

MINITEST

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EX1: Read the text below and choose the most appropriate word/phrase from the box to fill in each of the 5 numbered gaps. You will only need 4.

invariably	undergrowth	unconvinced	utmost	rigorous
merely	stand in for	originality	emerge	exceed

- Following a week of intense scrutiny, the independent committee remained _____ by the company's attempts to explain away the financial discrepancies.
- In academic writing, a thesis that _____ summarizes existing research without introducing a critical perspective will rarely achieve a top grade.
- Successful diplomats know that maintaining composure during heated negotiations is of the _____ importance to avoid escalating conflicts.
- Despite the availability of modern navigation tools, novice hikers who stray from the trail _____ underestimate the physical toll of dense forest terrain.

EX2: Use the word given in capitals at the end of each sentence to form a word that fits in the gap.

THE WORLD BENEATH THE WAVES

For centuries, the deep ocean floor remained one of the most (1. MYSTERY) _____ environments on Earth. Even today, despite the rapid (2. EXPAND) _____ of marine technology, human access to the deepest trenches is (3. CONSIDER) _____ restricted by extreme atmospheric pressure and total darkness.

During a rapid (4. DESCEND) _____ into the abyss, submersible pilots must rely entirely on their navigation instruments. In an unforgiving environment where technical sensors are highly (5. SENSE) _____ to pressure changes, human instincts often prove unreliable. Novice divers, overwhelmed by sudden stress, sometimes (6. CONSCIOUS) _____ make errors such as misreading gauges or breathing too rapidly.

Moreover, early marine biologists operated on several flawed (7. ASSUME) _____ about deep-sea ecosystems, firmly believing that no creature could survive without sunlight. This theory was (8. DOUBT) _____ shattered with the discovery of hydrothermal vents teeming with unique life forms.

However, because of the sub-zero underwater temperatures, standard research equipment is (9. VARY) _____ pushed to its breaking point. Traditional cameras and acoustic sensors often prove (10. SUIT) _____ for prolonged deep-sea missions, forcing scientists to constantly design custom-built gear.

EX3: Find and correct 4 mistakes

The rapid rise of artificial intelligence in historical research has sparked intense debate among academics. Rarely a new technology has divided the scholarly community so deeply, with traditionalists raising concerns over accuracy and nuance. Not read the original Latin manuscripts, many young researchers rely entirely on AI-generated translations, which often miss subtle cultural references. No matter how advanced is the software, it still requires human oversight to verify archaic idioms and terminology. Furthermore, seasoned historians argue that while software can identify recurring linguistic patterns, it cannot interpret socio-political contexts, evaluate authorial bias, nor to draw independent conclusions from contradictory evidence.

EX4: Rewrite the sentence using the word in bracket. Do not change that word.

1. If the government delays taking action on pollution any longer, the environmental damage will become permanent.

(SHOULD)

→ _____.

2. The moment the presidential candidate finished his speech, the journalists bombarded him with probing questions about his tax records. (SOONER)

→ _____.