# Meaning

## OG 2017

**Q671**

**Hurricanes at first begin traveling from eat to west, because that direction is the way the prevailing winds in the tropics blow, but they have then veer off toward higher latitudes, in many cases changing direction toward the eat before dissipating over the colder, more northerly waters or over land.**

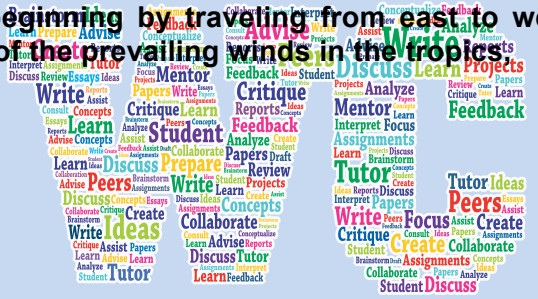
**(A) Hurricanes at first begin traveling from eat to west, because that direction is the way the prevailing winds in the tropics blow, but**

**(B) At first, hurricanes travel from east to west, because that is the direction of the prevailing winds in the tropics, but**

**(C) While hurricanes travel from east to west at first, the direction of the prevailing winds blowing in the tropics, and**

**(D) Because hurricanes at first travel from eat to west, since it is the direction of the prevailing winds in the tropics,**

**(E) Hurricanes, beginning by traveling from east to west, because this is the direction of the prevailing winds in the tropics,**




**Q699**

**The remarkable similarity of Thule artifacts throughout a vast region can, in part, be explained as a very rapid movement of people from one end of North America to the other.**

**(A) The remarkable similarity of Thule artifacts throughout a vast region can, in part, be explained as**

**(B) Thule artifacts being remarkably similar throughout a vast region, one explanation is**

**(C) That Thule artifacts are remarkably similar throughout a vast region is, in part, explainable as**

**(D) One explanation for the remarkable similarity of Thule artifacts throughout a vast region is that there was**

**(E) Throughout a vast region Thule artifacts are remarkably similar, with one explanation for this being**

**Q700**

**The widely accepted big theory holds that the universe began in an explosive instant ten to twenty billion years ago and has been expanding ever since.**

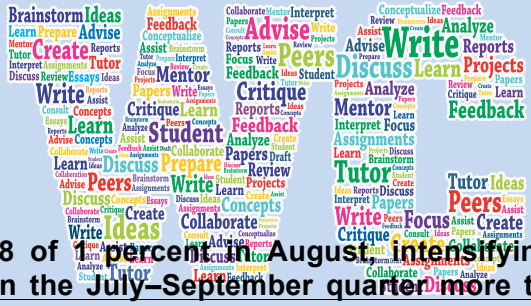
**(A) that the universe began in an explosive instant ten to twenty billion years ago and has been expanding**

**(B) that the universe had begun in an explosive instant ten to twenty billion years ago and had been expanding**

**(C) that the beginning of the universe was an explosive instant ten to twenty billion years ago that has expanded**

**(D) the beginning of the universe to have been an explosive instant ten to twenty billion years ago that is expanding**

**(E) the universe to have begun in an explosive instant ten to twenty billion years ago and has been expanding**




**Q710**

**Retail sales rose 0.8 of 1 percent in August intensifying expectations that personal spending in the July–September quarter more than doubled that of the 1.4 percent growth rate in personal spending for the previous quarter.**

**(A) that personal spending in the July–September quarter more than doubled that of**

**(B) that personal spending in the July–September quarter would more than double**

**(C) of personal spending in the July–September quarter, that it more than doubled**

**(D) of personal spending in the July–September quarter more than doubling that of**

**(E) of personal spending in the July–September quarter, that it would more than double that of**

**Q713**

**The automotive conveyor-belt system, which Henry Ford modeled after an assembly-line technique introduced by Ransom Olds, reduced from a day and a half to 93 minutes the required time of assembling a Model T.**

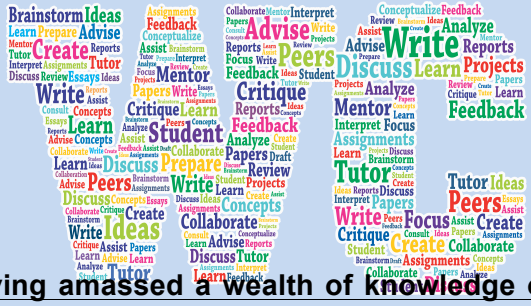
**(A) from a day and a half to 93 minutes the required time of assembling a Model T**

**(B) the time being required to assemble a Model T, from a day and a half down to 93 minutes**

**(C) the time being required to assemble a Model T, a day and a half to 93 minutes**

**(D) the time required to assemble a Model T from a day and a half to 93 minutes**

**(E) from a day and a half to 93 minutes, the time required for the assembling of a Model T**




**Q719**

**Neuroscientists, having amassed a wealth of knowledge over the past twenty years about the brain and its development from birth to adulthood, are now drawing solid conclusions about how the human brain grows and how babies acquire language.**

**(A) Neuroscientists, having amassed a wealth of knowledge over the past twenty years about the brain and its development from birth to adulthood, are**

**(B) Neuroscientists, having amassed a wealth of knowledge about the brain and its development from birth to adulthood over the past twenty years, and are**

**(C) Neuroscientists amassing a wealth of knowledge about the brain and its development from birth to adulthood over the past twenty years, and are**

**(D) Neuroscientists have amassed a wealth of knowledge over the past twenty years about the brain and its development from birth to adulthood,**

**(E) Neuroscientists have amassed, over the past twenty years, a wealth of knowledge about the brain and its development from birth to adulthood,**

**Q726**

**Unlike the conviction held by many of her colleagues that genes were relatively simple and static, Barbara McClintock adhered to her own more complicated ideas about how genes might operate, and in 1983, at the age of 81, was awarded a Nobel Prize for her discovery that the genes in corn are capable of moving from one chromosomal site to another.**

**(A) Unlike the conviction held by many of her colleagues that genes were**

**(B) Although many of her colleagues were of the conviction of genes being**

**(C) Contrary to many of her colleagues being convinced that genes were**

**(D) Even though many of her colleagues were convinced that genes were**

**(E) Even with many of her colleagues convinced of genes being**

**Q772**

**Heating-oil prices are expected to be higher this year than last because refiners are paying about $5 a barrel more for crude oil than they were last year.**

**(A) Heating-oil prices are expected to be higher this year than last because refiners are paying about $5 a barrel more for crude oil than they were**

**(B) Heating-oil prices are expected to rise higher this year over last because refiners pay about $5 a barrel for crude oil more than they did**

**(C) Expectations are for heating-oil prices to be higher this year than last year's because refiners are paying about $5 a barrel for crude oil more than they did**

**(D) It is the expectation that heating-oil prices will be higher for this year over last because refiners are paying about $5 a barrel more for crude oil now than what they were**

**(E) It is expected that heating-oil prices will rise higher this year than last year's because refiners pay about $5 a barrel for crude oil more than they did**

**Q774**

**Even though Clovis points, spear points with longitudinal grooves chipped onto their faces, have been found all over North America, they are named for the New Mexico site where they were first discovered in 1932.**

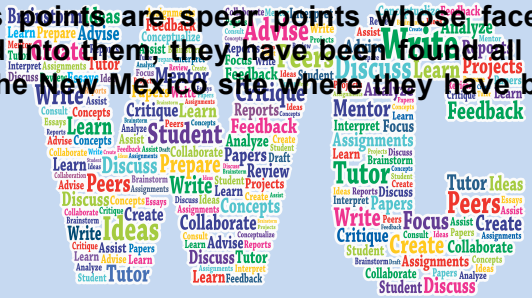
**(A) Even though Clovis points, spear points with longitudinal grooves chipped onto their faces, have been found all over North America, they are named for the New Mexico site where they were first discovered in 1932.**

**(B) Although named for the New Mexico site where first discovered in 1932, Clovis points are spear points of longitudinal grooves chipped onto their faces and have been found all over North America.**

**(C) Named for the New Mexico site where they have been first discovered in 1932, Clovis points, spear points of longitudinal grooves chipped onto the faces, have been found all over North America.**

**(D) Spear points with longitudinal grooves that are chipped onto the faces, Clovis points, even though named for the New Mexico site where first discovered in 1932, but were found all over North America.**

**(E) While Clovis points are spear points whose faces have longitudinal grooves chipped into them, they have been found all over North America, and named for the New Mexico site where they have been first discovered in 1932.**




**Q793**

**Scientists have recently found evidence that black holes—regions of space in which matter is so concentrated and the pull of gravity so powerful that nothing, not even light, can emerge from them—probably exist at the core of nearly all galaxies and the mass of each black hole is proportional to its host galaxy.**

**(A) exist at the core of nearly all galaxies and the mass of each black hole is proportional to**

**(B) exist at the core of nearly all galaxies and that the mass of each black hole is proportional to that of**

**(C) exist at the core of nearly all galaxies, and that the mass of each black hole is proportional to**

**(D) exists at the core of nearly all galaxies, and that the mass of each black hole is proportional to that of**

**(E) exists at the core of nearly all galaxies and the mass of each black hole is proportional to that of**

**Q798**

**As sources of electrical power, windmills now account for only about 2,500 megawatts nationwide, but production is <u>almost expected to double by the end of the year, which would provide</u> enough electricity for 1.3 million households.**

**(A) almost expected to double by the end of the year, which would provide**

**(B) almost expected that it will double by the end of the year, thus providing**

**(C) expected that it will almost double by the end of the year to provide**

**(D) expected almost to double by the end of the year and thus to provide**

**(E) expected almost to double by the end of the year, which would thus be providing**

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**Q197**

**It stood twelve feet tall, weighed nine thousand pounds, and welded seven-inch claws, and *Megatherium americanum*, a giant ground sloth, may have been the largest hunting mammal ever to walk the Earth.**

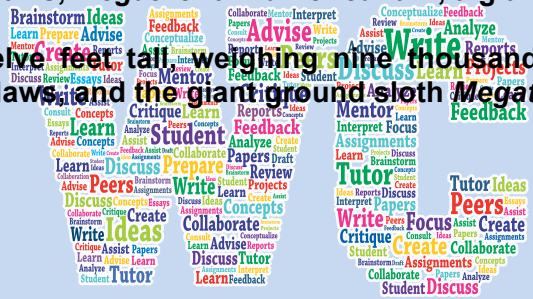
**(A) It stood twelve feet tall, weighed nine thousand pounds, and welded seven-inch claws, and *Megatherium americanum*, a giant ground sloth,**

**(B) It stood twelve feet tall, weighing nine thousand pounds, and wielding seven-inch claws, *Megatherium americanum* was a giant ground sloth,**

**(C) The giant ground sloth *Megatherium americanum*, having stood twelve feet tall, weighing nine thousand pounds, and wielding seven-inch claws, it**

**(D) Standing twelve feet tall, weighing nine thousand pounds, and wielding seven-inch claws, *Megatherium americanum*, a giant ground sloth,**

**(E) Standing twelve feet tall, weighing nine thousand pounds, it wielded seven-inch claws, and the giant ground sloth *Megatherium americanum***




**Q203**

**A March 2000 Census Bureau survey shoed that Mexico accounted for more than a quarter of all foreign-born residents of the United States, the largest share for any country to contribute since 1890, when about 30 percent of the country's foreign-born population was from Germany.**

**(A) the largest share for any country to contribute**

**(B) the largest share that any country has contributed**

**(C) which makes it the largest share for any country to contribute**

**(D) having the largest share to be contributed by any country**

**(E) having the largest share to have been contributed by any country**

**Q209**

**Except for a concert performance that the composer himself staged in 1911, Scott Joplin's ragtime opera *Treemonisha* was not produced until 1972, sixty-one years after its completion.**

**(A) Except for a concert performance that the composer himself staged**

**(B) Except for a concert performance with the composer himself staging it**

**(C) Besides a concert performance being staged by the composer himself**

**(D) Excepting a concert performance that the composer himself staged**

**(E) With the exception of a concert performance with the staging done by the composer himself**

**Q214**

**Japanese researchers are producing a series of robots that can identify human facial expressions, to which they will respond; their goal is primarily creating a robot that will empathize with us.**

**(A) expressions, to which they will respond; their goal is primarily creating**

**(B) expressions, then responding to them; primarily to create**

**(C) expressions and then respond to them; the researchers' primary goal is to create**

**(D) expressions as well as giving a response to them; their primary goal s creation of**

**(E) expressions and responding to them; primarily, the researchers' goal is creating**

**Q229**

**Government officials announced that restrictions on the use of water would continue because no appreciative increase in the level of river resulted from the intermittent showers that had fallen throughout the area the day before.**

**(A) restrictions on the use of water would continue because no appreciative increase in the level of river**

**(B) restricting the use of water would continue because there had not been any appreciative increase in the river's level that**

**(C) the use of water would continue to be restricted because not any appreciable increase in the river's level had**

**(D) restrictions on the use of water would continue because no appreciable increase in the level of river had**

**(E) using water would continue being restricted because not any appreciable increase in the level of the river**

**Q234**

**Though being tiny, blind, and translucent, a recently discovered species of catfish lessens their vulnerability with thickened bones and armor plates on their sides.**

**(A) Though being tiny, blind, and translucent, a recently discovered species of catfish lessens their vulnerability with thickened bones and armor plates on their sides.**

**(B) Though tiny, blind, and translucent, a recently discovered species of catfish has thickened bones and armor plates on its sides that lessen its vulnerability.**

**(C) A recently discovered species of catfish has thickened bones and armor plates on its sides that lessen their vulnerability, though tiny, blind, and translucent.**

**(D) Thickened bones and armor plates on their sides lessen the vulnerability of a recently discovered species of catfish that is tiny, blind, and translucent.**

**(E) Tiny, blind, and translucent, thickened bones and armor plates on its sides lessen the vulnerability of a recently discovered species of catfish.**

**Q289**

**In preparation for the prediction of a major earthquake that will hit the state, a satellite-based computer network is being built by California Office of Emergency Services for identifying earthquake damage and to pinpoint the most affected areas within two hours of the event.**

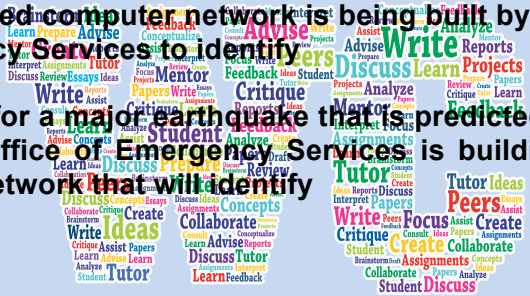
**(A) In preparation for the prediction of a major earthquake that will hit the state, a satellite-based computer network is being built by California Office of Emergency Services for identifying**

**(B) In preparation for the prediction of a major earthquake that will hit the state, the California Office of Emergency Services is building a satellite-based computer network that will identify**

**(C) In preparing for a major earthquake that is predicted to hit the state, the California Office of Emergency Services is building a satellite-based computer network to identify**

**(D) To prepare for the prediction of a major earthquake hitting the state, a satellite-based computer network is being built by the California Office of Emergency Services to identify**

**(E) To prepare for a major earthquake that is predicted to hit the state, the California Office of Emergency Services is building a satellite-based computer network that will identify**



## OG 2016

**Q16**

**Rising inventories, when unaccompanied correspondingly by increases in sales, can lead to production cutbacks that would hamper economic growth.**

**(A) when unaccompanied correspondingly by increases in sales, can lead**

**(B) when not accompanied by corresponding increases in sales, possibly leads**

**(C) when they were unaccompanied by corresponding sales increases, can lead**

**(D) if not accompanied by correspondingly increased sales, possibly leads**

**(E) if not accompanied by correspondingly increased sales, can lead**

**Q20**

**The commission has directed advertisers to restrict the use of the word "natural" to foods that do not contain color or flavor additives, chemical preservatives, or nothing that has been synthesized.**

**(A) or nothing that has been**

**(B) or that has been**

**(C) and nothing that is**

**(D) or anything that has been**

**(E) and anything**

**Q34**

**Although schistosomiasis is not often fatal, it is so debilitating that it has become an economic drain on many developing countries.**

**(A) it is so debilitating that it has become an economic**

**(B) it is of such debilitation, it has become an economical**

**(C) so debilitating is it as to become an economic**

**(D) such is its debilitation, it becomes an economical**

**(E) there is so much debilitation that it has become an economical**

**Q76**

**That educators have not anticipated the impact of microcomputer technology can hardly be said that it is their fault. Alvin Toffler, one of the most prominent students of the future, did not even mention microcomputers in Future Shock, published in 1970.**

**(A) That educators have not anticipated the impact of microcomputer technology can hardly be said that it is their fault**

**(B) That educators have not anticipated the impact of microcomputer technology can hardly be said to be at fault**

**(C) It can hardly be said that it is the fault of educators who have not anticipated the impact of microcomputer technology**

**(D) It can hardly be said that educators are at fault for not anticipating the impact of microcomputer technology**

**(E) The fact that educators are at fault for not anticipating the impact of microcomputer technology can hardly be said**

# VERBAL REVIEW 2016

**Q58**
**A patient accusing a doctor of malpractice will find it difficult to prove damage if there is a lack of some other doctor to testify about proper medical procedures.**

**(A) if there is a lack of some other doctor to testify**

**(B) unless there will be another doctor to testify**

**(C) without another doctor's testimony**

**(D) should there be no testimony from some other doctor**

**(E) lacking another doctor to testify**

# OG 15

**Q135**
**Spanning more than 50 years, Friedrich Müller began his career in an unpromising apprenticeship as a Sanskrit scholar and culminated in virtually every honor that European governments and learned societies could bestow.**

**(A) Müller began his career in an unpromising apprenticeship as**

**(B) Müller's career began in an unpromising apprenticeship as**

**(C) Müller's career began with the unpromising apprenticeship of being**

**(D) Müller had begun his career with the unpromising apprenticeship of being**

**(E) the career of Müller has begun with an unpromising apprenticeship of**

# VERBAL REVIEW 2

**Q3**

**However much United States voters may agree that there is waste in government and that the government as a whole spends beyond its means, it is difficult to find broad support for a movement toward a minimal state.**

**(A) However much United States voters may agree that**

**(B) Despite the agreement among United States voters to the fact**

**(C) Although United States voters agree**

**(D) Even though United States voters may agree**

**(E) There is agreement among United States voters that**

**Q8**

**As the cost of wireless service has steadily dropped over the last year and as mobile phones have become increasingly common, many people are finding that they can avoid toll charges on their home phones, using their mobile phones for making long-distance calls at night or on weekends, at a time which many wireless companies provide unlimited airtime for a small monthly fee.**

**(A) phones, using their mobile phones for making long-distance calls at night or on weekends, at a time which**

**(B) phones, instead using mobile phones to make long-distance calls during the night or weekends, during which**

**(C) phones by using their mobile phones to make long-distance calls at night or on weekends, when**

**(D) phones using mobile phones for making long- distance calls during the night or weekends, when**

**(E) phones when using their mobile phones to make long-distance calls at night or on weekends, a time which**

**Q72**
**State officials report that soaring rates of liability insurance have risen to force cutbacks in the operations of everything from local governments and school districts to day-care centers and recreational facilities.**

**(A) rates of liability insurance have risen to force**

**(B) rates of liability insurance are a force for**

**(C) rates for liability insurance are forcing**

**(D) rises in liability insurance rates are forcing**

**(E) liability insurance rates have risen to force**

## OG 12

**Q9**

**Like the idolization accorded the Brontës and Brownings, James Joyce and Virginia Woolf are often subjected to the kind of veneration that blurs the distinction between the artist and the human being.**

**(A) Like the idolization accorded the Brontës and Brownings,**

**(B) As the Brontës' and Brownings' idolization,**

**(C) Like that accorded to the Brontës and Brownings,**

**(D) As it is of the Brontës and Brownings,**

**(E) Like the Brontës and Brownings,**

**Q18**

**Plants are more efficient at acquiring carbon than are fungi, in the form of carbon dioxide, and converting it to energy-rich sugars.**

**(A) Plants are more efficient at acquiring carbon than are fungi,**

**(B) Plants are more efficient at acquiring carbon than fungi,**

**(C) Plants are more efficient than fungi at acquiring carbon,**

**(D) Plants, more efficient than fungi at acquiring carbon,**

**(E) Plants acquire carbon more efficiently than fungi,**

**Q45**

**Quasars, at billions of light-years from Earth the most distant observable objects in the universe, believed to be the cores of galaxies in an early stage of development.**

**(A) believed to be**

**(B) are believed to be**

**(C) some believe them to be**

**(D) some believe they are**

**(E) it is believed that they are**

**Q121**

**Sales of wines declined in the late1980s, but they began to grow again after the 1991 report that linked moderate consumption of alcohol, and particularly of red wine, with a reduced risk of heart disease.**

**(A) they began to grow again after the 1991 report that linked moderate consumption of alcohol, and particularly of red wine, with a reduced risk of heart disease**

**(B) after the 1991 report that linked a reduced risk of heart disease with a moderate alcohol consumption, particularly red wine, they began growing again**

**(C) in a 1991 report, moderate alcohol consumption, and particularly of red wine, which was linked with a reduced risk of heart disease, caused them to begin to grow again**

**(D) with a reduced risk of heart disease linked in a 1991 report with moderate alcohol consumption, in particular red wine, they began growing again**

**(E) a reduced risk of heart disease linked to moderate alcohol consumption in a 1991 report, and in particular red wine, started them growing again**

**Q125**
**Today, because of improvements in agricultural technology, the same amount of acreage produces double the apples that it has in 1910.**

**(A) double the apples that it has**

**(B) twice as many apples as it did**

**(C) as much as twice the apples it has**

**(D) two times as many apples as there were**

**(E) a doubling of the apples that it did**

**Q132**
**Although the term "psychopath" is popularly applied to an especially brutal criminal, in psychology it is someone who is apparently incapable of feeling compassion or the pangs of conscience.**

**(A) it is someone who is**

**(B) it is a person**

**(C) they are people who are**

**(D) it refers to someone who is**

**(E) it is in reference to people**