

LESSON 3 - VERBAL



OVERVIEW OF QUESTIONS FROM THE EXPRESSION OF IDEAS DOMAIN

- The *Expression of Ideas* domain accounts for approximately 20% of the verbal points.
- That's 8 to 12 questions.

The Expression of Ideas section has two question types:

1. Rhetorical Synthesis Questions
2. Transition Questions

1. Rhetorical Synthesis Questions (Page 158)

1. While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:
 - The painter Frida Kahlo is one of the most influential artists of the twentieth century.
 - She was born in Coyoacán, Mexico, in 1907.
 - She is best known for her vivid and richly symbolic self-portraits.
 - *The Two Fridas* (1939) features two versions of Kahlo sitting together.
 - One version wears a European-style dress and the other a traditional Tehuana dress.

The student wants to introduce Kahlo to an audience unfamiliar with the artist. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A) The 1939 painting *The Two Fridas* is one example of a self-portrait by Frida Kahlo.
- B) One painting by Frida Kahlo features two versions of herself, with one version wearing a European-style dress and the other a traditional Tehuana dress.
- C) Known for being vivid and richly symbolic, Frida Kahlo's self-portraits include *The Two Fridas* (1939).
- D) One of the most influential artists of the twentieth century, Mexican painter Frida Kahlo is best known for her self-portraits, which are vivid and richly symbolic.

2. While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:
- A wok is a cooking pan that originated in China during the Han dynasty (206 BCE-220 CE).
 - The wok's round, wide base helps to cook food evenly.
 - The wok's high, angled sides help to contain oil splatters.
 - Grace Young is a cook and culinary historian.
 - Her book *The Breath of a Wok* (2004) traces the history of the wok.

The student wants to describe the wok's shape. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A) Grace Young's 2004 book, *The Breath of a Wok*, traces the history of the cooking pan.
- B) A wok is a cooking pan with a round, wide base and high, angled sides.
- C) The design of a wok, a type of cooking pan that originated in China during the Han dynasty, helps the pan cook food evenly and contain oil splatters.
- D) Able to cook food evenly and contain oil splatters, the wok is the subject of Grace Young's 2004 book.

3. While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:
- As engineered structures, many bird nests are uniquely flexible yet cohesive.
 - A research team led by Yashraj Bhosale wanted to better understand the mechanics behind these structural properties.
 - Bhosale's team used laboratory models that simulated the arrangement of flexible sticks into nest-like structures.
 - The researchers analyzed the points where sticks touched one another.
 - When pressure was applied to the model nests, the number of contact points between the sticks increased, making the structures stiffer.

The student wants to present the primary aim of the research study. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish this goal?

- A) The researchers used laboratory models that simulated the arrangement of flexible sticks and analyzed the points where sticks touched one another.
- B) As analyzed by Bhosale's team, bird nests are uniquely flexible yet cohesive engineered structures.
- C) Bhosale's team wanted to better understand the mechanics behind bird nests' uniquely flexible yet cohesive structural properties.
- D) After analyzing the points where sticks touched, the researchers found that the structures became stiffer when pressure was applied.

2. Transition Questions (Page 164)

List of Transition Words:

Accordingly	For example	Moreover
Additionally	For Instance	Nevertheless
After all	For that reason	Nonetheless
As a result	Furthermore	On the contrary
As such	Hence	On the other hand
Be that as it may	In addition	So
Because	In conclusion	Specifically
But	In the end	That is
By contrast	In other words	Therefore
In contrast	In summary	Thus
Consequently	In sum	To be sure
Conversely	In the meantime	Yet
First	Indeed	
Second, third, etc.	Likewise	

4. (1) Researchers believe that pieces of hull found off Oregon's coast are from a Spanish cargo ship that was lost in 1697. (2) Stories passed down among the area's Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians support this belief. (3) _____ Siletz stories describe how blocks of beeswax, an item the ship had been carrying, began washing ashore after the ship was lost.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) For this reason,
- B) For example,
- C) However,
- D) Likewise,

5. (1) Seismologists Kaiqing Yuan and Barbara Romanowicz have proposed that the magma fueling Iceland's more than 30 active volcano systems emerges from deep within Earth. (2) The great depths involved—nearly 3,000 km—mark Iceland's volcanoes as extreme outliers; (3) _____ many of Earth's volcanoes are fed by shallow pockets of magma found less than 15 km below the surface.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition?

- A) consequently,
- B) in addition,
- C) indeed,
- D) nevertheless,

ANSWERS

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| 1. D | 4. B |
| 2. B | 5. C |
| 3. C | |

Answer explanations can be found in the *Digital SAT Study Guide* on pages 157 to 167.