

SAT Reading and Writing Sample Paper 06

- **Total Questions:** 54 Questions
- **Modules:** 2 Modules (27 Questions each)
- **Time:** 64 Minutes Total (32 Minutes per Module)
- **Content Areas:** Craft and Structure, Information and Ideas, Standard English Conventions, and Expression of Ideas.
- **Question Formats:** Multiple Choice.

Module 1

1. The following text is adapted from a 1920s essay on the history of cartography. Early maps of the Americas were often strikingly _____; while some coastal regions were depicted with surprising accuracy, the vast interiors of the continents were filled with mythical creatures and non-existent mountain ranges.

A) uniform
B) inconsistent
C) exhaustive
D) precise
2. Scholars studying the impact of the printing press often emphasize its _____; by allowing for the rapid dissemination of ideas, the technology fundamentally transformed European society and facilitated the onset of the Reformation.

A) obscurity
B) redundancy
C) profundity
D) brevity
3. Although the initial reception of the modernist building was _____, with many local residents criticizing its stark, industrial appearance, it eventually became a beloved landmark and a symbol of urban renewal.

A) lukewarm
B) absolute
C) celebratory

- D) unanimous
4. The influence of the French Impressionist movement was not _____ to Europe; its emphasis on light and spontaneous brushstrokes inspired painters as far away as North America and East Asia.
- A) derived
B) confined
C) recognized
D) repressed
5. In her latest study, the sociologist describes the social dynamics of digital communities with such _____ that readers gain a deep understanding of how online interactions mirror real-world behavioral patterns.
- A) ambiguity
B) clarity
C) austerity
D) brevity
6. In the 1855 novel Israel Potter, the protagonist is celebrated for his "unflinching courage" during the American Revolutionary War. However, the novel also highlights his later life as a common laborer, suggesting that true heroism is found as much in daily endurance as in extraordinary moments of battle.
- Which choice best describes the function of the underlined sentence?
- A) It introduces a characterization that is later broadened or challenged by the text.
B) It provides a specific example of a military strategy used in the 18th century.
C) It summarizes the final resolution of the novel's primary plot conflict.
D) It identifies a historical event that influenced the author's perspective on war.

7. Text 1

Traditional linguistics once held that certain languages were inherently more "logical" than others. Proponents of this view argued that the complex grammatical structures of classical languages allowed for more precise intellectual expression.

Text 2

Contemporary linguists argue that all human languages are equally capable of expressing complex thoughts. They show that while some languages rely on word endings, others use word order or context to convey the same level of logical nuance.

Based on the texts, how would the author of Text 2 most likely respond to the claim in Text 1?

- A) By arguing that classical languages are actually less logical than modern ones.

- B) By suggesting that the complexity of a language's grammar is the only measure of its logic.
- C) By asserting that the perception of "logic" in a language is based on a misunderstanding of how meaning is conveyed.
- D) By claiming that logical expression is only possible in languages that use word order.
8. In the 1905 novel *The House of Mirth*, the social environment Lily Bart inhabits is described as a "delicate web" of reputations and alliances. A single misstep in conversation or appearance can lead to immediate social exile, mirroring the fragile state of Lily's own financial security.
- Which choice best describes the function of the underlined sentence?
- A) It creates a detailed image of the physical setting of the novel.
- B) It establishes the high stakes of the social world the character navigates.
- C) It makes a claim that the rest of the text seeks to disprove.
- D) It illustrates an idea that was introduced in the final chapter of the book.
9. Pando is a colony of 47,000 quaking aspen trees in Utah that share a single root system. Ecologists are worried because Pando's growth is declining due to overgrazing by local deer. They suggest that building strong fences could prevent animals from eating young trees.
- According to the text, why are ecologists concerned about Pando?
- A) The root system is no longer able to support tree growth.
- B) Animals are consuming new growth before it can mature.
- C) The colony is being blocked from expansion by human structures.
- D) A lack of genetic diversity is making the colony susceptible to disease.
10. In a study of bottlenose dolphins, researchers found that signature whistles are essential for maintaining social bonds. When separated from their mothers, calves will repeat their specific whistle until they are reunited. This indicates that vocal communication is _____ to their social structure.
- A) incidental
- B) fundamental
- C) secondary
- D) redundant
11. Some historians have argued that the Great Depression was caused primarily by a collapse in international trade. However, others suggest that domestic banking failures played an even larger role, as the loss of consumer savings led to a catastrophic decline

in local purchasing power.

Which choice best describes the function of the underlined sentence?

- A) It presents a common historical theory that the rest of the text qualifies or challenges.
- B) It provides empirical evidence to support the claim made in the second sentence.
- C) It identifies a specific trade policy that was passed during the 1930s.
- D) It outlines a solution to the problem of global economic volatility.

12. In 2018, scientists discovered that pearl octopuses congregate near hydrothermal vents to accelerate the development of their eggs. While the surrounding water is near freezing, the vents provide warmth that reduces the incubation period from several years to just a few months.

Which statement about the octopuses is best supported by the text?

- A) They prefer colder water for hunting but warmer water for reproduction.
- B) The hydrothermal vents provide a reproductive advantage regarding hatching speed.
- C) They are the first deep-sea species found to use heat for biological purposes.
- D) The warmth of the vents allows the octopuses to grow much larger than average.

13. Many plants lose leaf color when exposed to kanamycin. Researchers hypothesized that the plant's response involves altering its uptake of metals. In an experiment, plants exposed to the antibiotic showed significant decreases in iron and zinc levels compared to a control group.

Which finding would best support the researchers' hypothesis?

- A) Exposed plants showed much lower metal concentrations than the control group.
- B) Both groups of plants maintained stable levels of iron and zinc throughout the study.
- C) The control group plants lost more color than the group exposed to kanamycin.
- D) Iron and zinc levels increased in response to the antibiotic exposure.

14. A biologist is comparing the survival rates of three different seedling groups under various light conditions.

Group	Light Level (Lux)	Survival Rate (%)
Group A	500	85
Group B	250	45
Group C	100	15

Based on the table, which statement most accurately describes the relationship between light and survival?

- A) Group B has a higher survival rate than Group A despite receiving less light.
- B) Survival rates increase as the level of light exposure increases.
- C) Light level has no significant impact on the survival of these seedlings.
- D) Group C is the most resilient group because it survived with the least light.

15. Biologists recorded the year that specific female dolphins were observed with their calves to study reproductive cycles.

Dolphin ID	Recording Year
FB07	2012
FB25	1989
FB43	1992
FB79	2018

According to the table, in which year was the dolphin with the ID FB43 recorded with her calf?

- A) 1989
 - B) 1992
 - C) 2012
 - D) 2018
16. Mary Golda Ross, a member of the Cherokee Nation, _____renowned for her work on NASA's *Planetary Flight Handbook*.
- A) was
 - B) were
 - C) being
 - D) are
17. Chutes and Ladders is a version of an ancient Nepalese game. In both games, landing on a specific space _____a player to move ahead.
- A) allows
 - B) allow
 - C) are allowing
 - D) have allowed
18. In 1930, artist Chiura Obata depicted Yosemite in two woodcuts. In 2019, his _____exhibited at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.
- A) works was

- B) works were
C) work are
D) working were
19. Journalists have dubbed Gil Scott-Heron the "godfather of rap," but he _____the nickname, preferring the term "bluesologist."
- A) resisted
B) resisting
C) resist
D) to resist
20. Stomata are tiny pores in a leaf. In a 2007 article, plant cell _____demonstrated how these structures regulate gas exchange.
- A) biologist Yuree Lee,
B) biologist, Yuree Lee
C) biologist Yuree Lee
D) biologist, Yuree Lee,
21. As cheesemaking spread during the Neolithic, divergent strategies for preserving milk _____some groups used rennet, while others used acid-heat coagulation.
- A) emerged:
B) emerged,
C) emerged
D) emerged; and
22. Researchers studying the "terra-cotta army" found that the shape of each statue's _____unique to that specific figure.
- A) ears is
B) ears are
C) ears was
D) ears were
23. The novel *Americanah* chronicles the experiences of Ifemelu and Obinze. Ifemelu moves to the US. _____Obinze travels to London.
- A) Meanwhile,
B) Nevertheless,

C) Therefore,

D) Secondly,

24. Some members of the Supreme Court resist televising oral arguments. They worry participants will "perform" for the cameras. _____they fear that short clips could be misinterpreted.

A) However,

B) Additionally,

C) Conversely,

D) For example,

25. An animal's brain size often scales with its behavioral complexity. _____from an evolutionary standpoint, simple actions require fewer brain resources.

A) Thus,

B) Besides,

C) Nevertheless,

D) Subsequently,

26. While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- NASA's Mars rovers are wheeled vehicles.
- They are heavy and cannot navigate steep, rocky terrain.
- Microprobes weigh only 50mg and can be dropped anywhere.
- The student wants to explain an advantage of microprobes.

Which choice most effectively uses the notes?

A) NASA uses both rovers and microprobes to explore the surface of Mars.

B) Unlike heavy rovers, lightweight microprobes can explore steep terrain because they weigh only 50 milligrams.

C) Microprobes are a possible alternative to the rovers NASA uses on Mars.

D) Steep crater walls are difficult for wheeled vehicles to navigate on Mars.

27. While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- Cecilia Vicuña was born in Chile.
- Her poetry collection *Precario* was published in 1983.
- She is also a multidisciplinary artist.
- The student wants to introduce the 1983 collection.

Which choice most effectively uses the notes?

A) Cecilia Vicuña is a Chilean artist who writes poetry.

- B) Published in 1983, *Precario* is a collection of poetry by Chilean artist Cecilia Vicuña.
- C) Vicuña is known for her installations, but she also published *Precario* in 1983.
- D) *Precario* was published by the same Chilean artist who is multidisciplinary.



Module 2

28. Predatory animals differ in how they _____ food for their young; while some bring live prey, others feed their offspring directly.
- A) avoid
 - B) supply
 - C) describe
 - D) consume
29. Teju Cole's _____ photography and writing culminated in his 2017 book, which evocatively combines both media.
- A) indifference to
 - B) enthusiasm for
 - C) concern about
 - D) surprise at
30. Artist Marilyn Dingle's baskets are _____ sweetgrass; she skillfully winds thin palm fronds around grass bunches to create a signature look.
- A) indicated by
 - B) handmade from
 - C) represented by
 - D) collected with
31. Annie Wauneka worked to promote public health; this _____ effort involved traveling the Navajo homeland to write a medical dictionary.
- A) impartial
 - B) offhand
 - C) persistent
 - D) mandatory
32. The impact of the new volcanic discovery was _____; the data forced researchers to rethink the timeline of the island's formation.
- A) negligible
 - B) profound
 - C) deceptive
 - D) localized

33. Oral histories can offer researchers a rich view of everyday experiences. For her book about coal miners, Karida Brown relied on interviews to gain insights into her subjects' day-to-day lives.

Which choice best describes the function of the underlined sentence?

- A) It identifies a research method and states its general benefit.
- B) It provides a geographical fact about the study.
- C) It argues that the author is the leading expert in the field.
- D) It presents a historical event of the twentieth century.

34. In the poem "Benediction," Georgia Douglas Johnson encourages her son to embrace life's journey. She writes that unknown "reaches" await his possession.

Which choice best describes the function of the underlined sentence?

- A) It summarizes the primary theme of the poem.
- B) It explains the biological process of growing up.
- C) It identifies a conflict between mother and son.
- D) It outlines the historical context of the poem's publication.

35. Individual elephants tend to have fixed geographic ranges. Researchers theorized that the extinct woolly mammoth _____; however, analysis of tusk strata suggests their ranges expanded as they matured.

- A) would behave similarly
- B) was much more active
- C) ignored these patterns
- D) preferred colder climates

36. Gloria Richardson led a movement for equality. She became a leader after her daughter inspired her to join protests. _____ Richardson became a prominent figure in history.

- A) Eventually,
- B) Otherwise,
- C) Previously,
- D) For instance,

37. Elinor is described as possessing a "strength of understanding" that qualifies her to counsel her mother. Despite being only nineteen, she is _____.

- A) remarkably mature for her age.
- B) often prone to emotional outbursts.

- C) unable to influence her mother.
D) resolved to never learn from others.
38. Vertamae Smart-Grosvenor's 1970 book was unusual because it combined recipes with memoir. It _____ contemporary approaches to writing about cuisine.
- A) followed
B) challenged
C) ignored
D) simplified
39. Mrs. Ochiltree was known for her "startling frankness," a trait that caused her to be avoided. Mrs. Ochiltree was aware of this and _____.
- A) felt deeply offended.
B) rather exulted in it.
C) tried to hide her personality.
D) was preoccupied with her health.
40. **Text 1**
Sea otters damage eelgrass roots while digging. However, eelgrass in otter-heavy areas are often healthier and more genetically diverse than those in areas where otters are absent.
- Text 2**
Researcher Erin Foster hypothesized that the damage caused by otters forces the eelgrass to increase its rate of sexual reproduction, which boosts diversity. Which finding, if true, would **undermine** Foster's hypothesis?
- A) Eelgrass in otter-heavy areas reproduces primarily through cloning.
B) Small otter populations have a larger impact on diversity than large ones.
C) Other marine animals also damage eelgrass roots.
D) Eelgrass meadows are found in areas where sea otters have never lived.

41.

Material	Density	Conductivity (S/m)
Material A	8.96	5.9×10^7
Material B	2.50	1.0×10^{-12}
Material C	1.10	1.0×10^{-14}

A researcher claims that denser materials are better conductors. Which material supports this?

- A) Material A

- B) Material B
- C) Material C
- D) The data is contradictory

42.

City	Bike Lanes (km)	Satisfaction
City 1	120	4.2
City 2	45	2.8
City 3	85	3.5

Based on the table, which city has the highest commuter satisfaction?

- A) City 1
 - B) City 2
 - C) City 3
 - D) Satisfaction is identical
43. Watson and Crick are famous for the DNA double helix. However, _____ findings were actually based on an X-ray image developed by Rosalind Franklin.
- A) their
 - B) they're
 - C) its
 - D) his
44. In her historical novel, Margarita Engle uses poetry rather than prose _____ the true story of a Cuban folk hero.
- A) to tell
 - B) telling
 - C) told
 - D) tells
45. Interest in mechanotransduction is expanding because of work by scientists—many of _____ are studying how cells convert stimuli into signals.
- A) whom
 - B) who
 - C) which
 - D) them

46. Helen Oyeyemi's novel is a retelling of Snow White; her 2019 novel, _____ offers a delicious twist on Hansel and Gretel.
- A) *Gingerbread*,
 - B) *Gingerbread*
 - C) *Gingerbread*;
 - D) *Gingerbread*:
47. Engineer Erkkka Frankberg used the chemical _____ to create a glassy solid that can withstand high strain.
- A) compound aluminum oxide
 - B) compound, aluminum oxide
 - C) compound aluminum oxide,
 - D) compound, aluminum oxide,
48. During the "Brass Era," automobiles were referred to as "horseless carriages." Collectors today _____ these vehicles for their artistry.
- A) prize
 - B) prizes
 - C) prizing
 - D) was prizing
49. The evidence _____ that the defendant was not in the city at the time of the crime.
- A) suggests
 - B) suggest
 - C) suggesting
 - D) to suggest
50. The choir _____ rehearsing for the holiday concert since early September.
- A) has been
 - B) have been
 - C) is
 - D) are
51. New technologies use resources more efficiently. _____ economists observe that these gains can actually increase total consumption.

- A) However,
- B) Furthermore,
- C) Similarly,
- D) Specifically,

52. Before the 1911 election, activists sold tea. In San Francisco, they sold "Equality Tea." _____ in Los Angeles, they distributed "Votes for Women Tea."

- A) Similarly,
- B) Conversely,
- C) Therefore,
- D) Instead,

53. While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- The Grand Canyon was carved by the Colorado River.
- This process took millions of years.
- It is up to 18 miles wide.
- The student wants to explain how the canyon was formed.

Which choice most effectively uses the notes?

- A) The Grand Canyon is a massive 18-mile-wide formation.
- B) Carved by the Colorado River over millions of years, the Grand Canyon is a unique geological site.
- C) The Colorado River is essential to the landscape of the US.
- D) Millions of years were required for the river to flow.

54. The experiment failed. _____, the equipment malfunctioned halfway through the process.

- A) Specifically,
- B) However,
- C) Instead,
- D) Conversely,

Answers and Solutions

1. **B** — "Inconsistent" reflects the contrast between accuracy in some parts and myths in others.
2. **C** — "Profundity" refers to the deep and significant impact the press had on society.
3. **A** — "Lukewarm" (not very enthusiastic) matches the criticism mentioned in the first part of the sentence.
4. **B** — "Confined" means limited to; the text explains the movement spread far beyond Europe.
5. **B** — "Clarity" fits the idea that the description allowed readers to gain a "deep understanding."
6. **A** — The underlined part gives a character trait (courage) that is then broadened by the focus on labor.
7. **C** — Text 2 argues that no language is inherently more logical, challenging the classical language bias in Text 1.
8. **B** — The sentence establishes the high social stakes where a single error leads to "social exile."
9. **B** — The text explicitly states Pando is declining because deer are overgrazing (eating) young trees.
10. **B** — "Fundamental" describes something essential; the study shows whistles are key to bonding.
11. **A** — The first sentence introduces a common theory that the rest of the text challenges with the banking theory.
12. **B** — The text states that warmer water "accelerates development," providing a hatching speed benefit.
13. **A** — The experiment found that exposed plants had lower metal levels, which supports the metal uptake hypothesis.

14. **B** — According to the table, as Lux levels increase (100 to 500), survival rates rise (15% to 85%).
15. **B** — Looking at the third row of the dolphin table, the recording year for FB43 is 1992.
16. **A** — "Was" is the singular past tense required to describe Ross's completed role in history.
17. **A** — "Allows" is the singular present-tense verb required to agree with the singular subject "landing."
18. **B** — "Works were" is the plural construction required for the woodcuts mentioned earlier.
19. **A** — "Resisted" is the simple past tense required to match the timeframe of the first clause.
20. **C** — No punctuation should separate the job title "biologist" from the name "Yuree Lee."
21. **A** — A colon is used to introduce an explanation or a specific list of the strategies.
22. **B** — "Is" is the singular verb required to agree with the singular subject "shape."
23. **A** — "Meanwhile" is used to show two events happening simultaneously in different places.
24. **B** — "Additionally" adds a second, distinct worry (misleading clips) to the first worry (performing).
25. **B** — "Thus" indicates a logical consequence: simple behavior leads to fewer brain resources.
26. **B** — This choice highlights the "advantage" of microprobes over rovers (accessing terrain) as requested.
27. **B** — This choice successfully introduces the poetry collection and its author as requested.
28. **B** — "Supply" is the correct verb for how animals provide food to their offspring.

29. **B** — "Enthusiasm for" describes a strong interest in two different passions.
30. **B** — "Handmade from" correctly describes the materials used to construct the baskets.
31. **C** — "Persistent" (constant/continuous) matches the description of working without stopping.
32. **B** — "Profound" means deep or intense, fitting a discovery that changes an entire timeline.
33. **A** — It defines the general utility of oral history before providing a specific example.
34. **A** — The underlined sentence introduces the primary message/theme of the poem.
35. **A** — "Would behave similarly" fits the context of researchers predicting a shared trait between species.
36. **A** — "Eventually" shows the chronological progression of time leading to her becoming a leader.
37. **A** — "Remarkably mature" matches the description of her "strength of understanding" at age 19.
38. **B** — "Challenged" fits the idea that the book went against traditional culinary writing conventions.
39. **B** — The text says she was aware people avoided her and "rather exulted in it."
40. **A** — If the plants reproduce via cloning rather than seeds (sexual), it disproves the sexual reproduction theory.
41. **A** — Material A supports the claim because it has the highest density and highest conductivity.
42. **A** — According to the satisfaction values, City 1 has the highest number (4.2).
43. **A** — "Their" is the plural possessive pronoun required to refer back to Watson and Crick.

44. **A** — "To tell" is the infinitive form required to express the purpose of using poetry.
45. **A** — "Whom" is the objective pronoun required after the preposition "of."
46. **A** — A comma is needed to set off the non-essential title of the novel.
47. **B** — No punctuation is needed within the simple phrase "compound aluminum oxide."
48. **A** — "Prize" is the plural verb that agrees with the plural subject "Collectors."
49. **A** — "Evidence" is an uncountable singular noun, requiring the singular verb "suggests."
50. **A** — "Choir" is a collective noun acting as a single unit, so the singular verb "has been" is correct.
51. **A** — "However" signals the contrast between efficiency gains and increased total consumption.
52. **A** — "Similarly" shows that both groups of activists were doing related things in different cities.
53. **B** — This choice accurately explains the "how" (Colorado River) as requested by the student's goal.
54. **A** — "Specifically" introduces the exact reason why the experiment failed.