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20 practice questions modeled on the November 7, 2026 SAT

10 Reading and Writing, 10 Math. A mix of easy, medium and hard.

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What was on this test

What students told us about the November 7, 2026 SAT.

- Reading was harder than Math. Lots of students ran out of time in Reading Module 2.
- Vocab questions often had two choices with almost the same meaning. Pick the one with the right feeling. Careful with money in a good way is frugal. Stingy is an insult.
- Graph and table questions compared two models. The right answer used numbers from both models. A choice about only one model was wrong, even with correct numbers.
- Math felt easy until the last few questions. Those had a box-shaped prism, parallel lines and a shifted table.
- The prism question gave you four sides added together. Divide by 4 to get one side before you do anything else.
- Mixture questions got easier when you wrote the ratio as a fraction first. Then set up one equation for the total.

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1 READING AND WRITING · HARD

In an 1897 essay, critic Harriet Lyle Vance argued that the neglect of the American storyteller Josiah Renwick stemmed less from any weakness in his tales than from their strangeness to the readers who should have treasured them. A writer who fashions something genuinely original, she observed, even from the plain cedar of his own county, discovers that no one can describe what he has made, because the creation has no established name. Renwick, in her account, was entirely a product of his native region. His countrymen, encountering in his pages a portrait of themselves they had never paused to examine, regarded him first with astonishment and afterward with suspicion, since nothing is more difficult to recognize than what lies immediately before us.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A Vance claims that Renwick's readers rejected his tales because his unconventional style departed from the literary fashions that were then dominant among critics and publishers.

B Vance contends that Renwick went unappreciated because his work was unprecedented and because it mirrored traits of his countrymen too familiar to them to be understood.

C Vance suggests that Renwick's audience found his vocabulary and regional expressions so obscure that most of his tales could not be followed without commentary.

D Vance argues that Renwick deliberately concealed his American origins from readers, which caused them to distrust tales that otherwise depicted their own communities.

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2 READING AND WRITING · HARD

Fossil deposits on the Caribbean island of Isla Verde contain the remains of several extinct lizard species that were considerably larger than any lizard living on the island today. Early researchers assumed that these giants were simply oversized ancestors of the island's modern species. A recent analysis by herpetologist Tomas Arriaga, however, compared skeletal features of the fossils with those of present-day species and found that the giants share a set of distinctive skull characteristics with a group of lizards inhabiting distant mainland coastlines. The giants also lack the characteristics that unite the modern Isla Verde species, which suggests that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A the modern lizards of Isla Verde descended from the giant species after those species gradually decreased in size over many generations.

B few, if any, of the giant species belonged to the lineage that includes the lizard species currently living on Isla Verde.

C the giant species reached Isla Verde from the mainland more recently than did the ancestors of the island's modern species.

D the skull traits shared by the giants and the mainland lizards evolved independently as an adaptation to large body size.

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3 READING AND WRITING · HARD

Economist Priya Natarajan studied 600 consumer-goods startups to determine which business decisions best predicted whether a company would survive its first five years. She found that pricing strategy, though hardly _____ a firm's survival, was a weaker predictor of success than the breadth of a firm's retail distribution, which accounted for considerably more of the variation in outcomes.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A decisive for

B derived from

C exclusive to

D irrelevant to

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4 READING AND WRITING · HARD

Historians have long debated how the earliest horse herders of the Central Asian steppe organized their seasonal migrations across enormous expanses of grassland. Progress on the question has been remarkably slow, however, because of a _____ of written documentation: the herders themselves produced no permanent records, and the few contemporary accounts composed by outside observers are fragmentary, secondhand, and frequently contradictory.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

A surplus

B paucity

C dissonance

D breadth

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5 READING AND WRITING · HARD

A language isolate is a language with no demonstrable genealogical relationship to any other living language, and North America's Pacific Northwest contains an unusually dense concentration of them. Linguist Hannah Oduya observes that many isolates may originally have belonged to extensive families whose other members disappeared, frequently together with the communities that spoke them. In such circumstances, a solitary surviving branch would now appear entirely unrelated to the languages surrounding it. If Oduya is correct, the contemporary classification of the region's languages into isolates and members of established families _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A indicates that the isolates developed in complete separation from neighboring languages over the entire history of the region.

B shows that the region's isolates were spoken by larger communities than were the languages belonging to established families.

C suggests that the region's isolates will eventually be grouped into a single family once additional living speakers are recorded.

D reflects which related languages happened to survive rather than a difference that would have been apparent in the region's distant past.

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6 READING AND WRITING · HARD

Chambered nautiluses near the Philippines lay their eggs at depths of about 180 meters, whereas nautiluses near Palau lay theirs at depths of about 110 meters. Because ocean water generally gets colder as depth increases, a marine biology student concludes that the Philippine nautiluses must lay their eggs in colder water than the Palau nautiluses do. The student therefore argues that nautiluses do not need warm water when choosing where to lay their eggs, a conclusion that rests only on comparing depths at two separate places without measuring the water's temperature at either one.

Which finding, if true, would most directly weaken the student's conclusion?

A Nautilus eggs take nearly a year to hatch at both sites, regardless of the depth at which the eggs are deposited.

B Water temperature near the Philippines decreases steadily with depth, falling by about one degree every 20 meters.

C At any given depth, water near the Philippines is several degrees warmer than water near Palau, so the two egg-laying sites are similar in temperature.

D Nautiluses near Palau have been observed descending well below 110 meters while foraging for food during daylight hours.

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7 READING AND WRITING · HARD

Bumblebees accumulate a positive electrical charge as they fly, whereas flowers typically carry a negative charge, and pollen can transfer from a flower to an approaching bee once the difference between their charges exceeds a particular threshold. Ecologist Ruth Akande measured the electrical charges of three flowering species visited by the same population of foraging bees. The first two species carried charges sufficiently powerful to exceed the threshold whenever a bee approached, and pollen transfer was consistently documented for both. The third species, however, carried a charge approximately half as strong as the weaker of the other two, which suggests that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A the third species must carry a positive charge rather than the negative charge typical of flowers.

B pollen from the third species transfers to bees more readily than pollen from the first two species does.

C pollen from the third species may not readily transfer to approaching bees through electric attraction alone.

D bees likely avoid visiting the third species because they can detect that its charge is relatively weak.

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8 READING AND WRITING · HARD

Text 1

In most temperate-zone songbirds, song is considered a predominantly male activity. Males sing to defend breeding territories and to attract potential mates throughout the spring. Ornithologists working in North America and Europe have traditionally regarded female singing in these species as rare and biologically insignificant, treating it as an occasional anomaly rather than as a regular component of the birds' behavior.

Text 2

Recordings made by ornithologist Kalinda Brooks across 40 temperate species demonstrate that females sing in more than half of them, often in brief, quiet bouts that earlier observers probably overlooked. Brooks acknowledges that females still sing less frequently than males in nearly every species she studied. Nevertheless, she argues that female song is a widespread and regular component of temperate songbird behavior.

Based on the texts, how would Brooks (Text 2) most likely respond to the characterization of female song in Text 1?

A By conceding that females sing less often than males while disputing the claim that female song is rare and insignificant in temperate species.

B Brooks would argue that females in temperate species sing at least as often as males do, though more quietly and in shorter bouts.

C She would likely contend that female song is common only in tropical species and that Text 1 is accurate about temperate ones.

D Accepting the characterization for North American species, she would reject it only for the European species in her recordings.

9 READING AND WRITING · HARD

Models that estimate how much carbon dioxide forests absorb typically divide the landscape into grid cells and assume that conditions are uniform within each cell. Ecologist Sanjay Mehra and colleagues compared estimates for the same mountain forest generated by a model using 1-square-kilometer cells and by a model using 25-square-kilometer cells. After analyzing the results, the researchers concluded that many widely used models, which rely on cells of 25 square kilometers or larger, are too coarse to capture important local variation in carbon uptake across complex terrain.

Estimated Annual Carbon Dioxide Uptake for Four Forest Zones (metric tons per hectare)

Forest zone	1 km2 model	25 km2 model
Ridge	3.1	6.4
Upper slope	5.8	6.4
Lower slope	8.9	6.4
Valley floor	7.6	6.4

Which choice most effectively uses data from the table to support the researchers' conclusion?

A The 1 km2 model estimated a higher uptake for the lower slope than for the valley floor, a difference of 1.3 metric tons per hectare.

B The 1 km2 model produced estimates ranging from 3.1 to 8.9 metric tons per hectare across the zones, whereas the 25 km2 model assigned all four zones the same value.

C Both models estimated that the upper slope absorbs between 5.8 and 6.4 metric tons per hectare, the closest agreement between the models for any zone.

D The 25 km2 model estimated a higher uptake for the ridge than the 1 km2 model did, with a difference of 3.3 metric tons per hectare.

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10 READING AND WRITING · MEDIUM

The following text is from a 1911 poem. The speaker is walking through a village churchyard and contemplating the farmers buried there.

Here lie the patient laborers whose calloused hands transformed the stubborn wilderness to cultivated fields, whose weathered names the slow, persistent rain has nearly obliterated from every leaning monument; they nurtured harvests for a generation they would never encounter, and they surrendered all the reaping to the prosperous community. The prosperous community has never thought to thank them once.

Which choice best describes the function of the final line in the text as a whole?

A It reveals that the speaker is personally related to the farmers who are buried in the churchyard.

B It expresses the speaker's resentment that the living have ignored the people who made their prosperity possible.

C It introduces a new setting by shifting the poem's focus from the churchyard to the nearby village streets.

D It explains the cause of the damage to the gravestones that the speaker described earlier in the poem.

11 MATH · HARD

A right rectangular prism has two congruent square bases and four congruent rectangular lateral faces. The sum of the areas of the four lateral faces is 4,588 square centimeters. The length of each edge of the prism, in centimeters, is an integer greater than 1, and the height of the prism is not equal to the side length of its base. Which of the following could be the volume, in cubic centimeters, of the prism?

A 4,588

B 40,145

C 42,439

D 1,315,609

12 MATH · HARD

In a figure, three parallel lines are crossed by a zigzag path, forming angles with measures w°, x°, y°, and z°. Based on the parallel lines, $w = x + y$ and $y + z = 180$. If $197 < x + y + z < 206$, which of the following could be the value of $w - y$?

I. 17

II. 23

A I only

B II only

C I and II

D Neither I nor II

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13 MATH · HARD

Values of y = f(x) - 5

x	y
14	-40
19	10
24	-40

The function f is a quadratic function. The table shows three values of x and their corresponding values of y, where $y = f(x) - 5$. What is the y-coordinate of the y-intercept of the graph of $y = f(x)$ in the xy-plane?

Write your answer:

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14 MATH · HARD

Points on Line ℓ

x	y
$\frac{10}{3}$	-12
$\frac{11}{3}$	-13
4	-14

The table shows three points on line ℓ in the xy-plane. The equation of line ℓ can be written in the form $ax + by = c$, where a, b, and c are constants and $a \neq 0$. What is the value of $\frac{b}{a}$?

Write your answer:

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15 MATH · HARD

$$x(kx - 60) = 20$$

In the given equation, k is an integer constant. If the equation has no real solutions, what is the greatest possible value of k?

Write your answer:

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16 MATH · HARD

In a circle, segments AC and BD are diameters. The length of minor arc AB is 3 times the length of minor arc AD, and the circumference of the circle is 160π. What is the length of minor arc BC?

A 20π

B 40π

C 60π

D 80π

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17 MATH · HARD

Two right triangles share a side to form a quadrilateral. In right triangle PQR, angle Q is a right angle, $PQ = QR = x$, and $x = \frac{97}{\sqrt{2}}$. Side PR is also the hypotenuse of right triangle PSR, in which angle S is a right angle and $\sin(\angle SPR) = \frac{1}{2}$. The length of SR is y. What is the value of y?

Write your answer:

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18 MATH · HARD

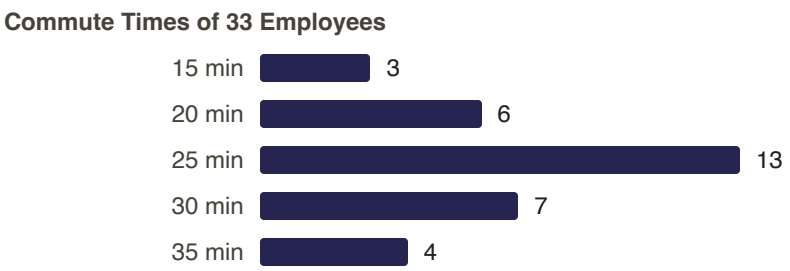
A chemist mixes a 0.05% saline solution with a 0.5% saline solution to make 180 grams of a 0.2% saline solution.

How many grams of the 0.05% solution does the chemist use?

Write your answer:

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19 MATH · MEDIUM



The bar graph shows the commute times, in minutes, of 33 employees at a company. A new employee with a commute time of 95 minutes is added to the data. Which of the following statements must be true?
I. The mean of the data increases.
II. The median of the data increases.

A I only

B II only

C I and II

D Neither I nor II

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20 MATH · HARD

$$rx - 7 = -6(x + w)$$

In the given equation, r and w are constants. If the equation has exactly one solution, which of the following must be true?

A $r = -6$

B $r \neq -6$

C $w = \frac{7}{6}$

D $w \neq \frac{7}{6}$

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ANSWERS

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1	**B**	Vance gives two reasons. The work was so new it had no name. It also showed readers a picture of themselves they had never looked at. Only this choice has both. The others make up reasons like style or hard words.
2	**B**	The fossils match a group from the mainland and don't match today's island lizards. So they probably weren't part of the same family. The first choice just repeats the old idea that the study disproved.
3	**D**	"Though hardly ___" admits that pricing matters a little before saying it matters less. "Hardly irrelevant" means it does matter, so it fits. "Hardly decisive" only repeats the second half.
4	**B**	Paucity means a shortage. The herders left no records and only a few outside accounts exist, so sources are scarce. Dissonance means disagreement, and that isn't the problem here.
5	**D**	If isolates are the last survivors of bigger families, they only look alone because their relatives died out. So long ago, the split between isolates and other languages may not have existed.
6	**C**	The student assumes deeper water is colder at both places. If the water near the Philippines is warmer at every depth, the deeper eggs could be just as warm. That breaks the argument.
7	**C**	Pollen only jumps when the charge difference passes a limit. The third plant's charge is half of one that barely passes, so it probably doesn't reach the limit.
8	**A**	Brooks agrees that females sing less than males. But she says female song is common and normal, so she rejects the idea that it's rare and unimportant.
9	**B**	The claim is that big grid squares miss real differences. The small squares range from 3.1 to 8.9, while the big squares say 6.4 for every zone. That's exactly the difference being missed.
10	**B**	The poem describes farmers whose work built the town's wealth. The last line, about never being thanked, shows the speaker is bitter that the living ignore them.
11	**C**	One side is $4{,}588 \div 4 = 1{,}147$. Volume is 1,147 times the base side. Since $1{,}147 = 31 \times 37$, the volume is 35,557 or 42,439, and only 42,439 is listed.
12	**B**	$w - y$ is just x, and $x + y + z = x + 180$. So $17 < x < 26$. The signs are "less than", so 17 doesn't count. Only 23 works.
13	**-707**	The outputs at 14 and 24 match, so the vertex is at $x = 19$. Then $-40 = 25a + 10$ gives $a = -2$. The table is $f(x) - 5$, so $f(x) = -2(x - 19)^2 + 15$ and $f(0) = -707$.
14	**1/3 or 0.3333**	Each time x goes up $\frac{1}{3}$, y goes down 1, so the slope is -3. The line is $3x + y = -2$, which makes $\frac{b}{a} = \frac{1}{3}$.

15	**-46**	Rewrite as $kx^2 - 60x - 20 = 0$. No real solutions means the discriminant is negative: $3{,}600 + 80k < 0$, so $k < -45$. The greatest integer below -45 is -46.
16	**A**	Arcs AB and AD add up to half the circle, 80π. If AB is 3 times AD, then $AD = 20\pi$. Arc BC is across from arc AD, so it's also 20π.
17	**97/2 or 48.5**	Triangle PQR is a 45-45-90 triangle, so $PR = x\sqrt{2} = 97$. In triangle PSR, side SR is across from the angle with sine $\frac{1}{2}$, so $y = 97 \times \frac{1}{2}$.
18	**120**	Let p and q be the grams of each solution. Then $p + q = 180$ and $0.0005p + 0.005q = 0.002(180)$. Solving gives $p = 120$.
19	**A**	The new value, 95, is far above the rest, so the mean goes up. The two middle values are still 25, so the median doesn't change.
20	**B**	Rewrite as $(r + 6)x = 7 - 6w$. There's exactly one solution as long as $r + 6$ isn't 0, so $r \neq -6$. The value of w doesn't matter.

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