## Question ID: de55ec71

**SAT PUNCTUATION PRACTICE SET 1**

| Assessment | Test | Domain | Skill | Difficulty |
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| SAT | Reading and Writing | Standard English Conventions | Boundaries | Easy |

**Question**

Generations of mystery and horror _____ have been influenced by the dark, gothic stories of celebrated American author Edgar Allan Poe (1809–1849).

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. writers

B. writers,

C. writers—

D. writers;

# Question ID: 4b0c7b62

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**Question**

The algaita is a double reed wind instrument from West Africa. The reed of a wind instrument is the mouthpiece _____ A double reed contains two pieces of cane that vibrate and produce sound as air passes between them.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. where sound is made?

B. where is sound made.

C. where sound is made.

D. where is sound made?

# Question ID: a7c85001

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**Question**

Researchers Amit Kumar and Nicholas Epley investigated how _____ In a series of experiments conducted in 2022, they found that people performing small acts of kindness underestimated the positive effect their actions had on others.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. do people perceive acts of kindness.

B. do people perceive acts of kindness?

C. people perceive acts of kindness?

D. people perceive acts of kindness.

# Question ID: 333b2b65

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**Question**

While one requires oxygen and one does _____ and anaerobic respiration are both forms of cellular respiration—that is, they are processes by which cells break down glucose to use as energy.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. not aerobic

B. not. Aerobic

C. not, aerobic

D. not; aerobic

# Question ID: 148be4da

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**Question**

Human-made (synthetic) fibers used in clothes and many other consumer products are more durable than most natural plant _____ the manufacture of synthetic fibers requires toxic chemical solvents that can pollute air and water.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. fibers,

B. fibers but

C. fibers

D. fibers, but

# Question ID: 155239cf

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**Question**

By analyzing ice cores from Greenland and Antarctica, a research team at Sweden's Lund University discovered evidence of a solar storm that occurred 9,200 years ago. Scientists had previously thought the Sun to be in a relatively "quiet" phase at that _____ the Lund team's finding suggests otherwise.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. time but

B. time, but

C. time,

D. time

# Question ID: 9091458d

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**Question**

Emperor penguins don't waddle out of the ocean. They launch themselves at such a high speed that they travel up to two meters before landing. How _____ A layer of microbubbles on their plumage reduces friction as the penguins speed to the surface.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. they are able to move so fast!

B. are they able to move so fast.

C. they are able to move so fast.

D. are they able to move so fast?

# Question ID: b0115ef6

| Assessment | Test | Domain | Skill | Difficulty |
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**Question**

Technologies such as microphones and inkjet printers are made using piezoelectric materials, which generate an internal electric field when pressure is applied to them. The toxic nature of some of these materials recently led a team from the University of Sheffield to investigate how _____

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. could their use be better regulated?

B. their use could be better regulated.

C. their use could be better regulated?

D. could their use be better regulated.

# Question ID: 6fece68e

| Assessment | Test | Domain | Skill | Difficulty |
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**Question**

Emperor Ashoka ruled the Maurya Empire in South Asia from roughly 270 to 232 BCE. He is known for enforcing a moral code called the Law of Piety, which established the sanctity of animal _____ the just treatment of the elderly, and the abolition of the slave trade.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. life

B. life;

C. life:

D. life,

# Question ID: 1724dac2

| Assessment | Test | Domain | Skill | Difficulty |
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**Question**

A subseasonal weather forecast attempts to predict weather conditions three to four weeks in _____ its predictions are therefore more short-term than those of the seasonal forecast, which attempts to predict the weather more than a month in advance.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. advance,

B. advance

C. advance;

D. advance and

# Question ID: a1e0c981

| Assessment | Test | Domain | Skill | Difficulty |
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**Question**

In her book *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts*, author Maxine Hong Kingston examines themes _____ childhood, womanhood, and Chinese American identity by intertwining autobiography and mythology.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. of:

B.  of

C. of—

D. of,

# Question ID: b35cefb7

| Assessment | Test | Domain | Skill | Difficulty |
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**Question**

The fine, powdery substance that covers the Moon's surface is called regolith. Because regolith is both readily available and high in oxygen _____ scientists have wondered whether it could be used as a potential source of oxygen for future lunar settlements.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. content and

B. content,

C. content

D. content, and

# Question ID: 486f03da

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**Question**

The short story “Rogue Enchantments” by Isabel Ibañez appears in *Reclaim the* _____ anthology of fantasy and science fiction written by authors of Latin American descent.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. *Stars*. An

B. *Stars*, while an

C. *Stars* an

D. *Stars*, an

# Question ID: aab78b25

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**Question**

Psychophysicist Howard Moskowitz was hired by a soda company to determine how much artificial sweetener _____ After conducting consumer taste tests, he found that no such ideal existed: participants expressed a wide range of preferences for different blends of sweetener, carbonization, and flavoring.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. do most people prefer in a diet drink?

B. do most people prefer in a diet drink.

C. most people prefer in a diet drink?

D. most people prefer in a diet drink.

# Question ID: 8b002b08

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**Question**

Many Samoans enjoy a sport called kilikiti. This bat-and-ball game was derived from _____ kilikiti differs from cricket in a few key ways.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

**Answer**

A. cricket but:

B. cricket but,

C. cricket, but

D. cricket, but,