

SAT Reading and Writing

Week 6

<p>1.</p> <p>In the Declaration of Independence, the phrase ‘pursuit of happiness’ encapsulates a core American ideal. This concept was not merely about personal joy but implied a deeper, more _____ kind of fulfillment. It suggested that true happiness comes from the freedom to pursue one’s life goals, the liberty to make choices without undue restraint, and the opportunity to seek prosperity and success in a fair and just society.</p>	<p>1. Which choice best completes the passage with the most logical and precise word?</p> <p>A) ephemeral B) material C) superficial D) existential</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Great Barrier Reef is one of the world’s most vital marine ecosystems.• It is located off the coast of Queensland, Australia, and is the largest coral reef system.• The reef supports a wide variety of marine life, including endangered species.• Climate change, particularly ocean warming and acidification, poses a significant threat to the reef.• Conservation efforts are underway, focusing on reducing pollution and mitigating climate change impacts.	<p>2. The student wants to present the significance of the Great Barrier Reef. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?</p> <p>A) The Great Barrier Reef, located off Queensland, is the largest coral reef and home to diverse marine life. B) The Great Barrier Reef, a crucial marine ecosystem, faces threats from climate change, highlighting the need for conservation efforts. C) While the reef supports various marine species, its significance is overshadowed by the larger environmental issues like ocean warming. D) Conservation efforts for the reef primarily focus on reducing pollution, with minimal emphasis on climate change impacts.</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>The Louisiana Purchase in 1803 nearly doubled the size of the United States, spurring westward migration and cultivating a hearty spirit of American expansionism. However, this vast territorial acquisition did not instantly lead to a boom in population growth. The region’s inhospitable land, isolated locations, and lack of infrastructure made it challenging for settlers to establish new communities. To entice settlers, the government initiated several land grants and homesteading laws. Over time, these policies led to increased population growth and economic development in the region. These observations may suggest that _____</p>	<p>3. Which choice most logically completes the text?</p> <p>A) American expansionism was born out of the Louisiana Purchase. B) The government’s role was primarily in the acquisition, not the development, of newly acquired territories. C) The settlers were unprepared for the challenges presented by the new territories. D) In the early stages of westward expansion, government incentives were a significant driver of population growth and economic development.</p>

<p>4.</p> <p>In the 19th century, the development of the railroad system _____ a significant impact on the American economy, leading to increased trade and industrial growth.</p>	<p>4. Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?</p> <p>A) had B) having C) have D) will have</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>The Kessler Syndrome, a hypothetical scenario proposed by Donald J. Kessler in 1978, suggests that the increasing density of space debris in low Earth orbit could lead to a cascading effect, where collisions create more debris, making further collisions more likely. If left unchecked, this phenomenon may eventually make certain orbital regions unusable, posing a serious threat to _____.</p>	<p>5. Which choice most logically completes the text?</p> <p>A) deep space exploration missions targeting distant galaxies B) the development of advanced propulsion systems for interstellar travel C) satellites, space stations, and future space-based activities in low Earth orbit D) the search for habitable exoplanets in other solar systems</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>During the 19th century, the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood emerged as a group of artists who sought to challenge the artistic conventions of their time. They were inspired by the detailed realism and intense colors of the Quattrocento, an early period of Italian Renaissance art. The Pre-Raphaelites' rejection of the techniques taught by the Royal Academy of Arts indicates that they likely believed _____.</p>	<p>6. Which choice most logically completes the text?</p> <p>A) the Royal Academy of Arts was outdated and irrelevant B) the artistic principles endorsed by the Royal Academy of Arts stifled creativity and expression C) Italian Renaissance art was superior to all other forms of art D) art should only be created by a select few</p>