

Developing Topics

Question 1 .

(1) Angelina Jolie, a well-known American actress, has made incredible efforts to help refugees of unstable countries. (2) Ms. Jolie has worked in refugee camps, donated large sums of money, and spoken to political officials regarding the problems that refugees face. (3) Angelina is a dedicated member of the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees (UNHCR). (4) She has donated millions of dollars to fund organizations that shelter and rehabilitate refugees. (5) Besides working in the field with other UNHCR staff, Ms. Jolie has become active in the political arena. (6) Angelina Jolie's humanitarian acts and campaigns have raised awareness of the appalling circumstances refugees around the world are forced to confront.

Which sentence could **best** be added after sentence 5?

(5) Besides working in the field with other UNHCR staff, Ms. Jolie has become active in the political arena.

- ☐ A. While filming the movie *Tomb Raider* in Cambodia, in the year 2000, she became motivated to start her humanitarian work so she contacted the UNHCR.
- ☐ B. She wrote about many of her encounters with refugees in a book called *Notes from My Travels: Visits with Refugees in Africa, Cambodia, Pakistan and Ecuador*.
- ☐ C. Recently, she has been nominated for an Oscar Award for Best Actress for her role in her latest movie, *Changeling*, which was directed by Clint Eastwood.
- ☐ D. She has spoken about humanitarian issues in meetings with many political leaders, including the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Question 2 .

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Which sentence **best** supports the idea that Sacha and Randy did well at organizing the family vacation?

- ☐ A. (6) Next, Sacha and Randy had to choose a vacation spot.
- ☐ B. (3) The first factor they had to consider was how much members of the family could afford to spend on a vacation.
- ☐ C. (14) Sacha and Randy are very relieved that everyone is satisfied with the trip they planned.
- ☐ D. (8) With a location in mind, the choice of activities became narrowed down.

Question 3 .

Which sentence **best** supports the statement below?

My grandmother was a talented cook.

- ☐ A. She loved to make all kinds of desserts, such as apple pie, chocolate cake, butterscotch pudding, and cheesecake.
- ☐ B. My grandfather was thin, even though he never went without a hearty meal while married to my grandmother.
- ☐ C. People would wait in line for hours to eat the food she prepared at a restaurant in Paducah, Kentucky, her hometown.
- ☐ D. My grandmother's favorite food to prepare from scratch and to consume slowly was chicken and dumplings.

Question 4 .

(1) Adrian's mom, Beth, and I get along extremely well. (2) We share similar interests such as reading, kickboxing, and shopping. (3) We both like to shop for bargains. (4) Also, we have such a great time in our kickboxing class. (5) Beth has been showing me ways to improve my technique. (6) As fate would have it, we even share the same favorite author, Nora Brown.

Which sentence could **best** be added after sentence 6?

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- ☐ A. I should invite Adrian to come with us to the next book club meeting on Friday.
- ☐ B. I have read every single one of the Nora Brown novels at the local public library.
- ☐ C. One of my other favorite authors is Science Fiction writer Michael Crichton.
- ☐ D. Each time one of us finishes a Nora Brown novel, we loan it to the other.

Question 5 .

(1) The Pew Oceans Commission noted that high-tech fishing practices are depleting the numbers of fish within many prime species. (2) Also, high-tech practices produce wasteful by-catch (catching species that are not the target) and destroy breeding grounds for fish. (3) Another problem associated with the highly efficient methods used by industrial fishing fleets is that the large catches create an ample supply for the market, which in turn decreases the value of the fish. (4) The lower market value of the fish causes a profit loss for all, big business and local fishermen alike. (5) The decrease in value of the fish leads to the fishing companies' need to catch more fish to sell, which fuels a vicious cycle.

Which of the following would be the **best** thesis to go along with the supporting statements given in the paragraph?

- ☐ A. Around the world, people still use traditional, relatively low-tech approaches like nets for fishing.
- ☐ B. People who fish recreationally and competitively are drastically diminishing the ocean's supply of fish.
- ☐ C. One way consumers can help stop overfishing is to eat fish that are not in danger of being overfished.
- ☐ D. Overfishing by big industries has created serious problems for fish and everyone in the fishing industry.

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Which statement from the paragraph **best** supports the idea that non-industrial fishermen suffer from the effects of overfishing?

- ☐ A. (1) *The Pew Oceans Commission noted that high-tech fishing practices are depleting the numbers of fish within many prime species.*
- ☐ B. (4) *The lower market value of the fish causes a profit loss for all, big business and local fishermen alike.*
- ☐ C. (5) *The decrease in value of the fish leads to the fishing companies' need to catch more fish to sell, which fuels a vicious cycle.*
- ☐ D. (2) *Also, high-tech practices produce wasteful by-catch (catching species that are not the target) and destroy breeding grounds for fish.*

Question 7 .

(1) Technology has greatly increased our knowledge of the vast ocean. (2) Advances in boats, submersibles, diving equipment, and observation tools have made researching the ocean much more effective. (3) Ships equipped with computers, sensors, and the means to launch and retrieve submersibles and other observation tools are used as research platforms. (4) The U.S. naval ship Relentless was transformed into a research vessel named Gunter by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(5) The invention of submersibles has contributed significantly to the acquisition of new information about the ocean. (6) Manned and remotely operated submersibles make it possible to explore the ocean floor, collect samples, and discover new ecosystems. (7) Submersibles have the ability to withstand the extreme temperature and dangerous pressure at depths below 2,000 meters.

Which sentence provides evidence that **best** supports the main idea of the second paragraph?

- ☐ A. Greek scholars believed that the ocean floor should look like the land above sea level, which is not completely false.
- ☐ B. Although sailors can use sonar to monitor what lies below the water, they probably still get nervous about underwater landforms.
- ☐ C. One data point mapped by acoustic echo sounding does not give scientists a lot of information about such an expansive ocean.
- ☐ D. The first hydrothermal vents in the Pacific Ocean were discovered in 1977 by researchers using a submersible called *Alvin*.

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Which sentence could **best** be added after sentence 3?

(3) We both like to shop for bargains.

- ☐ A. One of my favorite hobbies is solving crossword puzzles in the newspaper.
- ☐ B. We spent an entire day going from one neighborhood yard sale to the next.
- ☐ C. I've always wanted to go shopping for the trend-setting fashions in Paris.
- ☐ D. Another good friend of mine just went snow skiing at a resort in Colorado.


Question 9 .


Directions: Select the correct answer from each drop-down menu.

Walter wants to add relevant details and a quotation to his paper. Which of the following is the **best** choice?

Tidal Power

Renewable energies harness power from natural resources. These technologies are useful because natural resources, such as sunlight and wind, continually replenish over time. Solar panels and wind turbines are examples of renewable energy sources. Tidal power is another lesser-known renewable energy source that harnesses power from ocean tides. The tides occur based on the location and movement of the Moon around the Earth. Because the Moon and the oceans are constants, people can use energy from tides indefinitely. As with other renewable energies, tidal power is a promising future energy source.

A tidal power plant  With wind power the wind rotates a turbine to produce electricity, whereas with tidal power water rotates a turbine to produce electricity. Other than the installation and occasional maintenance, tidal turbines can produce abundant amounts of energy from ocean tides. Local governments and companies have teamed together to install tidal turbines. A group of these tidal turbines can power entire towns.

Before governments or companies install tidal turbines, the local tides and geography must be studied extensively. Not every coastal region experiences tides large and powerful enough to warrant building tidal turbines. Nevertheless, numerous regions around the world have the tides and geography suitable for this fascinating power source. For example, areas of Canada, Western Europe, and Australia have large tides where tidal power stations could harness energy and create electricity.  said Brian Polagye, a mechanical engineer.

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Which sentence could **best** be added after sentence 4?

(4) She has donated millions of dollars to fund organizations that shelter and rehabilitate refugees.

- ☐ A. Angelina has received many awards including the Citizen of the World Award in 2003, and in 2005 she was awarded the Global Humanitarian Award, as well as Cambodian citizenship.
- ☐ B. Angelina Jolie was named as a UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador in 2001 and has visited over twenty countries worldwide to bring attention to refugees and advocate for their protection.
- ☐ C. Angelina contributed \$1 million to help Afghan refugees, \$200,000 to UNHCR's work in Kenya in 2002, and she and her partner, Brad Pitt, donated \$1 million to the UNHCR in 2007.
- ☐ D. Angelina encourages refugees to use their skills such as sewing, baking, hairdressing, etc. to contribute to their local economies and to integrate into their new surroundings.

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Which sentence **best** supports the idea that Sacha considered the family's budget when she and Randy planned the vacation?

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- ☐ B. (13) Everyone is excited about the river trip scheduled for next month.
- ☐ C. (14) Sacha and Randy are very relieved that everyone is satisfied with the trip they planned.
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Before governments or companies install tidal turbines, the local tides and geography must be studied extensively. Not every coastal region experiences tides large and powerful enough to warrant building tidal turbines. Nevertheless, numerous regions around the world have the tides and geography suitable for this fascinating power source. For example, areas of Canada, Western Europe, and Australia have large tides where tidal power stations could harness energy and create electricity.

Directions: Drag each tile to the correct box.

The author wants to add a fourth paragraph about tidal power plants. Her topic sentence is written below.

The world's oldest operating tidal power plant, completed in 1966, is on the estuary of the Rance River in Brittany, France.

Place the paragraph's supporting ideas in the correct order.

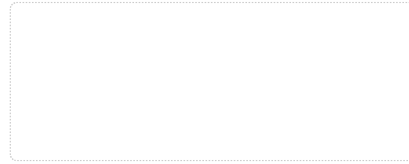

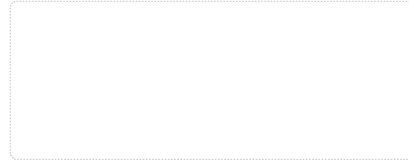
With the help of ten 25.4MW submerged bulb turbines placed along a seawall, Sihwa's output is 254MW.

That is enough to power about 130,000 French homes per year.

Another significant plant, located in Korea, is home to the largest tidal power plant in the world, the Sihwa Lake Station.

The La Rance plant also happens to provide the second highest output capacity in the world, which is 240MW (megawatts).

This location offers the largest tidal range in France—at 8.2 meters, that is nearly 27 feet!



Question 13 .

(1) Technology has greatly increased our knowledge of the vast ocean. (2) Advances in boats, submersibles, diving equipment, and observation tools have made researching the ocean much more effective. (3) Ships equipped with computers, sensors, and the means to launch and retrieve submersibles and other observation tools are used as research platforms. (4) The U.S. naval ship *Relentless* was transformed into a research vessel named *Gunter* by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Which of the following is a supporting statement that could **best** be added after sentence 4?

(4) The U.S. naval ship *Relentless* was transformed into a research vessel named *Gunter* by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

- ☐ A. Modifications to the ship included several labs, as well as a seawater sampling system, and an instrument for measuring surface seawater temperature, salinity, and radiation.
- ☐ B. Instruments such as satellites provide us with information about weather conditions and coordinates to help researchers navigate through the ocean's vast waters.
- ☐ C. Scuba, the acronym for self-contained underwater breathing apparatus, makes it possible for divers to stay underwater for longer periods of time and to go deeper than what is possible without it.
- ☐ D. New non-invasive technology has allowed scientists to investigate the ocean without harming the natural environment, such as kelp beds where a variety of animals live.

Question 14 .

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Which sentence in the passage **best** supports the idea that Angelina Jolie is a generous and wealthy person?

- ☐ A. Sentence 1
- ☐ B. Sentence 5
- ☐ C. Sentence 3
- ☐ D. Sentence 4

Question 15 .**The Importance of Studying Popular Culture**

Popular culture today serves two main purposes: to entertain and to inform. Various forms of art, such as literature, film, painting, and so on, are created mostly for entertainment. However, we tend to deconstruct them to unmask deeper levels of meanings within the works of art itself.

One important reason for studying popular culture is that it helps us explore moral and philosophical questions. For instance, while reading a book, we often connect with a certain character. We can pinpoint specific traits, or even situations, that we share with the character. This similarity helps us analyze the character in more depth and, in turn, understand a part of ourselves in the process.

Another benefit of understanding popular culture is that it offers an insight into the construct of "culture." Different societies or countries have different cultures. Language, traditions, food, clothing, and even rules differ from place to place. When we analyze a film or a novel from another part of the world, it helps us understand how those people view subjects like religion and love.

Directions: Drag each tile to the correct box.

The author wants to add a fourth paragraph about the benefits of exploring other cultures. His topic sentence is written below.

When we open ourselves up to other cultures, there will be wonderful benefits on both a personal level and societal level.

Place the paragraph's supporting ideas in the correct order.

Let's face it, popular culture can get old and stale—we know that culture will change, but the question is where that change will come from.

An excellent source of fresh, invigorating ideas will present themselves when we familiarize ourselves with "foreign" cultures.

In the end, this "melting pot" of cultures makes for strong, colorful, and lively expressions of culture that are unique on the world scene.

Thus, new trends in pop culture might derive from a mix of the old and familiar with elements of the new and unfamiliar.



Question 16 .

Which sentence **best** supports the statement below?

Dave, a huge fan of piano music, would have really enjoyed the concert on Friday night.

- ☐ A. Even though the tickets were expensive, every seat in the grand concert hall was occupied.
- ☐ B. The famous pianist played every note of Dave's favorite song with zeal and perfection.
- ☐ C. The flute soloist received a standing ovation at the end of her passionate performance.
- ☐ D. Dave's ex-girlfriend, Sandy, and her new boyfriend, Joe, sat directly two rows in front of us.

Question 17 .

Directions: Select the correct answer from each drop-down menu.

Holly wants to add relevant details and a quotation to her paper. Which of the following is the **best** choice?

Two-Party System

In the United States, the political system has two dominant parties—the Democrats and the Republicans—and this makes it a "two-party system." The vast majority of elected U.S. politicians are either a Democrat or a Republican. Although third parties occasionally try to run against these two parties, no third party can compete against the funding and manpower owned by the Democrats and Republicans.

Interestingly, as George Washington retired from the U.S. presidency in 1796, he suggested that Washington feared that political parties could have a lasting negative impact on U.S. society. Washington believed that political parties were risky because these organizations could pose a threat to personal freedoms. According to historian Brooks Banner, "Washington Nevertheless, shortly after Washington left office, political parties became a dominant fixture in U.S. politics and remain so to this day.

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Which sentence **best** supports the idea that Randy and Sacha considered the whole family's convenience when deciding on a location?

- ☐ A. (9) Randy thought it would be a good idea to rent a large houseboat to accommodate the entire family in Arkansas for a week.
- ☐ B. (7) Since most of the relatives live in Indiana, and Sacha and Randy live in Texas, they had to choose a centralized meeting place.
- ☐ C. (4) Once they set a budget, they had to think about what the relatives like to do.
- ☐ D. (12) Randy advised Sacha to make a reservation, while he contacted the rest of the family to let them know the vacation plan.

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Which sentence **best** supports the idea that renting a houseboat for a week would be something that Randy and Sacha's whole family would like to do?

- ☐ A. (3) The first factor they had to consider was how much members of the family could afford to spend on a vacation.
- ☐ B. (5) All of them enjoy spending time in nature, and most of them love water-related activities, such as fishing and swimming.
- ☐ C. (1) Sacha and Randy were in charge of organizing a vacation for the whole family.
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Which sentence could **best** be added after sentence 3?

(3) Angelina is a dedicated member of the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees (UNHCR).

- ☐ A. She and her life partner, Brad Pitt, handed out Christmas presents on December 25, 2006, to Colombian children at a refugee camp in Costa Rica. Copyright © 2018 Edmentum - All rights reserved.
- ☐ B. She has traveled the world with the UNHCR helping refugees by building shelters, distributing food and supplies, and listening to their needs.
- ☐ C. She has stated that she should learn from the spirited girls of the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, who strongly desire to have an education.
- ☐ D. She visited Myanmar refugees in camps located in northern Thailand in order to convince the Thai government to allow them more freedom of movement.

Answers

1. D
2. C
3. C
4. D
5. D
6. B
7. D
8. B
9. --
10. C
11. A
12. --
13. A
14. D
15. --
16. B
17. --
18. B
19. B
20. B

Explanations

1. Sentence 5 states that in addition to Angelina Jolie's work with the UNHCR, she has become politically active. The sentence in the correct answer choice gives more detail about Angelina Jolie's political actions.
2. Sentence 14 states that Sacha and Randy are relieved that everyone is satisfied with the trip they planned. The statement that everyone is satisfied indicates that Sacha and Randy planned a good vacation for their family.
3. The statement that people were willing to wait in line for hours to eat the food the grandmother made supports the idea that she was a talented cook.
4. The entire paragraph is about how well Adrian's mom, Beth, and the narrator get along. The correct answer choice supports the main idea that Beth and the narrator get along well. It also supports the statement in sentence 6 that Nora Brown is their favorite author.
5. The evidence in the paragraph supports the statement that big industries are the ones creating problems by overfishing. Supporting details in the paragraph state that fish populations are being harmed and the fishing industry itself is being harmed.
6. Sentence 4 clearly states that local fishermen are experiencing a loss in profit due to the decreased market value of fish, which is caused by overfishing.
7. The main idea of the second paragraph is that submersibles have helped humans gain new information about the ocean's depths. The sentence in the correct answer choice gives a specific detail of how a submersible has been used to make an important ocean discovery.
8. The entire paragraph is about how well Adrian's mom, Beth, and the narrator get along. The correct answer choice supports the main idea that Beth and the narrator get along well. It also supports the statement in sentence 3 that they both like to shop for bargains.
9. The first drop-down menu should read "is more reliable than a wind turbine, albeit similar in function." This detail about tidal power plants best complements the paragraph.
The second drop-down menu should read "As the technology improves, more regions will use tidal power," This quotation expands on and validates the points the author makes in the passage.
10. Sentence 4 states that Angelina has donated millions of dollars to help refugees. The sentence in the correct answer choice gives details about the money Angelina Jolie has donated.
11. Sentence 11 states that Sacha found a rental for a price that would be very affordable when divided among the family members. This indicates that she was aware of how much the rental would cost each individual.
12. The supporting ideas that best support the new topic sentence should go in this order:
 1. This location offers the largest tidal range in France—at 8.2 meters, that is nearly 27 feet!
 2. The La Rance plant also happens to provide the second highest output capacity in the world, which is 240MW (megawatts).
 3. That is enough to power about 130,000 French homes per year.
 4. South Korea is home to the largest tidal power plant in the world, the Sihwa Lake Station.
 5. With the help of ten 25.4MW submerged bulb turbines placed along a seawall, Sihwa's output is 254MW.

13. Sentence 4 is telling about a ship that has been modified to do ocean research. The sentence in the correct answer choice gives supporting details about how the ship has been equipped for research.
14. Sentence 4 clearly states that Angelina Jolie has donated millions of dollars. This sentence best supports the idea that Angelina Jolie is a generous and wealthy person.
15. There are four supporting ideas that best support the new topic sentence in this order:
1. Let's face it, popular culture can get old and stale—we know that culture will change, but the question is where that change will come from.
 2. An excellent source of fresh, invigorating ideas will present themselves when we familiarize ourselves with "foreign" cultures.
 3. Thus, new trends in pop culture might derive from a mix of the old and familiar with elements of the new and unfamiliar.
 4. In the end, this "melting pot" of cultures makes for strong, colorful, and lively expressions of culture that are unique on the world scene.
16. The sentence about the pianist playing Dave's favorite song with zeal and perfection supports the statement that Dave, who is a fan of piano music, would have enjoyed the concert.
17. The first drop-down menu should read "he suggested that maintaining a two-party system could do more harm than good." This detail about Washington's feelings regarding the two-party system is most relevant to the passage.
The second drop-down menu should read "'Washington feared that the two-party system would be no better than a dictatorship.'" This quotation expands on and validates the points the author makes about Washington's reluctance to maintain the two-party system in the passage.
18. Sentence 7 states that Sacha and Randy had to choose a centralized location. This statement means that they were planning for everyone to meet in the middle of where all of the relatives lived.
19. Sentence 5 states that all of them like the outdoors and most of them like doing water activities like fishing and swimming. Renting a houseboat would involve being in nature and give the family an opportunity to fish and swim.
20. The sentence in the correct answer choice specifically tells about Angelina's involvement with the UNHCR and best supports the statement in sentence 3 that Angelina Jolie is a dedicated member of the UNHCR.