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| People have decorated their bodies with ink for centuries. For many cultures, tattoos have been used as a form of protection from illness, a status symbol, or a way to identify different groups.      It was thought that the Egyptians were the first known people to use tattoos to cover their bodies. Many of the tattoos were found on the bodies and the figurines of women. The women tattooed their body to keep them safe during childbirth. These markings can be found in other cultures as well. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Egyptian tattoos were the first to be discovered, older tattoos were found on an Iceman. That mummy dates back to 5,200 years ago. His markings showed that they were done in order to relieve joint pain.      Tattoos were also used as a way to show a person's social status. In Scythian culture, tattoos were used to show nobility. Without any tattoos, a Scythian person was known to be of low birth. Greeks and Romans used tattoos as marks of shame. Sometimes, tattoos showed what religious belief a person held or who owned a slave. They were even used to mark prisoners.      The art of tattooing has changed some over the years. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it has become a true art form with details that can rival any painting. These tattoos can be anything from a person's face to an original drawing. | |
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|  | **A.** | Furthermore, it was thought that the Egyptians were the first known people to use tattoos to cover their bodies. |
|  | **B.** | Now, it was thought that the Egyptians were the first known people to use tattoos to cover their bodies. |
|  | **C.** | In the past, it was thought that the Egyptians were the first known people to use tattoos to cover their bodies. |
|  | **D.** | In brief, it was thought that the Egyptians were the first known people to use tattoos to cover their bodies. |

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|  | **A.** | In contrast, |
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|  | **C.** | Therefore, |
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|  | **B.** | In this case, |
|  | **C.** | Absolutely, |
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|  | **A.** | Despite these new types of tattoos, traditional and cultural tattoos are popular as well. |
|  | **B.** | Romans and Greeks thought that tattoos took away from the body's original beauty. |
|  | **C.** | Previously, tattoo artists used needles attached to a wooden stick to make their art. |
|  | **D.** | Some of the tattoos that Egyptians used made of simple dots and diamond patterns. |

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|  | **A.** | In any case, |
|  | **B.** | Meanwhile, |
|  | **C.** | In fact, |
|  | **D.** | Then, |

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| Razors of all types have been around since prehistoric times in forms such as sharpened clam shells and flint. They have been used to remove hair from the face and other parts of the body. There are three distinct kinds of razors. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they can come in straight, safety, or electric forms.      The straight razor with a handle was created in England during in the 18th and 19th centuries. It was the popular way to shave a beard. To shave, most often people went to the barbershop. The razor required a little bit more skill. The straight razor's popularity waned after the introduction of the safety razor. In the early 1900s, King Gillette put a razor blade in a handle so only the sharp area was exposed. This made shaving safer and easier, and the razor was cheap and disposable. The electric razor was introduced by Colonel Jacob Schick. The electric razor allowed for a closer shave than that of the safety razor. Furthermore, it just needs to be plugged in to an electrical outlet or to have batteries. | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **6.** | Read the following sentence from the passage.  Furthermore, it just needs to be plugged in to an electrical outlet or to have batteries.  What is the purpose of the linking word **Furthermore**? | |  |

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|  | **A.** | to signal that more information follows |
|  | **B.** | to confirm that the passage is not yet finished |
|  | **C.** | to show the safety razor lasts very long |
|  | **D.** | to explain why the razor is so cheap |

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|  | **A.** | To shave, most often people went to the barbershop. Therefore, the razor required a little bit more skill. |
|  | **B.** | To shave, most often people went to the barbershop; however, the razor required a little bit more skill. |
|  | **C.** | To shave, most often people went to the barbershop because the razor required a little bit more skill. |
|  | **D.** | To shave, most often people went to the barbershop. Finally, the razor required a little bit more skill. |

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|  | **A.** | Later on, |
|  | **B.** | Formerly, |
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| **(1)** Once in a while, you may have walked through a park and noticed artwork lying around. **(2)** These pieces of art are called sculptures. **(3)** They can be in the shape of humans or can take any form. **(4)** These art pieces are different from your typical framed painting. **(5)** They are three-dimensional pieces that use materials such as stone, wood, and clay.      **(6)** Sculptures were created in different cultures around the world. **(7)** Early artists used durable materials to create their sculptures. **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, their pieces of art consisted of bronze, stone, or ivory. (9) Many of these sculptures have lasted today and give a glimpse into the past. **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, artists create their sculptures using all sorts of materials and media, like light and sound, in their pieces. **(11)** These add modern touches to the works of art that have been around for centuries. | |
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|  | **A.** | to describe the art pieces found while walking in the park |
|  | **B.** | to begin a sequence of events about the movement of art |
|  | **C.** | to summarize the huge impact of artwork like sculptures |
|  | **D.** | to show that finding art in a park does not happen often |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **11.** | Read sentences 7 and 8 from the passage.  Early artists used durable materials to create their sculptures. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, their artwork consisted of bronze, stone, or ivory.  Which linking word or phrase **best** fits in the blank? | |

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|  | **B.** | Furthermore, |
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|  | **D.** | In these cases, |

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|  | **B.** | Today |
|  | **C.** | In conclusion |
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|  | **A.** | Following this, |
|  | **B.** | Immediately, |
|  | **C.** | For instance, |
|  | **D.** | Nevertheless, |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **14.** | The hurricane season begins the first of June, and lasts until November. The huge storms threaten the states along the Gulf coast every year. Sometimes the people living along the coast have to evacuate their homes and move away from the storms. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the people living there are always under the threat of a hurricane, they must always be prepared.  Which word or words **best** fit in the blank? | |

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|  | **A.** | Finally, |
|  | **B.** | Beyond, |
|  | **C.** | In spite of, |
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|  | **A.** | Finally, |
|  | **B.** | On the other hand, |
|  | **C.** | Similarly, |
|  | **D.** | Since, |

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| The game of croquet is a popular sport around the world. It is gaining popularity within the United States. Croquet is a game that is generally played on the backyard lawn. All it requires are colored balls, hoops in the ground, called wickets, and mallets.      Golf croquet is the newest form of the game. The goal of the game is to be the first person to get the ball through all of the wickets. Because of the golf croquet's simple rules, it is becoming one of the most well-liked versions of the game.      To play a game of golf croquet, gather up four players. Each person receives a different colored ball—blue, black, red, or yellow. Players with blue and black balls form a team, and those with red and yellow balls are another. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, six wickets need to be placed into the ground. Four of the wickets create a rectangle while the other two go in the middle of the court. A player with the mallet tries to hit his or her ball through the wickets. Each person gets only one turn per round. Whoever goes through the most wickets wins the game. | |
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|  | **A.** | to prove that golf croquet's rules are the reason that it is popular |
|  | **B.** | to show the order in which golf croquet steps should be played |
|  | **C.** | to give an example of how well-liked golf croquet has become |
|  | **D.** | to summarize the rules of croquet, including golf croquet |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **17.** | Read the following sentences from paragraph 3 of the passage.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, six wickets need to be placed into the ground. Four of the wickets create a rectangle while the other two go in the middle of the court.  Which linking word or phrase **best** fits in the blank? | |

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|  | **A.** | Besides |
|  | **B.** | After all |
|  | **C.** | Obviously |
|  | **D.** | To start |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **18.** | Read the following sentences from paragraph 3 of the passage.  Four of the wickets create a rectangle while the other two go in the middle of the court. A player with the mallet tries to hit his or her ball through the wickets.  Which linking word or phrase **best** connects these two sentences? | |

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|  | **A.** | Although, |
|  | **B.** | In fact, |
|  | **C.** | Then, |
|  | **D.** | Certainly, |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **19.** | Read the following sentences from the passage above.  The game of croquet is a popular sport around the world. It is gaining popularity within the United States.  Which linking word or phrase **best** connects these two sentences? | |

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|  | **A.** | Nevertheless, |
|  | **B.** | For example, |
|  | **C.** | On the contrary, |
|  | **D.** | Finally, |

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|  | **A.** | Therefore, |
|  | **B.** | In fact, |
|  | **C.** | After, |
|  | **D.** | On the right, |

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| At the beginning of the day, Julia's mood was clear. It was foul. No matter what she did, she didn't feel any better. First, she got up on the "right" side of the bed. However, that did nothing for her. Apparently, there was no such thing as the right side of the bed. After that, Julia put on her best outfit for school. It was made up of her perfect pair of jeans and her beloved white sweater. Then, she climbed down the stairs and ate her favorite breakfast. That didn't even crack a smile. There was just nothing that could boost Julia's mood. | |
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|  | **A.** | to compare Julia's different moods |
|  | **B.** | to prove that Julia is too grumpy |
|  | **C.** | to show the sequence of events |
|  | **D.** | to summarize the author's opinion |

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|  | **A.** | Then, she climbed down the stairs and ate her favorite breakfast. Therefore, that didn't even crack a smile. |
|  | **B.** | Then, she climbed down the stairs and ate her favorite breakfast, but that didn't even crack a smile. |
|  | **C.** | Then, she climbed down the stairs and ate her favorite breakfast. In fact, that didn't even crack a smile. |
|  | **D.** | Then, she climbed down the stairs and ate her favorite breakfast; for example, that didn't even crack a smile. |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **23.** | The tree limbs were tossing and turning in the wind. The strong force of the wind was also making houses shake and causing dogs to howl in fear. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it was making it difficult for Quincy to fall asleep. He just stared up at the ceiling all night.  Which linking word or phrase **best** fits in the blank? | |

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|  | **A.** | Finally |
|  | **B.** | In fact |
|  | **C.** | Besides |
|  | **D.** | Before this |

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|  | **A.** | Once again, |
|  | **B.** | At first, |
|  | **C.** | Too, |
|  | **D.** | Altogether, |

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| **(1)** The 8000 Mile Guy, Mark Harris, will walk the Golden Gate Bridge. **(2)** A high level of road congestion and law restrictions, the California Highway Patrol has informed Mark Harris that it's too dangerous to continue his walk south on HWY 101 from Santa Rosa. **(3)** Harris will walk the 331 miles he would have traveled from Santa Rosa, CA, to Bakersfield, CA, by walking the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. **(4)** The Golden Gate Bridge is 1.7 miles in length. **(5)** Harris will have to walk the length of the bridge 195 times.      **(6)** Harris walks with a message to forgive, and he shares his example of love with his followers. **(7)** He hopes the walk will be inspirational. **(8)** This portion of his journey should take less than one month to complete. **(9)** He will continue his walk across the United States.  *adapted from "The 8000 Mile Guy to Walk the Golden Gate Bridge 195 Times" by Katheryn Troyer* | |
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|  | **A.** | As a result, Harris will have to walk the length of the bridge 195 times. |
|  | **B.** | For example, Harris will have to walk the length of the bridge 195 times. |
|  | **C.** | Later, Harris will have to walk the length of the bridge 195 times. |
|  | **D.** | Finally, Harris will have to walk the length of the bridge 195 times. |

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|  | **A.** | Later, |
|  | **B.** | Truly, |
|  | **C.** | Then, |
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|  | **A.** | Due to the high level of road congestion and law restrictions, the California Highway Patrol has informed Mark Harris it is too dangerous to continue his walk south on HWY 101 from Santa Rosa. |
|  | **B.** | However the high level of road congestion and law restrictions, the California Highway Patrol has informed Mark Harris it is too dangerous to continue his walk south on HWY 101 from Santa Rosa. |
|  | **C.** | Then the high level of road congestion and law restrictions, the California Highway Patrol has informed Mark Harris it is too dangerous to continue his walk south on HWY 101 from Santa Rosa. |
|  | **D.** | On the other hand the high level of road congestion and law restrictions, the California Highway Patrol has informed Mark Harris it is too dangerous to continue his walk south on HWY 101 from Santa Rosa. |

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|  | **A.** | He will always continue his walk across the United States. |
|  | **B.** | He will truly continue his walk across the United States. |
|  | **C.** | He will today continue his walk across the United States. |
|  | **D.** | He will then continue his walk across the United States. |

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|  | **A.** | Later, |
|  | **B.** | Then, |
|  | **C.** | Therefore, |
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| **(1)** Acoma is the name of a pueblo that is almost 1,000 years old. **(2)** It claims to be the oldest inhabited village in the United States. **(3)** It is located high on a sandstone rock in the desert of New Mexico. **(4)** There is no running water or electricity in the village. **(5)** All water must be hauled up the steep sides of the rock.       **(6)** Because of the pueblo's location 365 feet above the ground, the Acomas were fairly safe from their enemies. **(7)** In 1598, the Spanish governor and 70 of his men attacked the village after the Acomas had killed thirteen Spaniards who tried to steal their grain. **(8)** Acoma was nearly destroyed. **(9)** After the attack, the Acomas agreed to build a mission as a condition of peace. | |
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|  | **A.** | On the other hand, |
|  | **B.** | However, |
|  | **C.** | As a result, |
|  | **D.** | In the same way, |

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|  | **A.** | In addition, |
|  | **B.** | Finally, |
|  | **C.** | Consequently, |
|  | **D.** | Indeed, |

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|  | **B.** | However, |
|  | **C.** | Altogether, |
|  | **D.** | Next to, |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **33.** | **(1)** Many communities celebrate holidays with parades. **(2)** They are a great way to entertain the people who watch from the sidelines. **(3)** Some of the parades involve large numbers of people and are put together at great expense. **(4)** The Macy's Day Parade is held in New York City on Thanksgiving Day. **(5)** People from all parts of the country watch it on TV. **(6)** Other parades are spontaneous affairs in small towns. **(7)** In the U.S., there are parades for all sorts of holidays. **(8)** There are Thanksgiving parades, Christmas parades, and Fourth of July parades. **(9)** High school students decorate floats for their Homecoming Days.       Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday." It is the name of a popular festival in New Orleans. New Orleans' Mardi Gras tradition goes back to celebrations by masked student revelers around 1827. Many parades, including Mardi Gras, feature floats, which are moving cars, or large displays decorated with fresh flowers or crepe paper by local groups and schools.   Choose the word that **best** connects sentences 3 and 4. | |

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|  | **A.** | Therefore, |
|  | **B.** | Altogether, |
|  | **C.** | Nearby, |
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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **34.** | **(1)** There is nothing as great as a long and breezy summer day. **(2)** You can do so many things while enjoying one of these days. **(3)** You could read an amazing book or play some sports outdoors. **(4)** There are so many activities that require a person to be outdoors, and this is the perfect time for it!  Which linking word or phrase **best** connects sentences 2 and 3? | |

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|  | **A.** | Before this, |
|  | **B.** | Meanwhile, |
|  | **C.** | To conclude, |
|  | **D.** | For example, |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **35.** | **(1)** Couscous is what Moroccan cuisine is most known for. **(2)** In my area, it is eaten on every Friday, holy day. **(3)** It is prepared in big batches. **(4)** There is always more than we can eat. **(5)** It is steamed. **(6)** Then a sauce with vegetables is put over it. **(7)** Next, a piece of lamb or beef goes in the center, and carrots, cabbage, squash, peppers, and other vegetables go around the meat. **(8)** In the cities, it's eaten with spoons, but the traditional way is to eat it with your right hand. **(9)** Take a handful, and by squeezing and tossing, shape it into a ball of couscous, pop it into your mouth, and eat it. **(10)** Peace Corps Volunteers usually make a big mess in their eating area with this method, and provide lots of entertainment for the Moroccans!  Which word or words **best** connect sentences 4 and 5? | |

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|  | **A.** | For example, |
|  | **B.** | In fact, |
|  | **C.** | First, |
|  | **D.** | Of course, |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **36.** | The office is down the hall on the right. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the office is the clinic.  Choose the word or words that **best** fit in the sentence above. | |

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|  | **A.** | In short |
|  | **B.** | To illustrate |
|  | **C.** | Next to |
|  | **D.** | Finally |

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| **(1)** The fatigued cowboys scoured the countryside from hill to valley. **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, there were no signs of the lost cows anywhere. **(3)** It had taken the cowboys days to hunt down a possible trail for the cows. **(4)** The track marks that they could find were barely visible. **(5)** The dust and wind picked up across the plains. **(6)** This was troubling for the cowboys. **(7)** They needed to find the cows before sundown because there was no way these animals could survive in this dust storm. **(8)** The cowboys steadily moved forward. | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **37.** | Choose the sentence that **best** combines sentences 4 and 5. | |  |

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|  | **A.** | The track marks that they could find were barely visible. On the whole, the dust and wind picked up across the plains. |
|  | **B.** | The track marks that they could find were barely visible. Indeed, the dust and wind picked up across the plains. |
|  | **C.** | The track marks that they could find were barely visible since the dust and wind picked up across the plains. |
|  | **D.** | The track marks that they could find were barely visible; after, the dust and wind picked up across the plains. |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **38.** | Which linking word or phrase **best** begins sentence 8? | |

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|  | **A.** | In addition, |
|  | **B.** | Sometimes, |
|  | **C.** | For example, |
|  | **D.** | Therefore, |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **39.** | For sentence 2, which linking word or phrase **best** fits in the blank? | |

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|  | **A.** | Before this |
|  | **B.** | Yet |
|  | **C.** | Next |
|  | **D.** | To illustrate |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **40.** | The sun shone so brightly in the afternoon that it heated the unshielded ice cream cart. The ice cream began to melt—it began slowly at first, but soon all of it became a slushy mess.  Choose the sentence that best connects these two sentences | |

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|  | **A.** | The sun shone so brightly in the afternoon that it heated the unshielded ice cream cart. As a result, the ice cream began to melt—it began slowly at first, but soon all of it became a slushy mess. |
|  | **B.** | The sun shone so brightly in the afternoon that it heated the unshielded ice cream cart. Sometimes, the ice cream began to melt—it began slowly at first, but soon all of it became a slushy mess. |
|  | **C.** | The sun shone so brightly in the afternoon that it heated the unshielded ice cream cart. In contrast, the ice cream began to melt—it began slowly at first, but soon all of it became a slushy mess. |
|  | **D.** | The sun shone so brightly in the afternoon that it heated the unshielded ice cream cart. Besides, the ice cream began to melt—it began slowly at first, but soon all of it became a slushy mess. |

Write your response here:

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