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# Writing

# The College Board

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## Sample Questions

Read the following early draft of an essay and then choose the best answer to the question or the best completion of the statement.

(1) The prevalence of nectarines in US supermarkets today is directly related to the company started by two unrelated men who shared a last name, an inventive bent, and a drive to succeed. (2) Moving from Korea to the United States in 1914, Ho “Charles” Kim founded the Kim Brothers trucking company in California in 1921 with his friend Harry Kim. (3) Much of the freight their trucks carried in the early years were fruit grown in the San Joaquin valley. (4) Kim Brothers soon expanded to include nurseries, orchards, and fruit-packing sheds. ( ) Eventually the operation became a major employer, providing year-round jobs for about two hundred people and up to four hundred part-time jobs during harvest season coming after growing season.

( ) Kim Brothers succeeded even in the face of the Great Depression of the 1920s and 30s because the company produced and sold the first commercially viable nectarines. ( ) The nectarine is a hybrid fruit. ( ) It combines peach and plum, with the taste and texture of the former and the

(1) In the Sahara, near the border of Morocco and Algeria, a new species of spider, *Cebrennus rechenbergi*, has been found. (2) These spiders don't simply scurry across the sand on their many legs, like tumbling gymnasts, they propel themselves forward (or backward) in a series of quick hops. (3) They do this, however, only to elude predators.

Which choice most effectively combines sentences 5 and 6 (reproduced below) at the underlined portion?

*A spider of this species was discovered in the Erg Chebbi. It is a sandy desert in southeastern Morocco.*

D.

( ) A spider of this species was discovered in the Erg Chebbi, the Erg Chebbi being a sandy desert in southeastern Morocco. In context, which is the best revision of the underlined portion?

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(1) Of her poetry, Lucille Clifton once said, "I write out of what I know and understand or what I wonder

12. Which sentence blurs the focus of the second paragraph and should therefore be deleted?

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## Answer Key

1. D
2. D
3. A
4. C
5. A
6. C
7. A
8. A
9. C
10. D
11. B
12. A
13. A
14. D
15. B



