

## Reading and Writing Questions

**DIRECTIONS:** The questions in this section are designed to test your reading and writing abilities. Each question will provide you with one or more passages. It is important to thoroughly read each passage and question before selecting the best answer based on the information provided. All of the questions in this section are multiple-choice and will have four options to choose from. There is only one correct answer for each question.

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

- The Danube River is the second-longest river in Europe.
- The river passes through 10 countries, more than any other river in the world.
- The Danube flows through major European cities like Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, and Belgrade.
- The river has played a significant role in European history, culture, and trade.

Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to emphasize the importance of the Danube River in Europe?

- A) The Danube River is the second-longest river in Europe, passing through 10 countries.
- B) The Danube River flows through Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, and Belgrade, major European cities.
- C) The Danube River, passing through 10 countries and major cities, has played a significant role in European history, culture, and trade.
- D) The Danube River is a major waterway in Europe and is the second-longest river on the continent.

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

- International businesses often face cultural differences that can impact their success.
- Understanding local customs, values, and communication styles is essential for international businesses.
- Companies like McDonald's and Starbucks adapt their offerings to suit local tastes and preferences.
- Establishing strong relationships with local partners can help international businesses navigate cultural differences.

Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to emphasize the importance of cultural understanding in international business?

- A) International businesses, such as McDonald's and Starbucks, often face cultural differences that can impact their success.
- B) To navigate cultural differences, international businesses should focus on building strong relationships with local partners.
- C) Understanding local customs, values, and communication styles is crucial for international businesses like McDonald's and Starbucks, who adapt their offerings to suit local preferences.
- D) The success of international businesses is often determined by their ability to adapt to cultural differences and establish strong relationships with local partners.

3. The advent of streaming services has led to the rise of independent films, giving lesser-known filmmakers a platform to showcase their work. Consequently, the diversity of film genres has increased, offering viewers more choices. Some critics argue that this has led to a decline in the quality of mainstream movies, while others believe it has \_\_\_\_\_.

Which choice most logically completes the text?

- A) reduced the number of movie theaters
  - B) increased the cost of film production
  - C) encouraged innovation in filmmaking
  - D) limited the variety of films available
4. In the United States, the term ‘manifest destiny’ was coined in the 19th century to describe the belief that American settlers were destined to expand westward, bringing democracy and freedom to the continent. This idea served as a \_\_\_\_\_ for westward expansion and the acquisition of new territories.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) justification
- B) hindrance
- C) resistance
- D) skepticism

5. The Iron Curtain was a term coined by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill to describe the political and ideological divide that separated the Eastern Bloc, led by the Soviet Union, and the Western Bloc, led by the United States and its NATO allies, during the Cold War. The term 'Iron Curtain' symbolized the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the divide.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) impenetrable
- B) porous
- C) temporary
- D) flexible