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WRITTEN COMPOSITION: Expository

READ the information in the box below.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy said that the United States should set a goal of landing an American on the moon by 1970. After much hard work and preparation, two Americans landed on the moon in 1969.

THINK carefully about the following

Some people think it is easier to accomplish something if they set a goal in advance.

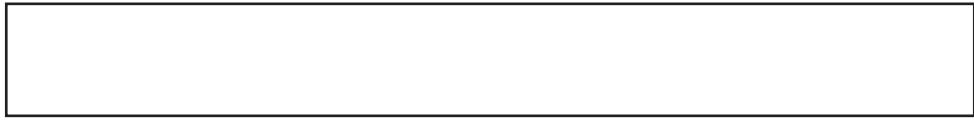
WRITE an essay explaining why setting a goal is important.

Be sure to „


€ clearly state your controlling idea

€ organize and support your ideas

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REVISING.
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Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

Isaiah has written the following narrative about a _____ the
Isaiah _____ a

(8) A shrill scream snaps me out of my daydream from the car behind me and returns my focus to the world around me. (9) All I can hear is the whoosh of the wind, the thunder of the car's metallic wheels, and shrieks of my fellow passengers that are piercing. (10) I'm certain now that I have indeed made a poor life choice, but the ride isn't over, so I must just hold on and hope to survive.

(11) The pressure of the wind on my face and eyes becomes extreme. (12) I feel as though I might get sick, but I try hard to overcome my nausea. (13) As the Viper continues to twist and turn, I hang on for dear life. (14) When I'm sure I can't take another second of this •adventure,Ž the roller coaster bursts out feel •adventu

1 What is the most effective revision to make in sentence 4?

- A Unfortunately, my hands aren't interested, they don't care what my brain is telling them to do.
 - B Unfortunately, my hands aren't interested in what my brain is telling my hands to do.
 - C Unfortunately, my hands and my brain aren't interested in what it is telling them to do.
 - D No revision is needed in this sentence.
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2 What is the BEST way to revise sentence 8?

- F A shrill scream snaps me out of my daydream, and from the car behind me, it returns my focus to the world around me.
 - G A shrill scream snaps me out of my daydream and returns my focus to the world around me, it came from the car behind me.
 - H A shrill scream from the car behind me snaps me out of my daydream and returns my focus to the world around me.
 - J A shrill scream snaps me out of my daydream from the car behind me, returning my focus to the world around me.
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3 What is the BEST revision to make in sentence 9?

- A All I can hear is the whoosh of the wind, the thunder of the car's metallic wheels, and the piercing shrieks of my fellow passengers.
- B All I can hear is the whoosh of the wind and the thunder of the car's metallic wheels, I can also hear my fellow passengers who have piercing shrieks.
- C All I can hear is the whoosh of the wind and the thunder of the car's metallic wheels and my fellow passengers and their piercing shrieks.
- D All I can hear is the whoosh of the wind next to the thunder of the car's metallic wheels beside my fellow passengers who have piercing shrieks.

4 Isaiah would like to add some detail to support the idea he has presented in sentence 14. Which sentence could BEST follow and provide support for sentence 14?

F I'm thinking that the ride will be over soon.

G It comes out of the tunnel really fast and heads straight up into the air.

H The light of a beautiful day is welcome but nearly blinding after the darkness of the tunnel.

J While I find adventure movies intriguing, this doesn't feel intriguing at all.

5 What is the most effective transition to add to the beginning of sentence 19?

A For example

B What

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

Ari would like to see a new program instituted at his school. He has written this paper to convince others that the program would be valuable in many ways. Read Ari's paper and look for the revisions he needs to make. Then answer the questions that follow.

Our School Needs a Citizenship Program

(1) The bell rings, the lockers slam, and the crowded hallways empty as kids and teachers fill the classrooms, ready to begin a new school day. (2) Students study math, science, history, literature, music, and art. (3) They write essays, take tests, do homework, and sports practices. (4) But should they do more? (5) Could school be a place where students are part of something bigger than just academics and activities? (6) The answer is yes. (7) Our school should join other schools and have great projects for kids.

(8) My former school took part in a citizenship program. (9) At the beginning of each semester, every homeroom class had to come up with a project that would benefit the entire school. (10) Throughout the semester students in the class worked together to complete the project.

(11) The projects students chose were as diverse as the classes that selected them. (12) One class chose to implement a recycling program in the cafeteria.

(13) A second class had the highest scores on the midyear science exam. (14) Another class painted a beautiful mural on one of the walls in the school's entryway. (15) Our class took over the garden that had been planted near the front doors the previous year.

(16) This would be really good at our school. (17) Research shows that students who volunteer their time and talents feel better about themselves and make better grades in school. (18) Furthermore, the work garden

performed by students saves the school district money because students provide the labor and local businesses often donate the materials. (19) Finally, students feel more connected to a campus that they have helped clean, beautify, and organize.

(20) A citizenship program is a great way to get them involved in making a school a more enjoyable place to learn. (21) At the end of the year, when they look back on all they have accomplished, they feel proud of both themselves and their school.

7 What is the most effective revision to make in sentence 3?

- A They write essays, take tests, and do homework while there are sports practices.
 - B They write essays, take tests, do homework, and attend sports practices.
 - C They write essays, take tests, and do homework, they also go to sports practices.
 - D Sentence 3 is written correctly in the paper.
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8 Ari would like to revise sentence 7 so that it more clearly states the position he is taking in this paper. Which of the following could replace sentence 7 and BEST accomplish this goal?

- F Our school should join other schools in implementing a citizenship program that will require service projects within the school.
- G School can be a place where students are part of something bigger than just academics, classrooms, and lunchrooms.
- H We as a school can offer programs that help kids do amazing things with their lives today and add to their futures.
- J In this paper I'll tell .221 0 Td (I•I)Tj /T1_0 1 Tf ()Tj /T1_1 1 Tf 1.589 uT1_0 1 Tf ()Tj /T1_1 1 Tf 3.221 0 8 (kids)Tj

9 Ari has left an important detail out of the second paragraph (sentences 8...10).

At the end of the grading period, each student received a citizenship grade in addition to his or her academic grades.

Where is the BEST place to insert this sentence?

- A Before sentence 8
 - B After sentence 8
 - C After sentence 9
 - D After sentence 10
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10 Ari has included an extraneous sentence in the third paragraph (sentences 11...15). Which sentence should be deleted from this paragraph?

- F Sentence 12
 - G Sentence 13
 - H Sentence 14
 - J Sentence 15
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11 Which of the following can replace sentence 16 and serve as a more effective topic sentence for the fourth paragraph (sentences 16...19)?

- A A citizenship program at our school would offer many benefits.
- B This would be really cool at our school, too.
- C Everyone knows that kids who volunteer feel better about themselves.
- D Students can be involved in a variety of projects with their classmates.

12 The meaning of sentence 20 can be clarified by changing them to „

F businesses

G programs

H students

J schools

13 Ari wants to close his paper with a call to action. Which of these sentences could be added after sentence 21 to accomplish this goal?

A In closing, students will be proud of what they've done to improve

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

In the following paper Gabe hopes to persuade readers to have a more upbeat outlook on Mondays.

In 0 Td (a)...2uh0h6 (paper)Tj /T1_0 1 Tf ()Tj /TT1 1 Tf 3.221 0 T2 (and)Tj /T1_0 1 Tf ()Tj /TT0 1 TTj5h2

means that several times a year, a Monday provides a three-day weekend. (15) And according to consumer websites Monday is the best day to get a good deal on a car because there aren't as many people shopping on the first day of the workweek.

(16) Experts say that you can also get the best online deals on Mondays. (17) This is especially true for electronics, such as computers, TVs, and video games.

(18) To me, however, there's something even more important about Mondays. (19) Each Monday symbolizes a new beginning. (20) For example, last week I got behind on my homework, and had to spend the weekend catching up. (21) But as soon as Monday arrived, I had a clean slate. (22) Another week I forgot to do some of my chores, so I had to forfeit going to a movie with my friends. (23) Once Monday came, my parents gave me a fresh start. (24) I also love Mondays because we frequently start new lessons at school at the beginning of the week. (25) While last week's topics may have been boring, Monday can bring a new book to read, experiment to conduct, or math concept to tackle.

(26) I realize that I was probably not going to convince everyone that Monday is the best day of the week, but hopefully I can encourage a few people to change their attitude. (27) The next time a Monday rolls around, think about all the good things that could happen ^{to} ~~and~~ ~~change~~ ~~to~~ ~~change~~

change of tackle.

14 What change needs to be made in sentence 5?

- F Change has even written to has even wrote
 - G Change has even written to have even written
 - H Change has even written to even writing
 - J No change needs to be made.
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15 What change should be made in sentence 9?

- A Change I to And
 - B Insert a comma after agree
 - C Change sentaments to sentiments
 - D Make no change
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16 How does sentence 12 need to be changed?

- F Change are to were
- G Delete the comma
- H Insert a comma after Football
- J Change Fall to fall



20 What change needs to be made in sentence 25?

- F Change weeks to week's
 - G Change boring to borring
 - H Change the first comma to a period
 - J Change experiment to experament
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21 What change should be made in sentence 26?

- A Change was to am
 - B Delete the comma after week
 - C Change their to there
 - D Change attitude to atitude
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22 What change should be made in sentence 28?

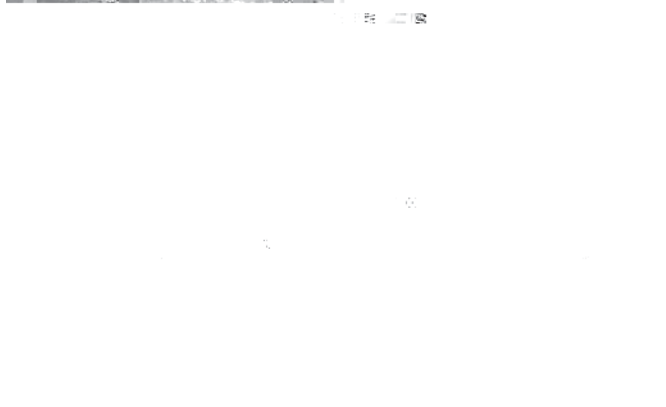
- F Change There's to There isn't
- G Change me to myself
- H Insert a comma after me
- J Change it to them

Read the selection below and choose the best answer to each question.
Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

(12) Being a golf-ball diver is another interesting way to earn a living while scuba diving. (13) About 100 million golf balls are scooped out of golf course ponds every year. (14) Brett Parker, a professional golf-ball diver, regularly suits up, drives across a golf course, and sinks to the bottom of a murky pond. (15) When he surfaces, he usually has a heavy bag. (16) Filled with hundreds of golf balls that have mistakenly landed in the pond. (17) Parker then sells the balls to a company that cleans them and resells them to consumers. (18) On an average day Parker can collect as many as 3,000 golf balls.



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(19) There are also diving jobs that can involve some danger. (20) One of these is water-tower diving. (21) The water towers that supply our communities with drinking water requires regular maintenance. (22) The outsides of these tanks are manageable enough, but professional divers must be hired to inspect, clean, and maintain the insides of the tanks. (23) The divers have to climb more than 100 feet up a tower and then descend into very dark and often cold water. (24) And because the tanks are usually operating at the same time, the divers must be very careful when they are inside.

(25) If you're planning to pursue a career in diving someday you may want to stick to the more glamorous diving jobs. (26) However, it's good to know that there are other opportunities available. (27) As a professional diver, the choice will be yours!

23 How should sentence 2 be changed?

- A Change They to You
 - B Change pictures to picture's
 - C Change elaborate to elaborate
 - D Sentence 2 should not be changed.
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24 What change needs to be made in sentence 4?

- F Change variety to vareity
 - G Change that to they
 - H Change involved to involve
 - J No change needs to be made in sentence 4.
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25 What change should be made in sentence 6?

- A Delete the comma
- B Change there to their
- C Change busly to busily
- D No change should be made.

26 What is the correct way to write sentences 15 and 16?

- F When he surfaces, he usually has a heavy bag, it is filled with hundreds of golf balls that have mistakenly landed in the pond.
 - G When he surfaces, he usually has a heavy bag filled with hundreds of golf balls. That have mistakenly landed in the pond.
 - H When he surfaces, he usually has a heavy bag filled with hundreds of golf balls they have mistakenly landed in the pond.
 - J When he surfaces, he usually has a heavy bag filled with hundreds of golf balls that have mistakenly landed in the pond.
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27 What change should be made in sentence 18?

- A Change a to an
 - B Change average to averege
 - C Change can collect to collecting
 - D No change should be made in sentence 18.
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28 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 21?

- F Change communities to community's
- G Change requires to require
- H Change maintenance to maintanence
- J Make no change

29 How should sentence 24 be changed?

A Change are usually operating to is usually operating

B Delete the comma

C Change they to

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