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TEST 4

# PUNCTUATION

Literary agents estimate that more than half of all nonfiction books credited to a celebrity or other public figure are in fact written by ghostwriters, professional authors who are paid to write other \_\_\_\_\_ but whose names never appear on book covers.

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

- A) people's stories
- B) peoples story's
- C) peoples stories
- D) people's story's

After a spate of illnesses as a child, Wilma Rudolph was told she might never walk again. Defying all odds, Rudolph didn't just walk, she \_\_\_\_\_ the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome, she won both the 100- and 200-meter dashes and clinched first place for her team in the  $4 \times 100$ -meter relay, becoming the first US woman to win three gold medals in a single Olympics.

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

- A) ran—fast—during
- B) ran—fast during
- C) ran—fast, during
- D) ran—fast. During

Seneca sculptor Marie Watt's blanket art comes in a range of shapes and sizes. In 2004, Watt sewed strips of blankets together to craft a 10-by-13-inch \_\_\_\_\_ in 2014, she arranged folded blankets into two large stacks and then cast them in bronze, creating two curving 18-foot-tall blue-bronze pillars.

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

- A) sampler later,
- B) sampler;
- C) sampler,
- D) sampler, later,

The Arctic-Alpine Botanic Garden in Norway and the Jardim Botânico of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil are two of many botanical gardens around the world dedicated to growing diverse plant \_\_\_\_\_ fostering scientific research; and educating the public about plant conservation.

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

- A) species, both native and nonnative,
- B) species, both native and nonnative;
- C) species; both native and nonnative,
- D) species both native and nonnative,

Sociologist Alton Okinaka sits on the review board tasked with adding new sites to the Hawai‘i Register of Historic Places, which includes Pi‘ilanihale Heiau and the ‘Ōpaeka‘a Road Bridge. Okinaka doesn’t make such decisions \_\_\_\_\_ all historical designations must be approved by a group of nine other experts from the fields of architecture, archaeology, history, and Hawaiian culture.

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

- A) single-handedly, however;
- B) single-handedly; however,
- C) single-handedly, however,
- D) single-handedly however

In his groundbreaking book *Bengali Harlem and the Lost Histories of South Asian America*, Vivek Bald uses newspaper articles, census records, ships' logs, and memoirs to tell the \_\_\_\_\_ who made New York City their home in the early twentieth century.

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

- A) story's of the South Asian immigrants
- B) story's of the South Asian immigrants'
- C) stories of the South Asian immigrants
- D) stories' of the South Asian immigrant's

In her two major series “Memory Test” and “Autobiography,” painter Howardena Pindell explored themes \_\_\_\_\_ healing, self-discovery, and memory by cutting and sewing back together pieces of canvas and inserting personal artifacts, such as postcards, into some of the paintings.

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

- A) of
- B) of,
- C) of—
- D) of:

Both Sona Charaipotra, an Indian American, and Dhonielle Clayton, an African American, grew up frustrated by the lack of diverse characters in books for young people. In 2011, these two writers joined forces to found CAKE Literary, a book packaging \_\_\_\_\_ specializes in the creation and promotion of stories told from diverse perspectives for children and young adults.

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

- A) company,
- B) company that
- C) company
- D) company, that

A study led by scientist Rebecca Kirby at the University of Wisconsin–Madison found that black bears that eat human food before hibernation have increased levels of a rare carbon isotope, \_\_\_\_\_ due to the higher  $^{13}\text{C}$  levels in corn and cane sugar. Bears with these elevated levels were also found to have much shorter hibernation periods on average.

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

- A) carbon-13, ( $^{13}\text{C}$ )
- B) carbon-13 ( $^{13}\text{C}$ )
- C) carbon-13, ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ),
- D) carbon-13 ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ),

In 2010, archaeologist Noel Hidalgo Tan was visiting the twelfth-century temple of Angkor Wat in Cambodia when he noticed markings of red paint on the temple \_\_\_\_\_ the help of digital imaging techniques, he discovered the markings to be part of an elaborate mural containing over 200 paintings.

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

- A) walls, with
- B) walls with
- C) walls so with
- D) walls. With

A study published by Rice University geoscientist Ming Tang in 2019 offers a new explanation for the origin of Earth's \_\_\_\_\_ structures called arcs, towering ridges that form when a dense oceanic plate subducts under a less dense continental plate, melts in the mantle below, and then rises and bursts through the continental crust above.

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

- A) continents geological
- B) continents: geological
- C) continents; geological
- D) continents. Geological

VERBS, NOUNS, PRONOUNS

Like other amphibians, the wood frog (*Rana sylvatica*) is unable to generate its own heat, so during periods of subfreezing temperatures, it \_\_\_\_\_ by producing large amounts of glucose, a sugar that helps prevent damaging ice from forming inside its cells.

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

- A) had survived
- B) survived
- C) would survive
- D) survives

In many of her landscape paintings from the 1970s and 1980s, Lebanese American artist Etel Adnan worked to capture the essence of California's fog-shrouded Mount Tamalpais region through abstraction, using splotches of color to represent the area's features. Interestingly, the triangle representing the mountain itself \_\_\_\_\_ among the few defined figures in her paintings.

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

- A) are
- B) have been
- C) were
- D) is

Working from an earlier discovery of Charpentier's, chemists Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna—winners of the 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry—re-created and then reprogrammed the so-called “genetic scissors” of a species of DNA-cleaving bacteria \_\_\_\_\_ a tool that is revolutionizing the field of gene technology.

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

- A) to forge
- B) forging
- C) forged
- D) and forging

# GRAMMAR

African American Percy Julian was a scientist and entrepreneur whose work helped people around the world to see. Named in 1999 as one of the greatest achievements by a US chemist in the past hundred years, \_\_\_\_\_ led to the first mass-produced treatment for glaucoma.

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

- A) Julian synthesized the alkaloid physostigmine in 1935; it
- B) in 1935 Julian synthesized the alkaloid physostigmine, which
- C) Julian's 1935 synthesis of the alkaloid physostigmine
- D) the alkaloid physostigmine was synthesized by Julian in 1935 and

In 2016, engineer Vanessa Galvez oversaw the installation of 164 bioswales, vegetated channels designed to absorb and divert stormwater, along the streets of Queens, New York. By reducing the runoff flowing into city sewers, \_\_\_\_\_

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

- A) the mitigation of both street flooding and the resulting pollution of nearby waterways has been achieved by bioswales.
- B) the bioswales have mitigated both street flooding and the resulting pollution of nearby waterways.
- C) the bioswales' mitigation of both street flooding and the resulting pollution of nearby waterways has been achieved.
- D) both street flooding and the resulting pollution of nearby waterways have been mitigated by bioswales.