

27. A student is writing an informative essay about cryptozoology. Read the paragraph from the essay and answer the question that follows.

- 1) Cryptozoologists are open-minded but skeptical about their findings.
- 2) Advancements in technology have allowed them to confirm many biological discoveries while debunking others.
- 3) The broadening field of biological science has also made use of DNA research to differentiate between documented sightings and the factual existence of cryptids.

After doing more research, the student wants to add the following sentence to the paragraph:

“To be a cryptozoologist, you have to have your feet firmly planted in biological data while embracing the belief that the fantastical can be a real thing in nature.”

Where would the sentence best be added to provide specific support?

- A. before sentence 1
- B. after sentence 1
- C. before sentence 3
- D. after sentence 3

28. Makayla is a tenth-grade student interested in designing her schedule and college plans around a career path that would provide employment quickly after college graduation. She has started using the Internet to research “getting a job after graduation.” Her teacher suggests asking a question as a search strategy in order to conduct a more relevant search. What is the most effective research question to meet Makayla’s needs?

- A. “What businesses in my community are currently hiring?”
- B. “What medical careers are most in need of college graduates?”
- C. “What careers will be most in demand within the next ten years?”
- D. “What college degrees are most popular with high school seniors?”

29. A student has written a report about scientists' discussions on whether dinosaurs were warm-blooded or cold-blooded. Read the report and answer the question that follows.

- 1) When scientists began studying dinosaurs over 200 years ago, they assumed that dinosaurs were ectothermic, or cold-blooded, creatures.
- 2) This view prevailed until recently, but today some "revisionist scientists" contend that dinosaurs were endothermic, or warm-blooded, creatures.
- 3) The scientists on each side of the argument focus on two main factors to support their view: the body structure of the dinosaurs and the environment in which they lived for millions of years.
- 4) The scientists who contend that dinosaurs were ectothermic point to the bone structures seen in dinosaur fossils: dinosaurs' bone structures are like those of many reptiles, and reptiles are, of course, cold-blooded.
- 5) *Moreover*, revisionist scientists point out, modern birds display bone structures which suggest they have descended from dinosaurs, and birds are warm-blooded.

The student wants to replace the transition word at the beginning of sentence 5 to more logically connect the ideas expressed in sentences 4 and 5. Which transition words or phrases would achieve this goal? Select all that apply.

- A. However
- B. Therefore
- C. Furthermore
- D. Besides which
- E. On the other hand

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30. The following question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

**Part A**

Eduardo, a sophomore, has written a letter to the school board requesting they purchase new uniforms for the high school band. Read Eduardo's letter. Within the paragraph, select the word or phrase that maintains a style and tone appropriate for his audience.

Dear Board of Education:

I am writing to request your assistance in purchasing new band uniforms for the high school. I am a drum major and this letter represents the feelings of the high school band.

We have had the current uniforms for over ten years, and they are beginning to show wear. It's not fair that the cheerleaders get new uniforms every year. Part of our performance is based on how our uniforms look on the field. Did you know that our score in competitions is partially based on \_\_\_\_\_? If we had new band uniforms,

- how we look
- style and artistry
- flashiness

we would definitely have a chance to score better and bring home more awards.

I am grateful for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Eduardo

**Part B**

Eduardo has rewritten his letter to the school board to make his word choice more suitable for his audience. He has asked you to reread his letter before he sends it. Which sentence should be omitted to strengthen the organization and fluency of his writing?

- A. "I am a drum major and this letter represents the feelings of the high school band."
- B. "It's not fair that the cheerleaders get new uniforms every year."
- C. "Part of our performance is based on how our uniforms look on the field."
- D. "If we had new band uniforms, we would definitely have a chance to score better and bring home more awards."

31. A student has written an essay about cryptozoology. Read the draft of a paragraph from the essay.

It deals in relict hominoids, surviving species of an otherwise extinct group, and mythical creatures. Cryptozoologists spend their lives investigating claims of fantastical sightings and making remarkable discoveries.

Which of these would be the best introductory sentence for the paragraph?

- A. Cryptids present observers with ample information to study species that are rumored to be alive.
- B. The study of animals that currently do not exist but are thought to be real is called cryptozoology.
- C. Have you ever wanted to take a selfie with a Yeti, go deep-sea diving with a mermaid, or hold hands with a Chupacabra?
- D. The first grouping includes animals that have been rediscovered in nature such as the gorilla, giant squid, okapi, and Komodo dragon.

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32. Read the paragraph and select the best transition word to connect the ideas in the paragraph.

Maya was nervous upon waking up. Today was her sixteenth birthday, and her older brother had promised to take her to get her driver's license. As she rolled out of bed, she yelled his name. \_\_\_\_\_, he didn't

- Moreover
- Furthermore
- Nevertheless
- Unfortunately

answer. "Great," thought Maya, "he's not here. How will I ever get to the license bureau?"

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10. Read the paragraph and select the best transition word to complete the sentence.

The job is a                     

After two nervous days waiting for the results of the test, the doctor finally called. He told her that she had a                      condition. She was relieved to hear that because she had been worried about the possibility of a more serious illness.

- a) surprise
- b) surprise
- c) relief
- d) relief

11. Read the paragraph and select the best transition word to complete the sentence.