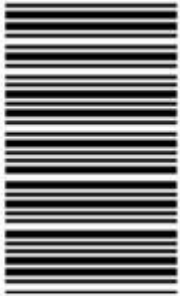


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PART A: Structure

Directions: Choose the word or phrase (1), (2), (3), or (4) that best completes the blank. Then mark the correct choice on your answer sheet.

- 186- We cannot escape the fact that teachers are under very great pressure, and, despite the pleasures of working with developing minds and young people, their morale is low -----.
- 1) leave the profession in droves
 - 2) they in droves leave the profession
 - 3) and they are leaving the profession in droves
 - 4) what they do to the profession is leave in droves
- 187- ----- how much food to give your child, use this convenient rule of thumb: about 1 tablespoon of each food per meal for every year of age.
- 1) For deciding about
 - 2) When deciding
 - 3) When parent decide
 - 4) Concerning the decision
- 188- George W. G. Ferris, -----, Illinois, designed and built the first Ferris wheel ride for the World's Fair held in Chicago in 1893.
- 1) an American engineer from Galesburg
 - 2) an American engineer from Galesburg he is
 - 3) that is an American engineer from Galesburg
 - 4) his being an American engineer from Galesburg
- 189- The reason why these instructors so explicitly mark their digressions is -----, students might not only become confused but think their instructors are disorganized.
- 1) , if not
 - 2) that if they do not
 - 3) that not to do it
 - 4) what if they do not
- 190- Since the introduction in the early 80's of CAD tools and with their ongoing development, ----- to address new challenges.
- 1) ways have found conceptual design in architecture
 - 2) architecture has found for conceptual design ways how
 - 3) ways found by conceptual design in the architecture
 - 4) conceptual design in architecture has found ways
- 191- -----, the design features of 'massively multiplayer online role-playing' and 'action real time strategy' games also play an important role in developing communicative skills.
- 1) Such games not provide only rich lexical environments
 - 2) Rich lexical environments are not provided only such games
 - 3) Not only do such games provide rich lexical environments
 - 4) Such are games not only provided by rich lexical environments
- 192- Personal drug regimens based on xenograft mice harboring a single patient's tumor ----- to prove their true utility in medicine.
- 1) still need
 - 2) and still needing
 - 3) are still needed
 - 4) still needing
- 193- From universal to specific essays, biochemical to cell-based, no one gives you a broader range of tools to research enzymatic targets in epigenetics -----.
- 1) as Cisbio does
 - 2) as does Cisbio
 - 3) with Crisbio
 - 4) than Cisbio
- 194- A black hole model that traps sound instead of light has been caught -----.
- 1) while quantum particles emit
 - 2) to emit quantum particles
 - 3) emitting quantum particles
 - 4) that emits quantum particles

- 195- **The high-protein eaters also had a cancer death rate four times -----.**
 1) greater than their low-protein peers 2) that of their low-protein peers
 3) as much as their low-protein peers 4) their low-protein peers did
- 196- **The teacher felt bad because she had scolded the bright child who was restless -----.**
 1) for want of something to do 2) wanting something to do
 3) for something to do he wanted 4) to do something he wanted to do it
- 197- **In more and more families, both husbands and wives work nowadays and -----.**
 1) there are new problems that result with this
 2) this resulting in new problems
 3) the result of which are new problems
 4) with this there are new problems that result
- 198- **Readers in the past seem to have been more patient than the readers of today. There were few diversions, and they had more time to read ----- that seems to us now inordinate.**
 1) lengthy novels 2) novels of length 3) novels of a length 4) length of novels
- 199- **Three such functions of money are usually specified, corresponding to the three basic needs served by money—the need for a medium of exchange, the need for a unit of account, and -----.**
 1) need for a store of value 2) the need for a store of value
 3) there is the need for a store of value 4) a store of value is also a need
- 200- **The more advanced the specialization in production and the more complex the economy, ----- to make any given good reach its ultimate user by using barter.**
 1) it will be costlier to undertake all the necessary transactions
 2) it will be necessary to undertake all the costlier transactions
 3) the costlier it will be to undertake all the transactions necessary
 4) more necessary it will be to undertake all the transactions costly
- 201- **It has been said by a celebrated person that to meet F. Scott Fitzgerald is ----- of a stupid old woman with whom someone has left a diamond.**
 1) thinking 2) about thinking 3) thinks 4) to think
- 202- **I would propose that scientific archeological expeditions and governmental authorities ----- on the open market.**
 1) sell excavated artifacts 2) excavate artifacts and sell
 3) to sell artifacts excavated 4) who sell artifacts excavated
- 203- **Internationalization increases the danger that foreign companies will use ----- designed to protect.**
 1) against the very companies import relief laws they
 2) import relief laws against the very companies the laws were
 3) import relief laws against the very companies to be
 4) the very companies against the import relief laws were
- 204- **In Norway, however, where there has been a ban on tobacco advertising since 1975, smoking is at least ----- do not ban such advertising.**
 1) among teenagers as prevalent in countries as those that
 2) so prevalent that it is among teenagers in countries
 3) as prevalent among teenagers as it is in countries that
 4) among teenagers so prevalent as in countries in which they
- 205- **When people evade income taxes -----.**
 1) a vicious circle results, not declaring taxable income
 2) a vicious circle, because their not declaring taxable income, results
 3) , they do not declare taxable income, that results in a vicious circle
 4) by not declaring taxable income, a vicious cycle results

PART B: Written Expression

Directions: Choose the word or phrase (1), (2), (3), or (4) that must be changed for the sentence to be correct. Then mark the correct choice on your answer sheet.

- 206- One of the first extended studies of childhood narcissism suggest that heaping
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 praise on your kids could make them more prone to being selfish and vain.
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- 207- Fortunately, a group of astrophysicists has been proposed a means of detecting
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 cosmic neutrinos by harnessing the mass of the ocean.
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- 208- As a result of such contradictory evidence, it is uncertain whether those suffering
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 seriously as a result of labor market problems number in the hundreds of
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 thousands or the tens of millions, and, hence, that high levels of joblessness can be
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 tolerated or must be countered by job creation and economic stimulus.
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- 209- The modern cosmology has been spectacularly successful at explaining why the
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 universe is as it is—a geometrically flat expanding space pockmarked with stars
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 and galaxies.
- 210- Since most samurai had been reduced to idleness by years of peace,
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were encouraged to engage in scholarship and martial exercises or to perform
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 administrative tasks that took little time, it is not surprising that their tastes and
 habits grew expensive.
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- 211- Were there something peculiarly efficient about the free market and inefficient
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 about price-fixing, the countries that have avoided the first and using the second
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would have suffered drastically in their economic development.
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- 212- He and other biologists studying a wide variety of organisms have found that these
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 particular RNA's directs, in large part, the synthesis of histones, a class of proteins
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that bind to DNA.
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- 213- In the two decades between 1910 and 1930, over ten percent of the Black population¹ of the United States left the South, where the preponderance of the² Black population had been located,³ and migrated to northern states, the largest number moved,⁴ it is claimed, between 1916 and 1918.
- 214- But the results do not mean that teaching does not matter.¹ That's like arguing that because differences in height are² mostly down to³ genes food does not affect height in well-feeding children.⁴
- 215- There are currently¹ about 11 000 practicing barristers,² about 3 000 of them are³ women, and it is their main job⁴ to argue cases in court.
- 216- That intimate friend of Dryden's,¹ Tillatson, who executed a copy of the actor's² portrait by Kneller, which is still extant,³ was worthy of their friendship.⁴
- 217- The first and most important¹ rule of legitimate or popular government, that² is to say, of government whose object is the good of the people,³ is therefore, as I have observed, follows in⁴ everything the general will.
- 218- But the thoughtless wickedness with which we scatter sentences of imprisonment¹ is as nothing comparing² the stupid levity with which we tolerate poverty as if it were³ either a wholesome tonic for lazy people or else a virtue to be embraced⁴ as St. Francis embraced it.
- 219- People are eager to accept incontrovertible what is as printed,¹ assuming quite² without foundation, that anything printed³ has bona fide antecedents.⁴
- 220- This very superficial grammarist, supposing empty criticism about¹ the adoption of proper phraseology to be² a show of extraordinary erudition, was displaying,³ in spite of ridicule, a very boastful turgid argument concerning the correction of false syntax, and about the detecting of false logic in debate.⁴

PART C: Vocabulary

Directions: Choose the word or phrase (1), (2), (3), or (4) that best completes the blank. Then mark the correct choice on your answer sheet.

- 221- The owner of a small publishing company plans to ----- a new office space that has floor-to-ceiling windows and no internal walls, arguing that the new space will enhance worker productivity.
1) distinguish 2) arouse 3) lease 4) recruit
- 222- A program ----- by a state government to raise money allows homeowners to prepay their future property taxes at the current rate.
1) instituted 2) demonstrated 3) heartened 4) enumerated
- 223- Budget Fitness will grow its membership base by 10% in the next six months. Budget Fitness has recently crafted a clever ad ----- that it plans to air on several local radio stations.
1) artifact 2) perception 3) authority 4) campaign
- 224- The police concluded that the murder could not have been committed without the help of at least one -----.
1) protagonist 2) accomplice 3) hypocrite 4) autocrat
- 225- Immediately after the demolition of the temple, the situation in the town turned ----- and the police had to be called in to control the angry crowd.
1) volatile 2) deficient 3) prevalent 4) impartial
- 226- By the 30th cosmological decade ($n = 30$) or sooner, however, the supply of the dark matter particles becomes ----- and this avenue of energy generation comes to an end.
1) superfluous 2) underrated 3) inflexible 4) depleted
- 227- With its enormous ----- driving it forward, the comet penetrated deep into the Yucatan bedrock, forcing open a huge hole and molding itself into an incandescent coating on the inside of the growing hole, which was now opening out into an expanding crater.
1) intervention 2) momentum 3) incentive 4) gravity
- 228- We are a very ----- business and we could survive very well with the shops alone.
1) tolerant 2) resolute 3) audacious 4) viable
- 229- His drawings show how ----- he has worked on them, taking pains all these days; I am sure they will be selected for the exhibition.
1) haphazardly 2) spontaneously 3) meticulously 4) unnecessarily
- 230- For the nationwide survey on consumer spending behavior, the respondents were very carefully chosen to create a ----- of the Indian society.
1) an anticipation 2) an idiosyncrasy 3) a pretention 4) a microcosm
- 231- I had decided to remain silent throughout the investigation, but his constantly annoying remarks ----- me to speak.
1) prompted 2) justified 3) cajoled 4) resolved
- 232- Only an absolute fool could have ----- all his savings on playing the stock market.
1) squandered 2) remunerated 3) displaced 4) imposed
- 233- The prime minister's ----- political ideas and the inability to change with the times is inhibiting the growth of the nation.
1) loquacious 2) didactic 3) entrenched 4) transcribed
- 234- There was no way that I could hear the telephone ring above the ----- created by the children in the living room.
1) curiosity 2) nuisance 3) audit 4) din

- 235- The beauty of the Taj Mahal is embellished by its absolute ----- —the left side of the monument seems like a mirror image of the right.
1) majesty 2) symmetry 3) convergence 4) facade
- 236- The relationship between the earthworm and the garden is ----- —the garden provides a home for the earthworm, while the earthworm provides manure for the garden and keeps it fertile.
1) prudent 2) symbiotic 3) artificial 4) challenging
- 237- We will ----- your information into our class presentation as soon as you are finished with it.
1) elevate 2) appreciate 3) incorporate 4) settle
- 238- Leo Tolstoy was an exceptionally ----- author, having written dozens of novels, stories, plays, and essays during a long life that spanned most of the nineteenth century.
1) prolific 2) extravagant 3) comprehensive 4) capricious
- 239- The celebrated lecturer had to wait 5 minutes for the applause to ----- before he began his speech.
1) retain 2) restrain 3) retreat 4) subside
- 240- The small boy ----- resisted the jeers of the bullies and continued to walk to school unaccompanied by his mother.
1) instinctively 2) implicitly 3) intrepidly 4) indifferently
- 241- The point guard on the basketball team had the ----- to play with an injured knee because he knew the team needed him to win the championship.
1) trepidation 2) fortitude 3) flamboyance 4) despair
- 242- A man of integrity, William made a point of never ----- his enemies with lies or empty promises.
1) condemning 2) verifying 3) placating 4) venerating
- 243- Volcanoes that have erupted within historical times and are expected to erupt again are -----.
1) dormant 2) arbitrary 3) vulnerable 4) infirm
- 244- Yurah was so ----- in her work on the Intel grant project that her parents had to remind her of the importance of food and sleep.
1) disastrous 2) assiduous 3) hazardous 4) magnanimous
- 245- If you make a marked increase in the amount of light falling upon the normal eye, you observe the iris immediate ----- to reduce the size of the pupil.
1) constraint 2) resolution 3) adjustment 4) dominance

PART D: Cloze Passage

Directions: Read the following passage and decide which choice (1), (2), (3), or (4) best fits each space. Then mark the correct choice on your answer sheet.

The issue boils down to a hunt for a new value proposition (what one offers to sell or do in exchange for a customer's cash) in an economy in which networks are (246) ----- how people live and work. Those who find answers (247) ----- just as so many did when they figured out in the late 1800s and early 1900s that corporate capitalism was the way to go. (248) ----- another way, managers are asking themselves: "How can we make money and sustain (249) ----- levels of economic growth during a period that so many agree is undergoing a revolutionary change into a network (250) ----- one?" In this new era the issue is less a question of how best to use information technology (usually its capabilities), but rather one more closely linked to the primary driver of the current (251) ----- of changes: telecommunications.

By their nature, networks operate independent of geographical (252) -----, showing no (253) ----- for national borders or authority. Networks have come into their own at (254) ----- the same time that the world is going through a wave of free-market reforms, about which I have more to say later. As a (255) -----, we are experiencing an enlargement of traditional markets across a wider geographic (256) ----- than ever with the technical wherewithal to perform successfully when we figure out how to do it profitably. The cases we see—such as global giants IBM, ABB, and Phillips—are augmented by the unique new cases—such as Amazon.com and eBay.com—(257) ----- a clear indicator of possible futures. It is also becoming clearer that the capabilities of computers in the 1970s and 1980s (258) ----- the table by making the networked world possible and actual. But it is time to move beyond that realization to some emerging realities.

The first new (259) ----- to recognize is that universal access to networks is already across most industrialized and developing nations, making it possible to reach just about anybody or any organization within advanced and emerging economies. This universal access is primarily due to the availability of the Internet and relatively cheap PCs. Literally every employee and firm has the option to (260) ----- this access or to ignore it. Concurrently, every worker and organization is affected by the fact that everyone else has access to the network and many are using it.

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| 246- | 1) deriving | 2) committing | 3) transforming | 4) innovating |
| 247- | 1) adjust | 2) avoid | 3) abate | 4) thrive |
| 248- | 1) Take | 2) Put | 3) Get | 4) Make |
| 249- | 1) traditional | 2) heterodox | 3) neutral | 4) excessive |
| 250- | 1) improvised | 2) dominated | 3) predicted | 4) justified |
| 251- | 1) round | 2) deterrent | 3) favor | 4) faith |
| 252- | 1) illusions | 2) disparities | 3) peripheries | 4) barriers |
| 253- | 1) omen | 2) territory | 3) respect | 4) categorization |
| 254- | 1) recently | 2) currently | 3) precisely | 4) popularly |
| 255- | 1) sample | 2) reality | 3) point | 4) consequence |
| 256- | 1) escape | 2) footprint | 3) openness | 4) timelessness |
| 257- | 1) providing | 2) precluding | 3) stimulating | 4) acknowledging |
| 258- | 1) lay | 2) spread | 3) set | 4) stage |
| 259- | 1) activism | 2) fault | 3) puzzle | 4) reality |
| 260- | 1) envision | 2) leverage | 3) expiate | 4) render |

PART E: Reading Comprehension

Directions: Read the following three passages and decide which choice (1), (2), (3), or (4) best answers each question. Then mark the correct choice on your answer sheet.

PASSAG 1:

Eloquent. Extraordinary. Timeless. Paradigm-shifting. Classic. Half a century after it first appeared, Leonard Read's "I, Pencil" still evokes such adjectives of praise. Rightfully so, for this little essay opens eyes and minds among people of all ages. Many first-time readers never see the world quite the same again.

Ideas are most powerful when they're wrapped in a compelling story. Leonard's main point—economies can hardly be "planned" when not one soul possesses all the know-how and skills to produce a simple pencil—unfolds in the enchanting words of a pencil itself. Leonard could have written "I, Car" or "I, Airplane," but choosing those more complex items would

have muted the message. No one person—repeat, *no one*, no matter how smart or how many degrees follow his name—could create from scratch a small, everyday *pencil*, let alone a car or an airplane.

This is a message that humbles the high and mighty. It pricks the inflated egos of those who think they know how to mind everybody else's business. It explains in plain language why central planning is an exercise in arrogance and futility, or what Nobel laureate and Austrian economist F. A. Hayek aptly termed "the pretence of knowledge."

Indeed, a major influence on Read's thinking in this regard was Hayek's famous 1945 article, "The Use of Knowledge in Society." In demolishing the spurious claims of the those in support of central planning, Hayek wrote, "This is not a dispute about whether planning is to be done or not. It is a dispute as to whether planning is to be done centrally, by one authority for the whole economic system, or is to be divided among many individuals."

- 261- The word "it" in paragraph 1 refers to -----.
- 1) a pencil 2) an article 3) century 4) praise
- 262- Which one of the following best reveals the author's attitude toward the essay written by Leonard Read?
- 1) Disparaging 2) Amusing 3) Laudatory 4) Partisan
- 263- Which of the following is closest in meaning to the sentence that reads, "Many first-time readers never see the world quite the same again." (Paragraph 1)?
- 1) Many first-time readers would begin to see the world from different perspectives.
2) Many first-time readers would stick to your traditional view of the world.
3) Many first-time readers would come to see the world differently after they read the essay.
4) Many first-time readers would never be able to agree with one another about what the world should look like.
- 264- Leonard's refers to the fact that even a pencil cannot be created by one individual in order to demonstrate -----.
- 1) the futility of the idea of central planning
2) the need for cooperation between business organizations
3) the complexities involved in the manufacturing aspect of economic development
4) the fact that progress in human knowledge is a gradual process in which even simple creations should not be ignored
- 265- The author refers to "I, Car" or "I, Airplane" in order to -----.
- 1) name a number of other essays generated by Leonard
2) highlight the gradual nature of technological progress
3) suggest alternative titles for the essays written by Leonard later on
4) further buttress the point Leonard was trying to make by selecting a specific title for his essay
- 266- According to the passage, the language that Leonard used in his essay was -----.
- 1) anecdotal 2) esoteric 3) easy to grasp 4) entertaining
- 267- Leonard would agree with all of the following terms to use to describe the idea of those who think they know how to mind everybody else's business EXCEPT -----.
- 1) humility 2) arrogance 3) absurdity 4) profundity
- 268- It can be understood from the passage that Hayek believed that -----.
- 1) Leonard was only partially right in his argumentation
2) planning is to be divided among many individuals
3) both Leonard and his opponents made a number of spurious claims
4) the idea of whether planning is to be done or not would remain a matter of dispute

PASSAG 2:

The world population has experienced continuous growth since the end of the Great Famine and the Black Death in 1350, when it stood at around 370 million. The highest rates of growth—global population increases above 1.8% per year—were seen briefly during the 1950s, and for a longer period during the 1960s and 1970s. The growth rate peaked at 2.2% in 1963, and had declined to 1.1% by 2011. Total annual births were highest in the late 1980s at about 138 million, and are now expected to remain essentially constant at their 2011 level of 134 million, while deaths number 56 million per year, and are expected to increase to 80 million per year by 2040. Current projections show a continued increase in population (but a steady decline in the population growth rate), with the global population expected to reach 7.5 and 10.5 billion by 2050.

The head of the International Food Policy Research Institute stated in 2008 that the gradual change in diet among newly prosperous populations is the most important factor underpinning the rise in global food prices. From 1950 to 1984, as the Green Revolution changed agriculture around the world, grain production increased by over 250%. World population has grown by about 4 billion since the beginning of the Green Revolution and without it, there would be greater famine and malnutrition than the UN presently documents (approximately 850 million people suffering from chronic malnutrition in 2017). There is concern about increasing rates of soil erosion due to ever larger square hectares worked with mechanized equipment and chemical fertilizer and other inputs. With human consumption of seafood having doubled in the last 30 years, seriously depleting multiple seafood fisheries and destroying the marine ecosystem as a result, awareness is prompting steps to be taken to create a more sustainable seafood supply.

Growing populations, falling energy sources and food shortages will create a "perfect storm" by 2030, according to UK chief government scientist John Beddington, who noted that food reserves were at a 50-year low and the world would require 50% more energy, food and water by 2030. The situation in the Sahel region south of the Sahara, in terms of ongoing deforestation and soil erosion, is very serious.

- 269- According to the passage, in 1350 -----.
- 1) world population ceased to grow
 - 2) population growth gained momentum
 - 3) world population reach an unprecedented number
 - 4) was less than half a billion
- 270- The word "projections" in paragraph 1 could best be replaced by -----.
- 1) statistics
 - 2) estimations
 - 3) allegations
 - 4) developments
- 271- None of the following rhetorical techniques are used to develop the point in paragraph 1 EXCEPT -----.
- 1) process time order
 - 2) chronological time order
 - 3) exemplification
 - 4) cause and effect
- 272- There is sufficient information in paragraph 1 to answer which of the following questions?
- 1) What is the number of death per year predicted to be in 2040?
 - 2) Why did world population increase in the three decades of 1950s, 60s, and 70s?
 - 3) What proves that the facts and figures presented in paragraph 1 are reliable and valid?
 - 4) For how long did the Great Famine and the Black Death wreak havoc on people and their lives?
- 273- The word "it" in paragraph 2 refers to -----.
- 1) population
 - 2) agriculture
 - 3) Green Revolution
 - 4) grain production

- 274- Paragraph 2 suggests that the number of people that the UN documents as those who would be suffering from famine and malnutrition in 2017 -----.
- 1) is not precise
 - 2) seems to be smaller than already expected
 - 3) is expected to rise
 - 4) exceeds that of the years following 2017
- 275- Which of the following does the passage refer to as an input?
- 1) Equipment
 - 2) Seafood
 - 3) Erosion
 - 4) Fertilizer
- 276- What does the author mean by "a perfect storm" in paragraph 3?
- 1) A climatic cataclysm
 - 2) Energy- and food-related shortage
 - 3) The situation in the Sahara
 - 4) Depletion of seafood fisheries
- 277- Which of the following best reveals the tone of the passage?
- 1) Defiant
 - 2) Historical
 - 3) Alarming
 - 4) Controversial

PASSAG 3:

The fact is that most kids, even some of the least fortunate in society, show a remarkable psychological resilience to life's misfortunes. Swedish folklore describes them as "dandelion children," able to put down roots and survive in the rockiest soil. But other little people—the environmentally sensitive ones—are especially vulnerable to the ill effects of hardship. Countless studies reveal that when these kids grow up poor, are in troubled families, or are mistreated, discriminated against or neglected, they run a far greater risk of developing a host of mental health and behavioral problems, compared with the rest of the population. For this reason, many scholars refer to them as "orchid children," prone to wither in harsh conditions.

In recent years evidence has been mounting in support of something rather unexpected: what makes these orchid kids so susceptible to negative environmental influences—as far as we know, a mix of different behavioral and biological traits—also renders them the most likely to benefit from extra support and nurturing. With a little greenhouse care, they flourish—so much so that they even outperform their less sensitive peers. Meanwhile the attributes that foster resilience in the dandelions, such that they do not readily succumb to setbacks, also appear to make them less responsive to various kinds of enrichment.

This differential susceptibility, as I refer to it, to both good and bad environments raises tough questions for parents, policy makers, teachers and concerned citizens alike. Should we seek to identify the most impressionable children and disproportionately target them when it comes to investing our attention and scarce intervention and service dollars? Is this the best approach to promote well-being and prevent future difficulties? I believe the answer may be yes. First, we need to be able to distinguish these rare blooms from the more resilient majority. And that will not be easy. No one characteristic defines them, but we do know that many seem to start off in life as difficult babies, and increasingly we are able to identify them using a range of genetic markers.

- 278- What does the passage mainly discuss?
- 1) The delicacy required for the upbringing of kids
 - 2) Points to remember concerning some special kids
 - 3) Factors that determine a kid's social behavior
 - 4) The relationship between personality and living conditions

- 279- Which of the following is TRUE about dandelion children, according to the passage?
- 1) They are more vulnerable to adversity than other kids.
 - 2) They cannot survive when placed in adverse conditions.
 - 3) They are specially found in poor and troubled families with many children.
 - 4) When faced with problems, they show a remarkable psychological resilience.
- 280- According to the passage, some kids are referred to as "orchid kids" in that -----.
- 1) they do not cope easily under adverse circumstances
 - 2) when carefully treated, they turn out to be indispensable assets to their society
 - 3) extra support and nurturing tend to make them sensitive, and thus vulnerable to social ills
 - 4) their susceptibility is in large part due to the negligence of parents, policy makers, teachers and concerned citizens
- 281- The word "they" in paragraph 2 refers to -----.
- 1) less sensitive peers
 - 2) the dandelions
 - 3) orchid kids
 - 4) children's attributes
- 282- The author has used all of the following to refer to the children about whom some questions are raised in the last paragraph EXCEPT -----.
- 1) orchid children
 - 2) rare blooms
 - 3) difficult babies
 - 4) greenhouse plants
- 283- The passage suggests that dandelions are species of plants that they -----.
- 1) do not easily wither in harsh conditions
 - 2) flourish best when receiving greenhouse care
 - 3) are marked with sort of differential susceptibility
 - 4) owe their hardiness to a host of variables including genetic markers
- 284- Which of the following best indicates the function of paragraph 2 in relation to paragraph 1?
- 1) It casts doubts on the main point of paragraph 1 by presenting new findings.
 - 2) It rejects the general distinction included in paragraph 1 by making a comparison.
 - 3) It follows the same line of argument by citing more characteristics of the phenomenon described in paragraph 1.
 - 4) It qualifies the claim made in paragraph 1 in the light of some unexpected evidence uncovered by research studies.
- 285- The word "renders" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to -----.
- 1) causes
 - 2) assists
 - 3) reveals
 - 4) increases