

**SECTION 9**Time — 20 minutes
18 Questions**Turn to Section 9 (page 7) of your answer sheet to answer the questions in this section.****Directions:** For each question in this section, select the best answer from among the choices given and fill in the corresponding circle on the answer sheet.

Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five words or sets of words labeled A through E. Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Example:

Hoping to ----- the dispute, negotiators proposed a compromise that they felt would be ----- to both labor and management.

- (A) enforce . . useful
(B) end . . divisive
(C) overcome . . unattractive
(D) extend . . satisfactory
(E) resolve . . acceptable

(A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

- Many paintings of the American Southwest convey a feeling of isolation and loneliness that mirrors the ----- landscape they depict.
(A) lush (B) sprawling (C) desolate
(D) gaudy (E) monumental
- Only recently created, this orchid is a -----, a plant produced by deliberately crossbreeding two different varieties of flowers.
(A) misnomer (B) hybrid (C) vector
(D) curative (E) precursor
- The pharmaceutical company insisted that its testing of new drugs was quite -----, more rigorous than the industry standard.
(A) stringent (B) dispersive (C) conditional
(D) recessive (E) obtrusive
- Freedom of expression is not necessarily a ----- force: communities that encourage it often feel less threatened by social unrest than do those in which dissent is -----.
(A) revolutionary . . promoted
(B) positive . . prohibited
(C) successful . . protested
(D) divisive . . restricted
(E) militant . . fostered
- Thomas Hardy's novels are described as ----- because of their preoccupation with daily life in rural and agricultural settings.
(A) bucolic (B) prolific (C) lugubrious
(D) sundry (E) metaphorical
- Some skeptics consider the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) to be -----, even foolish; others go so far as to accuse SETI scientists of outright ----- in applying skewed data.
(A) misguided . . remonstrance
(B) absurd . . erudition
(C) plausible . . lassitude
(D) painstaking . . fabrication
(E) wrongheaded . . chicanery

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