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# **Using Your**

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# **Reviewing Your SAT Results**

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Mathematics	N Number and operations			
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Most people tend to trust others too readily. To avoid being taken advantage of, however, it is generally wise to be doubtful and suspicious of others' motives or honesty. Many people would agree that if you find yourself doubting other people's sincerity or questioning their intentions, your instincts are probably correct. You are less likely to regret being cautious than being too trusting.

Assignment:

Is it wise to be suspicious of the motives or honesty of other people, even those who appear to be trustworthy? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

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People who complain about progress and change expose themselves to criticism. Yet there is always a subtle danger in life's improvements and refinements, a drawback or disadvantage that occurs along with the benefits of progress. It sometimes seems that we devote half of our time to making what we call "improvements"—in our lives, our work, our relationships—but so often the original conditions had some quality that is lost in the process of change.

Adapted from E. B. White, "Progress and Change"

Assignment: Does improvement or progress usually involve a significant drawback or problem of some kind? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

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Learning and doing are their own rewards. No external rewards are required. Yet when external rewards are introduced — whether attention and praise from parents or prizes from teachers — these rewards exert a substantial influence. Instead of reading books to find out about the world, kids will read to win prizes. Kids will produce for rewards, but the quality of their activity and their interest in it will be dramatically altered.

Adapted from Barry Schwartz, The Costs of Living

Assignment: ls it wrong or harmful to motivate people to learn or achieve something by offering them rewards? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

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We almost always tend to treat people on the basis of what they have done: the star athlete is recognized and rewarded with a college scholarship, while the lawbreaker is prosecuted and punished. But our past deeds provide only a partial measure of our real worth as human beings. We should be treated according to what we are capable of accomplishing, regardless of what we may or may not have actually done.

Assignment:

At: Should people be treated according to what they are capable of achieving instead of what they have actually done? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

BEGIN WRITING YOUR ESSAY ON PAGE 2 OF THE ANSWER SHEET.



Time — 25 minutes 24 Questions

## Turn to Section 2 (page 4) of your answer sheet to answer the questions in this section.

**Directions:** For each question in this section, select the best answer from among the choices given and fill in the corresponding circle on the answer sheet.

Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five words or sets of words labeled A through E. Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, <u>best</u> fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

#### Example:

Hoping to ------ the dispute, negotiators proposed a compromise that they felt would be ------ to both labor and management.

- (A) enforce ... useful
- (B) end . . divisive
- (C) overcome . . unattractive
- (D) extend . . satisfactory
- (E) resolve . . acceptable
- Jacob felt great ------ about his upcoming trip to Brazil; indeed, he could hardly contain his enthusiasm.
  - (A) concern(B) uncertainty(C) confusion(D) generosity(E) excitement

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- The professor's classroom manner was quite ------, never revealing the warmth and playfulness she showed in private.
  - (A) witty(B) sincere(C) lively(D) formal(E) friendly
- 3. Instead of taking notes during the interview, the journalist recorded the celebrity's remarks on tape and later ------ them.
  - (A) disavowed(B) transcribed(C) anticipated(D) retracted(E) recollected

- Like several other important advances in medicine, penicillin was a somewhat ------ discovery resulting from ------ combination of blind chance and technical expertise.
  - (A) progressive . . a reliable
  - (B) wonderful. . an unlucky
  - (C) untimely . . a profitable
  - (D) ordinary . . an unfortunate
  - (E) accidental . . a favorable
- Author Luis Zalamea calls novel writing a -----experience, one that cleanses him of feelings of rebellion and frustration.
  - (A) subliminal(B) perpetual(C) stupefying(D) cathartic(E) corrosive
- 6. The scientist was ------ in her evaluation of her own research, choosing to analyze and report on seemingly ------ results as well as those that were more expected.
  - (A) meticulous . . aberrant
  - (B) resolute . . embryonic
  - (C) deferential . . convoluted
  - (D) objective . . quotidian
  - (E) myopic . . unequivocal
- 7. Writer John Worthen suggested that, in some cases, biographers should be ------, considering all available details rather than making ------ a first principle.
  - (A) forthright . . relevance
  - (B) cynical . . incrimination
  - (C) inclusive ... selection
  - (D) libelous . . discrimination
  - (E) comprehensive..drudgery
- 8. Grover Pease Osborne's 1893 economics treatise was remarkably ------ since it foresaw that technological advances would increase the availability of natural resources.
  - (A) naïve(B) tenacious(C) prescient(D) influential(E) intelligible



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The passages below are followed by questions based on their content; questions following a pair of related passages may also be based on the relationship between the paired passages. Answer the questions on the basis of what is <u>stated</u> or <u>implied</u> in the passages and in any introductory material that may be provided.

#### Questions 9-10 are based on the following passage.

#### Questions 11-12 are based on the following passage.

The package that arrived yesterday contained foliage from the most famous tamarind tree in India, the tree that spreads over the tomb of the legendary singer Tansen, who brought on the rains just by singing about them, and whose golden voice caused the Emperor Akbar to proclaim him one of the nine gems of his court. Even today, Tansen's reputation is such that singers travel to his tomb to pluck foliage from the branches to make into throat concoctions, hoping their voices will become as pure as that of their 10 illustrious predecessor, he who had caused the palace lamps to light up just by singing the Deepak Raag four centuries ago.

- 9. The natrator refers to the "rains" (line 4) and the "palace lamps" (lines 10-11) primarily to
  - (A) explain the purpose of a practice
  - (B) illustrate the depths of a passion
  - (C) dramatize the magnitude of a talent
  - (D) emphasize the soundness of a belief
  - (E) show the consequences of a decision
- 10. The passage implies that the "singers" (line 7) view Tansen with
  - (A) consternation
  - (B) ambivalence
  - (C) wariness
  - (D) pride
  - (E) awe
  - 10 M

Archaeologists have traditionally thought that the rise of agriculture required early farmers to settle down near their crops. But new findings suggest that Çatalhöyük, Turkeya large Neolithic village of such early farmers-was Line smack in the middle of marshy wetlands. Archaeologist 5 Arlene Rosen's analysis of fossil remains of wheat and barley found at Catalhöyük indicates that the grain was grown in a dry area. Some experts reject the implication that Çatalhöyük's farmers cultivated distant fields, since large quantities of grain would have had to be mansported. 10 However, archaeobotanist Eleni Asouti has shown that the wood used for construction at Çatalhöyük grew at least twelve kilometers away from the village.

- 11. Which of the following, if true, would most challenge the "implication" (line 8) ?
  - (A) Çatalhöyük's farmers obtained through trade the wheat and barley that Rosen analyzed.
  - (B) Çatalhöyük's farmers understood the impact of soil conditions on crop productivity.
  - (C) Çatalhöytik's farmers alternated on an annual basis the crops they planted.
  - (D) Çatalhöyük's farmers shared wheat and barley fields with neighboring villages.
  - (E) Çatalhöyük's farmers used wood that deteriorated in the damp environment.
- 12. The author mentions Asouti's research most likely because it
  - (A) undermines the claim that the villagers somehow transported materials across distances
  - (B) reinforces archaeologists' traditional view of the rise of agriculture
  - (C) provides support for the view that Çatalhöyük's farmers could have cultivated distant fields
  - (D) offers a unique perspective on Neolithic farming practices
  - (E) qualifies Rosen's theories about the Çatalhöyük farmers

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#### Passage 1

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- 10 in the world? How sensitive has he become during the course of his own photographic development to the worldshaking changes in the social scene about him?" Here the ideal photographer proves his or her worthiness in the profession by having developed a social consciousness
  - along the way; the extent to which he or she may be taken seriously as a professional rides on a level of sensitivity to social issues.

If Bourke-White came to documentary photography through a desire to bring her work closer to the "realities

- 20 of life," as she wrote in 1936, she probably recognized the advantages that words could offer her images. At the same time that Bourke-White's pictures of people needed supportive text, Southern novelist Erskine Caldwell's words about people needed pictures. In 1936 Caldwell
- 25 found himself in search of "the best photographer available." He intended to make a comprehensive survey of the American South in an attempt to prove that the social problems portrayed in his best-selling fiction posed genuine challenges. Critics and censors had railed against
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#### Passage 2

When I arrived in Washington, D.C., in January 1942. I was surprised to find that life there embodied some of the bigotry then prevalent in other parts of the United States. Roy Stryker,<sup>1</sup> who hired me, met my dismay with advice.

"You brought a camera to town with you." Stryker told
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source of their bigotry. And that's not easy. That's what you'll have to work at, and that's why I took you on. Read. Read a lot. . . . Go through these picture files. They have a lot to say about what's happening here and other places throughout this country. They are an education in
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When our department was disbanded a year later, what I had learned in that time outdistanced the bigotry to which I had heen subjected, and the experience had proved to be crucial to my training as a documentary journalist—far 65 more important than those technical aspects involving the use of a camera. I had been forced to take a hard look backward at Black history; to realize the burdens of those who had lived through it. Now, I was much better prepared

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- 14. Which question would the author of Passage 2 most likely feel needs to be added to the list of questions in lines 9-12, Passage I ("How ... him") ?
  - (A) Can he accept the criticism of more experienced observers?
  - (B) Does he avoid distorting his subjects?
  - (C) Does he realize the time required to hone his skills?
  - (D) Is he aware of problems in the world around him?
  - (E) Is he tolerant of human weaknesses?
- 15. In line 11, "course" most nearly means
  - (A) progression
  - (B) direction
  - (C) serving
  - (D) class
  - (E) race
- 16. In line 16, "rides" most nearly means
  - (A) depends
  - (B) travels
  - (C) continues
  - (D) sails
  - (E) conveys
  - 17. Caldwell (Passage 1) and Stryker (Passage 2) share which assumption about documentary photographs?
    - (A) They are likely to be popular, even among those they criticize.
    - (B) They can promote harmony among different groups of people.
    - (C) They can persuade skeptical viewers that social injustices do exist.
    - (D) They are useful in convincing leaders to take action.
    - (E) They should present human experience as dignified and inspiring.
- In line 49, Stryker comments on the "camera" primarily to
  - (A) sympathize with the author about the difficulties of his new job
  - (B) compliment the author's diligence
  - (C) encourage the author's interest in politics
  - (D) offer a solution to the author's dissatisfaction
  - (E) warn the author about being too idealistic

- 19. In lines 55-56 ("That's ... on"), Stryker's point is that the author was hired to
  - (A) capture subtle evidence of an attitude
  - (B) depict a range of emotional reactions
  - (C) record national events of historic significance
  - (D) analyze relationships among individuals
  - (E) portray distinctive personalities favorably
- 20. Bourke-White would most likely interpret lines 66-69, Passage 2 ("I had . . . come"), as an
  - (A) argument for the need to anticipate future crises
  - (B) example of a commonplace view of photography
  - (C) illustration of a fascination with world history
  - (D) expression of a concern about a profession
  - (E) indication of the essential qualifications of a photographer
- 21. The passages imply that Bourke-White, Caldwell, and Stryker share which assumption about people?
  - (A) When people act collectively, they get better results.
  - (B) When people propose social reforms, they must anticipate opposition.
  - (C) People have always wanted to improve their living conditions.
  - (D) People who set out to change the world are overly optimistic.
  - (E) People should be aware of the problems of their society.
- 22. In line 69, the author uses the word "history" to refer to
  - (A) major changes in political leadership
  - (B) social challenges that lay in the future
  - (C) written records accompanying photographs
  - (D) unexpected discoveries that shocked society
  - (E) surprising patterns in his personal life



- 23. Which aspect of Caldwell's project (Passage 1) best illustrates the "possibility" mentioned in lines 80-82, Passage 2 ("Yet . . . others") ?
  - (A) The earlier commercial success of Caldwell's fiction . 1
  - (B) The scope of Caldwell's intended survey

  - (C) 'The earlier objections to Caldwell's stories(D) The use of photographs to support the written word

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(E) The expected public effect of Caldwell's finished book

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# STOP

If you finish before time is called, you may check your work on this section only. Do not turn to any other section in the test.

# **SECTION 3** Time — 25 minutes **20 Questions**

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## Turn to Section 3 (page 4) of your answer sheet to answer the questions in this section.

Directions: For this section, solve each problem and decide which is the best of the choices given. Fill in the corresponding circle on the answer sheet. You may use any available space for scratch work.

- 1. The use of a calculator is permitted.
- 2. All numbers used are real numbers.

3. Figures that accompany problems in this test are intended to provide information useful in solving the problems. They are drawn as accurately as possible EXCEPT when it is stated in a specific problem that the figure is not drawn to scale. All figures lie in a plane unless otherwise indicated.

4. Unless otherwise specified, the domain of any function f is assumed to be the set of all real numbers x for which f(x) is a real number.



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(C)

(D)

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<ul> <li>7. In an xy-coordinate system, points P and Q have coordinates (2,1) and (4,2), respectively. Which of the following are coordinates of a point on the line through P and Q?</li> <li>(A) (6,3)</li> </ul>	9. Deer will come into the Jacksons' flower garden and eat the flowers only when either daisies or roses are growing in their garden. However, deer will not come into their garden and eat the flowers if their dog is in the yard next to the garden. Which of the following statements must be true?			
<ul> <li>(B) (6,4)</li> <li>(C) (6,5)</li> <li>(D) (6,6)</li> <li>(E) (6,8)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(A) If the deer did not eat the Jacksons' flowers toda then roses are not growing in their garden.</li> <li>(B) If the deer ate the Jacksons' flowers today, then their dog was not in the yard next to their garden.</li> <li>(C) If the Jacksons' dog is not in the yard next to their garden today, then the deer will eat their flowers.</li> <li>(D) If the Jacksons' dog is in the yard next to their garden today, then daisies are not growing in their garden.</li> <li>(E) If daisies are growing in the Jacksons' garden today, then the deer will eat their flowers.</li> </ul>			
8. For all integers x, y, and z, let $(x, y, z) \blacktriangle$ be defined by $(x, y, z) \blacktriangle = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ . What				
is the value of $\frac{(1, 2, 3)}{(3, 2, 1)}$ ?	10. In a list of 100 numbers, the fraction of numbers			
(A) $\frac{1}{9}$	greater than 15 is $\frac{19}{25}$ and the fraction of numbers			
(B) $\frac{1}{3}$ (C) 1	less than 15 is $\frac{7}{50}$ . How many numbers in the list are equal to 15 ?			
<ul><li>(D) 3</li><li>(E) 9</li></ul>	(A) 10 (B) 24 (C) 49 (D) 55 (E) 74			

any part of this page is illegal. Л 11. Solomon walks his neighbor's dog once every day and  $d(t) = 1.2t^2$ cuts his neighbor's lawn once each week. He earns \$3 each time he walks the dog and \$25 each time he 13. The function *d*, defined above, models the cuts the lawn. Which of the following expressions distance in feet that a ball rolls down an inclined represents the amount, in dollars, that he earns in ramp in t seconds. According to this model, how w weeks? many seconds would it take the ball to roll down (A) 3w + 25 120 feet of the ramp? (B) 25w + 3(A) 10 (C) 28w (B) 13 (D) 40w (C) 26 (E) 46w (D) 100 (E) 120 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 12. Which of the following is true about the average (arithmetic mean), median, and mode of the 11 numbers listed above? 14. In the xy-coordinate plane, P and Q are different points that have the same y-coordinate and lie on the (A) The average, median, and mode are all different. parabola whose equation is  $y = x^2 - 3x - 40$ . What (B) The average and median are the same, but the mode is different. . is the x-coordinate of the midpoint of  $\overline{PQ}$ ? (C) The average and mode are the same, but the median is different. (A) 0 (D) The median and mode are the same, but the average is different. (B) (E) The average, median, and mode are all the same. (C)(E)

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