

51. Notre Dame, America's leading Catholic University, brought mixed reactions to President Obama: While the current president was _____ with a honorable degree, others _____ his visit with mocking chants for his abortion policy.

- (A). exonerated...intruded
- (B). exculpated...appropriated
- (C). remitted...rhapsodized
- (D). admonished...reprobated
- (E). proffered...execrated

The correct answer is E. This is another question with difficult vocabulary. The first word is supposed to be something like "praised." The second one, meanwhile, represents something like strongly criticized. Only E, with proffered and execrated fulfills these criteria.

52. The last line "not the risk of disease transmission"

- (A). Undermine the author's previous assertion
- (B). Denounce the opposing argument
- (C). Feign the authenticity of present evidence
- (D). Acknowledge a potential rhetorical question
- (E). Underpin the author's rationale with successive snippets

The correct response is D. While, the author provides information with successive "snippets" of information, his intent here is to acknowledge a potential question: What are "side effects" of this phenomena?

53. Political party _____ and internal power breakdown _____ the government.

- A) Dissension... mollified
- B) Similitude ... protracted
- C) consonance ... confounded
- D) dispensation ... stupefied
- E). dissidence... despoiled

The correct response is E. In this case, we need a word which describes "problems" and "breakdown." The first choice has a "soothing" which makes it wrong. The second is wrong in the first word, similitude, which makes no sense here. "Consonance" which suggests harmony also does not make sense. "Stupefied" is incorrect as well because it means dizzy, therefore, invalidating E.

Difficulty: 5

57. Even though he claimed that his paintings were innovative and state-of-the art, they were mostly _____; for the art style of these works had been similar to those established in the latter half of the 19th century.

- A) Philistine
- B) Tantamount
- C) Soulful
- D) Sundry
- E) Burgeoning

The correct response is B. We need a word that means “resembling those of other artists.” The only one which matches this idea is “Tantamount.” “Philistine” refers to realistic, which are not necessarily mimicry of other artists.