A student is writing a letter to the producer of a local television station asking for help promoting a new community outreach project and partnership between the high school and the local food bank.

Read and complete the student's graphic organizer.

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September 4, 2015

Mr. Carl Britton
Producer, WJTC Channel 12
PO Box 3922
Rock Springs, VA 24862

Dear Mr. Britton:

(1) I am writing to ask for your help in promoting a new community outreach project at Rock Springs High School.

(2) The unfortunate reality is that many families struggle with providing nutritious meals on a daily basis. (3) To help put an end to that problem, the student body at Rock Springs High would like to extend a helping hand. (4) We have established a new partnership with the local food bank.

(5) On October 1, we will be launching a weekend meal delivery program. (6) Our hope is that the project will positively impact the lives of hundreds of families in our area.

(7) We are calling our project "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," and we need your help to spread the word.

(8) We believe that working as a team is what will make "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" a true success. (9) The food bank will be providing some of the food items that we will need to prepare the meals. (10) The majority of the food items we need, however, will come from food drives that Rock Springs High will sponsor throughout the year.

(11) Currently, we have three school fundraising events planned. (12) Many teachers and local businesses have donated food items and will be participating in fundraising.
efforts to make this project a reality. **(13)** Others have donated large bins that will be used for collecting and storing the food items.

***(14)** Regardless of all of our hard work, if the community doesn't know about it, our efforts will be futile.

**(15)** Informing the community about the meal delivery project is possibly the most important factor in the success of the project. **(16)** The student's at Rock Springs High have made posters that are hanging in the schools hallways and have taken signs to local businesses for display. **(17)** Our technology classes have also updated our webpage with information on how to participate. **(18)** We have even reached out to the community via the local newspaper. **(19)** However, to notify all of the citizens in Rock Springs about this wonderful outreach, we need the power that reaches everyone: WJTC Channel 12!

**(20)** If your local news crew would air a short segment promoting the project, we would appreciate it so much! **(21)** Students would also be ready to take information from anyone wishing to donate money or help with the project. **(22)** In addition to the WJTC news team promoting the outreach project on air, we are asking for a two-hour segment for a Channel 12 Telethon to help raise awareness and funding. **(23)** Several student volunteers would be available to take calls from anyone who is in need of the outreach we wish to provide. **(24)** We have students who are ready and excited to do interviews, and our principal and
student council sponsors are also more than willing to speak
to your team about the project.

(25) Mother Teresa once said, "I can do things you cannot,
you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

(26) If WJTC Channel 12 will help promote the project,
members of the community will see it and may be able to
donate their time or money; then, the students at Rock
Springs High will collect and deliver the food items to families
who are in need of help. (27) If we all put our talents and
resources together, we can do a great thing and help put an
end to hunger in our beautiful Rock Springs community.

Sincerely yours,

Amanda Wright
Student, Rock Springs High School

2 Directions: Click on the two correct answers.

The student notices that paragraph 4 contains sentences that are out of order. How
would the paragraph best be written?

- Move sentence 23 before sentence 20.
- Move sentence 22 after sentence 24.
- Move sentence 24 after sentence 20.
- Move sentence 21 after sentence 23.

3 Which resource would be the least helpful to the student while writing the letter?

A. A webpage that explains the job description of news media producers
B. An instructional video on how to organize and execute a successful food drive
C. A study of the number of elementary and middle school students in Rock Springs who receive free lunch
D. A pamphlet from a local food bank explaining how food items are sorted and delivered to individuals in need
4 Directions: Click on the correct answers.

Read sentence 16.

The student's at Rock Springs High have made posters that are hanging in the schools hallways and have taken signs to local businesses for display.

Which corrections should be made to this sentence?

- Change student's to students.
- Change have made to are making.
- Change schools to school's.
- Add a comma after hallways.

5 Read sentence 25.

Mother Teresa once said, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

How should the sentence be written so that the guidelines for referencing quotations are followed?

A. Mother Teresa once said that "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."
B. Mother Teresa once said, I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.
C. Mother Teresa once said "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things".
D. As it is

6 Which sentence from the student's draft best states the thesis?

A. Sentence 2
B. Sentence 7
C. Sentence 13
D. Sentence 26
Which transitional sentence could best be added after sentence 11?

A. Nevertheless, a fall concert, a winter carnival, and a spring sock hop are planned, and the admission to each event is one canned food item.
B. As of now, a fall concert, a winter carnival, and a spring sock hop are planned, and the admission to each event is one canned food item.
C. Regardless, a fall concert, a winter carnival, and a spring sock hop are planned, and the admission to each event is one canned food item.
D. On the contrary, a fall concert, a winter carnival, and a spring sock hop are planned, and the admission to each event is one canned food item.

The student wants to find information about the licensing requirements associated with owning an ATV. Which question is not directly related to the topic?

A. Is an ATV owner required to have a special license to ride on private property?
B. How much state sales tax is due on the net purchase price of a used ATV in Virginia?
C. Are members of the National Off-Road Association eligible for a discounted operating permit?
D. Does the Department of Motor Vehicles require the registration of off-road recreational vehicles?
Read the following passage and answer questions 9 through 14.
Read the student's rough draft, and use it to answer the questions that follow.

(1) Unfortunately in today's society, many people don't get outside enough to enjoy the beautiful world in which we live.

(2) While there are enthusiasts who hike through mountains and valleys or cycle long distances through beautiful landscapes and experience nature's glory, others may find themselves physically unable to do those things. (3) Mark Gradley, founder of the ATV Trailblazers Association, found himself in just that predicament. (4) He wanted to have experienced the thrill of climbing 5,000 feet up the rocky mountainsides while he had journeyed in the deep national forests that surrounded acres of his hometown. (5) Gradley's knees and ankles just wouldn't cooperate, so he needed an alternative way to help him make his adventurous dreams a reality. (6) That's when he decided not only to form a group of riders, but to ensure that there would be trails in place for riders of all ages, ability levels, and physical fitness conditions to enjoy.

(7) Whether it's riding through the mountains on a crisp, fall Saturday afternoon or trudging through mud holes on a rainy April morning, riding an ATV is a fun experience that can be enjoyed by the entire family. (8) That's exactly what the ATV Trailblazers Association is all about. (9) And when Mark Gradley approached fifteen of his best friends about creating safe, family-friendly trails, the entire community became involved. (10) Three years and 650 miles later,
reclaimed mining property and logging roads have been turned into designated trails that meander through picturesque scenery and high mountain lakes that hundreds of locals and thousands of tourists now enjoy.

(11) Because the trails have been such a huge success, there has been a great economic impact on the community. (12) Due to demand by new enthusiasts, a new ATV dealership has opened and business is booming! (13) Additionally, because the newly created trails have become a tourism venue, the town is currently building a new hotel to accommodate the increase in travelers. (14) Even the existing businesses and restaurants have seen increased business, and one local retailer has extended the hours of operation. (15) The local high school ecology clubs have volunteered to help maintain the cleanliness and have even launched a beautification project by painting and placing dozens of trash cans along the trails so that everyone can help keep them clean. (16) Everyone in the community has benefited from the dream of one man who wanted to ride the trails.

(17) Of course, with every good thing comes unexpected dangers, and that is why Gradley and the ATV Trailblazers Association have worked hard to ensure the safety of all riders. (18) To protect riders from hazards along the way, he has forged partnerships with the Forest Service and local EMS personnel. (19) As a result, safety stations have been set up to be manned by volunteers along the routes throughout
the busiest seasons. (20) In addition to the added safety on the trails, year-round ATV safety institutes are offered to riders free of charge. (21) These two-day institutes educate individuals on the proper use of safety gear and offer instruction on safe handling that reduce accidents and injuries.

(22) The ATV Trailblazers Association was founded to establish safe, fun-filled trails that promote responsible riding for the entire family. (23) What began with that initial group of sixteen friends however, has evolved into so much more it is has developed into the community's greatest recreational achievement. (24) As more and more people become involved, new trails will be opened, which will continue to increase the economic gains. (25) It's not only an exciting community development, but it is a wonderful opportunity for members of the community to get outside and enjoy our beautiful home.

9 Which sentence from the student's draft best states the thesis?
A Sentence 1
B Sentence 7
C Sentence 17
D Sentence 22
He wanted to have experienced the thrill of climbing 5,000 feet up the rocky mountainsides while he had journeyed in the deep national forests that surrounded acres of his hometown.

How is this sentence best revised for conciseness and clarity?

A. He wanted to experience the thrill of climbing 5,000 feet up the rocky mountainsides or journey deep into the acres of national forest that surrounded his hometown.

B. He wanted to experience the thrills and journey deep into the acres of national forest and experience climbing up 5,000 feet up the rocky mountainsides that surrounded his hometown.

C. Experiencing the thrill of climbing 5,000 feet up the rocky mountainsides and journeying deep into the acres of national forest that surrounded his hometown.

D. Surrounding his hometown he was able to experience the thrill of the climb of 5,000 feet up the rocky mountainsides and the journey deep into acres of national forests.

These two-day institutes educate individuals on the proper use of safety gear and offer instruction on safe handling that reduce accidents and injuries.

How is reduce correctly written?

A. reduced

B. did reduce

C. reduces

D. As it is
Read sentence 23.

What began with that initial group of sixteen friends however, has evolved into so much more it has developed into the community's greatest recreational achievement.

Correctly punctuate the sentence.

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13 Which quotation from an expert provides the best support for the article?

A "Business owners in small communities with ATV trail connections have found numerous ways to experience financial growth by exploiting the individuals those trails attract."

B "One of the biggest advantages to having a smaller ATV is the maneuverability that it offers; smaller quads can pass through trails that larger ATVs cannot."

C "Although the development of abandoned mining property draws ATV riders because the terrain offers challenging characteristics, its access is often remote and difficult."

D "Maintaining easier trails for beginners while building more challenging trails for advanced riders will result in safe, fun, and sustainable trails for ATV enthusiasts."
14 Which of these would best be added after sentence 19?

A ATV–related accidents often occur because riders try trails that are above their operating skill level and therefore find themselves unable to maintain safe control. Because ATV accidents can lead to serious or life-threatening injuries, emergency personnel must receive training to effectively treat these injuries.

C Individuals who have received proper emergency medical training will be on hand to deliver first aid and adjust safety gear. Volunteers will be available to ride alongside younger or inexperienced riders on practice trails before they begin riding solo along the actual trails.

B

15 Directions: You do not need to read a passage to answer the question. Read and answer the question.

Read the sentence.

Juanita's teachers agreed that she should win the Most Outstanding Student award because she is hardworking, diligent, and studies.

In this sentence, how should studies be written correctly?

A has studied

C is studying

D As it is

16 Directions: You do not need to read a passage to answer the question. Read and answer the question. Click on the correct answers.

Read the sentence.

Even though the bird houses were unfinished, we seen several yellow finches flying nearby I'm hopeful that our backyard bird sanctuary will be successful.

Which corrections should be made to this sentence?

Delete the comma after unfinished.

Change seen to saw.

Add a semicolon after nearby.

Change hopeful to hopeful.

Insert a comma after backyard.
The Most Dangerous Job in America

(1) When someone mentions fishing, many people think about enjoying a lazy afternoon on a river with a fishing pole and a bucket of bait. (2) Some individuals might even daydream about how relaxing a fishing career might actually be. (3) However, according to the most recent study conducted by the Bureau of Labor, fishermen and fishing workers have the most dangerous jobs in America. (4) Fishermen often work hundreds of miles away from shore, for weeks and months at a time, facing extreme conditions that make their job more treacherous than one might realize. (5) Severe and unpredictable weather conditions, malfunctioning gear, and drowning are among the many reasons that fishing ranks first, even among other dangerous jobs such as aircraft pilot, police officer, and fighting fires. (6) According to the released study, the fatality rate for professional anglers have held the number one spot since 1992, and based on the most recent numbers, no other jobs come close to taking its place.
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Which correction should be made to the sentence?
A  Change malfunctioning gear to gear that malfunctions.
B  Change are to is.
C  Change among to between.
D  Change fighting fires to firefighter.

According to the released study, the fatality rate for professional anglers have held the number one spot since 1992, and based on the most recent numbers, no other jobs come close to taking its place.

Which correction should be made to this sentence?
A  Change have to has.
B  Add a comma between most and recent.
C  Change come to comes.
D  As it is

When someone mentions fishing, many people think about enjoying a lazy afternoon on a river with a fishing pole and a bucket of bait.

In this sentence, how is think correctly written?
A  thinks
B  have thought
C  thinking
D  As it is
The Mystery of Stonehenge

(1) Located in Wiltshire, England, stands what perhaps is the most famous prehistoric monument in the entire world.

(2) Nearly one million visitors make the pilgrimage to the iconic stones known as Stonehenge every year to get a glimpse of what some researchers believe to have been a Neolithic burial ground. (3) Additionally, archaeologists believe that the geographic positioning was carefully chosen by the ancient people who built it because its alignment with the sun supports a theory that Stonehenge had some astronomical relationship to the sky. (4) Also, significant to those who study Stonehenge is the size and arrangement of the stones. (5) The largest of the enormous stones in fact weighs in at fifty tons, which adds to the mystery of how the ancient people were able to manage the movement of such large stones. (6) While researchers mostly agree that the stone arrangement was built in stages, there is some
dissidence as to the exact years that span the construction of the monument.

Regardless of the numerous theories regarding why, how, and when Stonehenge was built, historians agree that the mysteries surrounding the monument and its enormity certainly earned its place as one of the Seven Wonders of the Medieval World.

Read sentence 5.

The largest of the enormous stones in fact weighs in at fifty tons, which adds to the mystery of how the ancient people were able to manage the movement of such large stones.

In this sentence, how is stones in fact weighs correctly written?
A stones in fact; weigh
B stones in fact, weights
C stones, in fact, weighs
D As it is

Which of these would best be added after sentence 6?
Geologists have recently discovered that the bluestones used to construct Stonehenge came from as far away as 160 miles in Wales.

There were two types of stone used at Stonehenge: large sandstone boulders known as sarsen and smaller stones known as bluestones.

The general consensus shared, however, among archaeologists is that the earliest construction stages began nearly 5,000 years ago.

One possible theory is that these colossal stones were trekked in on timber rollers and then tipped into their vertical positions for final placement.
Read the following passage and answer questions 22 through 24. This is a section of a draft of a student’s report. Use it to answer the questions.

**Slowing Down on Fast Food**

(1) Recent studies on American dietary health reveal that on average, one in four Americans consume some type of fast food every day. (2) In fact, the numbers suggest that the average American eats fast food 159 times each year, which equals somewhere in the neighborhood of 190,000 calories over the course of twelve months! (3) Habit, hectic lifestyles, and convenience make choosing a fast food meal an easy decision. (4) However, the "quick fix" for dinner has resulted in a number of growing issues: weight gain, unhealthy eating habits, and increased spending. (5) The Consumer Council on Health reports that twenty-five percent of American families spend $1,200 a year on fast food. (6) While that may be good news for drive-thru chains, many physicians say that home-cooked meals tend to be healthier. (7) Balancing a busy life on the go with a healthier diet does require lots of planning, but the reward after a long day at the office could be a delicious, healthy dinner waiting at home. (8) That is a win-win for the waistline and the budget.
While that may be good news for drive-thru chains, many physicians say that home-cooked meals tend to be healthier.

In this sentence, which word best replaces say to make the meaning more precise?

A  retort
B  comment
C  assert
D  state
The student would like to research information about healthier alternatives to fast food. Which resource would provide the most reliable information for the student’s essay?

A  Fast Food Should be Healthy
B  Healthy Food for People on the Go
C  Guide to Healthy Eating
D  Healthy Eating on the Road
Read sentence 1.

Recent studies on American dietary health reveal that on average, one in four Americans consume some type of fast food every day.

Which correction should be made to this sentence?

A. Change reveal to reveals.
B. Change average to averages.
C. Change consume to consumes.
D. Change every day to everyday.

Read the following passage and answer questions 25 through 25.

The teacher asked the class to write a report about a famous person who made artistic and inventive contributions to society. A student decides to write about Leonardo da Vinci.

The Man Behind Mona Lisa

While researching for the report, the student discovers that Leonardo da Vinci sketched the human anatomy. The best resource for more information about the accuracy of his drawings would be —

A. a reproduction of Leonardo da Vinci's *The Vitruvian Man*, which contains his drawings depicting a representation of the ideal man
B. an interactive multimedia resource containing links to Leonardo da Vinci's notes and illustrations
C. a side-by-side comparison of Leonardo da Vinci's sketches with an image of a cardiac MRI from a current research study
D. a review of Leonardo da Vinci's notebooks by an acclaimed art critic and historian
Read the following passage and answer questions 26 through 30.

Read the student's rough draft, and use it to answer the questions that follow.

(1) The world knows Leonardo da Vinci as an artist, and as the man behind one of the most famous and recognizable pieces of artwork ever created: the Mona Lisa. (2) Of course, da Vinci's artistic talents spread much farther than just the Mona Lisa. (3) Just as famous is his painting The Last Supper, though very little of the original painting still exists today. (4) However, Leonardo da Vinci was more than the artistic talent behind two of the world's most timeless masterpieces of art. (5) His innovative ideas, coupled with his keen sense of observation and artistic ability, cause many to hail him as the greatest, most brilliant inventor and scientist the world has known. (6) One might assume that a man so brilliant must have received a formal education and only the best training. (7) That assumption would be false in fact the young Leonardo because he was born out of wedlock, was denied: all formal schooling. (8) However, such limitations never hindered his desire for knowledge and ambition. (9) At the age of 14, his extraordinary artistic talents earned him an apprenticeship with the artist Verrocchio. (10) While under the watchful eye of Verrocchio, da Vinci perfected many artistic skills such as drawing and sculpting while learning technical skills including carpentry and metal working. (11) The significance of the crucial years in Verrocchio's studio spent carefully examining and perfecting details in his
artwork extended beyond the canvas. (12) Da Vinci was a lover of nature and was fascinated with the idea of flight. (13) His observations and sketches of birds were recorded in hundreds of pages of notes and drawings. (14) His work also included a design for the first ever flying machine, which he called an ornithopter. (15) Da Vinci's innovative design for an airplane came some 400 years before the Wright brother's first successful flight!

(16) In addition to Leonardo da Vinci's fascination with flight was his interest in mechanisms and engineering. (17) Da Vinci sketched hydraulic pumps, envisioned extraordinary bridges, developed war tanks, had invented the first parachute, and even designed an early bicycle. (18) The artist and inventor was also an excellent scientist who drew some of the most accurate anatomical sketches of his time. (19) However, the people of 15th century Italy were not as impressed with da Vinci's work as people are today; in fact, many of his scientific findings were simply overlooked because of his lack of a proper education. (20) His other inventions were considered ludicrous because they would have been extremely expensive to create, and wealthy patrons were unwilling to fund his complicated and technologically advanced innovations.

(21) Though much of his work was unpublished until after his death, da Vinci's revolutionary thinking defines him as a "Renaissance man." (22) This term refers to a
person who is knowledgeable in many different areas.

(23) No single individual, perhaps, defines the idea of a "Renaissance man" better than Leonardo da Vinci. (24) In his unrelenting pursuit to understand how our world works, he was one of the world's greatest artists, inventors, thinkers, scientists, and writers. (25) Leonardo da Vinci's profound contributions to the world of art, the advancement of engineering, and the study of science have forever changed the way in which we look at the world around us.

26  Read sentence 5.

His innovative ideas, coupled with his keen sense of observation and artistic ability, cause many to hail him as the greatest, most brilliant inventor and scientist the world has known.

In this sentence, how is has known correctly written?
A knows  B knew  C has knowed  D As it is

27  Read sentence 15.

Da Vinci's innovative design for an airplane came some 400 years before the Wright brother's first successful flight!

Which correction should be made to this sentence?
A Change an to a.  B Change came to have come.  C Change brother's to brothers'.  D Change successful to successful.
Read sentence 7.

That assumption would be **false in fact the young Leonardo because he was born out of wedlock, was denied:** all formal schooling.

Which corrections should be made to this sentence?

- Add a semicolon after false.
- Add a comma after fact.
- Add a comma after Leonardo.
- Add a colon after of.
- Delete the comma after wedlock.
- Delete the colon after denied.

29 Read sentences 21 and 22.

(21)Though much of his work was unpublished until after his death, da Vinci's revolutionary thinking defines him as a "Renaissance man." (22)This term refers to a person who is knowledgeable in many areas.

How are these sentences best combined?

A. Though much of his work was unpublished until after his death, Da Vinci's revolutionary thinking and knowledge in many areas is what defines him as a "Renaissance man."

B. Though much of his work was unpublished until after his death, da Vinci is known as a "Renaissance man" because of his revolutionary thinking that defines him and his knowledge about so many areas.

C. Though much of his work was unpublished until after his death, da Vinci's thinking defines him as what is known as a "Renaissance man" which is a term that refers to a person who has knowledge in many areas like him.

D. Though much of his work was unpublished until after his death, da Vinci's revolutionary thinking defines him as a "Revolutionary man" it is this term that refers to a person who is knowledgeable in many areas.
Da Vinci sketched hydraulic pumps, envisioned extraordinary bridges, developed war tanks, had invented the first parachute, and even designed an early bicycle.

What correction should be made to this sentence?

A. Change sketched to had sketched.
B. Change envisioned to had been envisioning.
C. Change developed to was developing.
D. Change had invented to invented.