American College Testing: English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing

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A. NO CHANGE

B. there was no such thing as a bicycle,

- C. bicycles were uninvented,
- D. whoever heard of a bicycle,

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A. NO CHANGE

B. could be rode quickly

- C. could have been ridden fast
- D. could ride at a quick pace

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A. NO CHANGE

B. looked not

C. didn't look		
D. wasn't looking		

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B. He made

C. He had made		
D. He; made		

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A. NO CHANGE

B. putted a gear on

C. put a gear in	
D. put a gear on	

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A. NO CHANGE

B. Today there are built,

- C. Today they, are built,
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A. NO CHANGE

B. J. Lawson invented by another Englishman,

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If the writer were trying to convince readers to buy a bicycle, he would:

A. NO CHANGE

B. Add a paragraph describing the health and environmental benefits of riding a bike.

- C. Add a paragraph comparing the cost and quality of today's best-selling bicycles.
- D. Add a paragraph about the Tour de France and other bicycle races.

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Which of the following sequences makes paragraph 4 most logical?

A. NO CHANGE

B. (12), (13), (14), (16), (17), (15)

C. (12), (17), (14), (15), (16), (13)

D. (12), (14), (15), (16), (17), (13)

Answer(s): D

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<8>

The writer changed the underlined text <1> to in how material goods were produced. The result is a sentence that is:

A. more dramatic

B. more concise

C. more complex
D. more accurate
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A. NO CHANGE
B. a public education system

C. systematizing education

D.	public	educa	tion
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A. NO CHANGE	
B. (2), (1), (3)	
C. (3), (2), (1)	
D. (3), (1), (2)	

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A. NO CHANGE
B. was quickly spreading
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D. spread fast

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A. NO CHANGE

- B. from the middle of the century eighteen
- C. from the mid-1700s
- D. beginning in the middle of the 1700s, around 1750,

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A. NO CHANGE

B. place. These included

C. place. Thus including

D. place, including

Answer(s): D

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A. NO CHANGE

B. which had become the driving force of

C. that forced the driving of

D. that drove the force behind

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A. NO CHANGE

B. by

C. from

D. in regard to

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Which of the following alternatives provides the most logical and effective conclusion for paragraph 4 <8>?

- A. Today, we are living in an Information Revolution.
- B. In cities and towns, factories found a ready workforce and large consumer base for their products.
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A. the work conditions in the factories
B. child labor
C. the impact of mass production on the economy
D. the population explosion and its effects

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