While Mencken agrees with Seldes about the novel's lack of unity, he does not believe this is a strength of the story.
- B. Mencken indicates that the praise surrounding *The Great Gatsby* is unwarranted because the novel is fundamentally flawed, while Seldes views the novel as a masterpiece.
- C. Only Seldes believes *The Great Gatsby* came across as disjointed or chaotic.
- D. Unlike Seldes, Mencken did not find the main character charismatic, which Mencken believes negatively impacted the novel.

5.

In the 1889 poem “Transfiguration,” Louisa May Alcott reflects on the death of her mother, depicting the contrast of joy in the face of grief: _____

5. Which quotation from “Transfiguration” most effectively illustrates the claim?

- A. “Mysterious death! who in a single hour / Life's gold can so refine / And by thy art divine / Change mortal weakness to immortal power!”
- B. “But ere the sense of loss our hearts had wrung/ A miracle was wrought; / and swift as happy thought / She lived again - brave, beautiful, and young.”
- C. “The past years brought their harvest rich and fair; / While memory and love, / Together, fondly wove / A golden garland for the silver hair.”
- D. “The great deep heart that was a home for all- / Just, eloquent, and strong / In protest against wrong; / Wide charity, that knew no sin, no fall;”

6.

Nearly a quarter of the total CO₂ emissions are absorbed by the Earth's oceans every year. Despite being the second-smallest ocean, the Southern Ocean has absorbed almost 40 percent of the CO₂ emissions created by humans. The University of Colorado Boulder research team analyzed over one million surface ocean observations spanning 13 years, revealing subtle differences between CO₂ trends in the atmosphere and the surface ocean. Their findings indicated that during winter, CO₂ absorption was particularly significant near the frigid Drake Passage. Although the researchers aren't sure of the exact reason why the Southern Ocean serves as an effective CO₂ emissions "sponge," they have concluded _____

6. Which choice most logically completes the text?

- A. there is insufficient data to make any reasonable assumptions.
- B. The Southern Ocean likely only absorbs CO₂ emissions during the winter.
- C. The Southern Ocean is just as efficient at absorbing CO₂ emissions compared to other oceans, but the size increases its impact.
- D. The colder temperatures contribute to higher CO₂ absorption rates.