

1. The new policy was designed to stimulate economic growth, ----.

- A) similarly, critics argued that it would lead to increased inflation and negatively impact low-income households in the long run.
- B) therefore, its implementation required significant legislative oversight to ensure compliance and fair distribution of financial resources across different sectors.
- C) for example, its architects introduced a series of tax incentives for small businesses and provided subsidies for companies investing in green technologies.***
- D) so the government had to revise its initial projections about employment rates and industrial output to reflect a more realistic outlook.
- E) unless many international investors expressed their concerns about the stability of the local currency and its potential for a sharp devaluation.

2. The recent study revealed a previously unknown link between sleep deprivation and cognitive decline; ----

- A) namely, the findings confirmed the long-held belief that chronic stress is a major contributor to various neurological disorders.
- B) in other words, it has been suggested that adequate rest can certainly prevent poor decision-making and a significant reduction in a person's attention span.
- C) therefore, the research team acknowledged that their sample size was relatively small and that more extensive studies would be needed to validate their conclusions.
- D) moreover, the results also indicated that a consistent lack of sleep significantly impairs the brain's ability to clear metabolic waste products and regenerate neural cells.**
- E) however, a subsequent investigation, found significant difference in memory recall between participants who slept for six hours and those who slept for eight.

3. After long debates over its location for weeks, the city council approved the construction of a new public library, ----.

- A) so that the residents of the neighbourhood could have easy access to a vast collection of literary works and educational resources.***
- B) but its design was heavily influenced by modern architectural principles, prioritizing sustainability and energy efficiency in its construction.
- C) as the project was expected to be completed within a two-year timeframe, despite some initial delays due to budgetary concerns and permit issues.
- D) just as local historians expressed their dismay, arguing that the new building would not fit in with the historical character of the surrounding area.
- E) because its grand opening ceremony would be attended by prominent figures from the literary world and the highest officials of the municipal government.

4. The expedition to the unexplored region will be postponed ----.

- A) so they have already gathered all the necessary supplies and have a detailed map of the uncharted territory.
- B) even if the logistical challenges prove to be more difficult than originally anticipated by the organizing committee.
- C) unless the team can secure additional funding to purchase advanced satellite communication equipment before their departure.***
- D) if the leading scientist of the team receives a last-minute special permission from the government to continue their mission.
- E) although the weather conditions in the coming weeks are forecasted to be extremely harsh and potentially life-threatening for the participants.

5. Just as the invention of the printing press revolutionized the spread of knowledge in the 15th century, ----.

- A) the ability of scholars to share their findings with a broader audience became a new norm in academic circles.
- B) the development of the internet has fundamentally transformed the way information is created, stored, and disseminated today.
- C) it also led to a significant decrease in the cost of books and other printed materials across the European continent.
- D) the intellectual and social elites of the era were initially hesitant to accept the new technology and its implications.
- E) the widespread literacy that resulted from it contributed to major social and political upheavals in the following centuries.

Set 2

1. Sociologists often argue that the rise of social media has significantly altered the nature of human interaction, fostering a culture of superficial connectivity, whereas ----.

A) they also acknowledge the profound impact of global economic shifts on community structures, which has led to increased social mobility and urban migration patterns.

B) the rapid development of mobile technology has provided unprecedented access to information and resources for marginalized communities, thus narrowing the digital divide.

C) some communication theorists contend that these platforms have paradoxically strengthened social ties by enabling individuals to maintain long-distance relationships with family and friends.***

D) the proliferation of online platforms has created new avenues for political activism and collective action, providing citizens with a powerful tool for civic engagement and social change.

E) studies have shown a correlation between excessive screen time and a decline in mental well-being, suggesting that digital dependency has become a serious public health concern worldwide.

2. Researchers have identified a strong correlation between regular physical exercise and enhanced cognitive function, suggesting that a physically active lifestyle can directly benefit brain health ----

- A) because the exact cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying this relationship remain the subject of intensive and ongoing scientific investigation and debate among experts.
- B) so much so that neuroscientists now recommend it as a primary non-pharmacological intervention for preventing age-related cognitive decline and improving memory performance.***
- C) when the general public remains largely unaware of the compelling evidence linking physical activity to long-term cognitive resilience and emotional stability.
- D) but these individuals should also adhere to a strict Mediterranean diet and engage in mentally stimulating activities like learning a new language or playing a musical instrument.
- E) even if sedentary behaviors have been shown to increase the risk of developing neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's in later life.

3. The Industrial Revolution brought about unprecedented economic growth and technological innovation across Europe, but its transformative effects were not universally positive ----

- A) so a significant portion of the newly created wealth was concentrated in the hands of a small elite, widening the gap between the rich and the poor.
- B) as a result of which urban centers became overcrowded and unsanitary, leading to a rise in infectious diseases and severe public health crises for the working-class population.
- C) as evidenced by the widespread exploitation of factory workers, who endured harsh working conditions and lived in abject poverty, which spurred the rise of socialist movements.***
- D) since the invention of the steam engine had already revolutionized manufacturing processes and enabled mass production in various industries across the continent.
- E) in order to meet the growing demand for manufactured goods, factories began to operate around the clock, implementing a factory system that demanded strict discipline from laborers.

4. Scientists widely agree that global climate change is a direct consequence of human activity, especially the burning of fossil fuels, ----

- A) whereas the complete elimination of greenhouse gas emissions is currently an unattainable goal for most developing nations due to economic constraints.
- B) if international treaties aimed at reducing carbon emissions fail to gain support from all major industrial powers and hinder collective efforts to mitigate the crisis.
- C) as the effects of rising global temperatures on biodiversity and ocean currents are still not fully understood and require further long-term research.
- D) although there remains a small but vocal group of sceptics who question the scientific consensus, often citing natural climate cycles as the primary driver of current temperature increases.***
- E) moreover, the transition to renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power is gaining momentum and is expected to play a crucial role in future energy policy.

5. The philosophical concept of determinism, which posits that all events, including human actions, are ultimately determined by previously existing causes, presents a significant challenge to the notion of free will ----

- A) in so far as it provides a comprehensive framework for understanding the moral responsibility of individuals and holding them accountable for their choices.
- B) even if most people instinctively feel that they possess the capacity to make genuine choices and shape their own destinies without external constraint.
- C) since it logically follows that if our choices are predetermined, then the idea of personal responsibility and blameworthiness becomes a mere illusion.***
- D) provided that we can accurately measure all the causal factors and initial conditions that lead to a particular decision at a given moment in time.
- E) therefore, many contemporary philosophers have sought to reconcile these two opposing concepts by developing a new theory known as "compatibilism."