

Sample questions from math and reading sections of new SAT

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Below are some sample questions from the new SAT test that debuts nationally on Saturday.

Aaron is staying at a hotel that charges \$99.95 per night plus tax for a room. A tax of 8% is applied to the room rate, and an additional onetime untaxed fee of \$5.00 is charged by the hotel. Which of the following represents Aaron's total charge, in dollars, for staying x nights?

Select an Answer.

- A. $(99.5 + 0.08x) + 5$
- B. $1.08(99.95x) + 5$
- C. $1.08(99.95x + 5)$
- D. $1.08(99.95 + 5)x$

(The correct answer is B)

The following is an excerpted version of a practice question for the Reading Test.

This passage is adapted from a speech delivered by Congresswoman Barbara Jordan of Texas on July 25, 1974, as a member of the Judiciary Committee of the United States House of Representatives. In the

passage, Jordan discusses how and when a United States president may be impeached, or charged with serious offenses, while in office. Jordan's speech was delivered in the context of impeachment hearings against then president Richard M. Nixon.

Today, I am an inquisitor. An hyperbole would not be fictional and would not overstate the solemnness that I feel right now. My faith in the Constitution is whole; it is complete; it is total. And I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction, of the Constitution ."

(.excerpted.)

Question 2 of 5:

The main rhetorical effect of the series of three phrases beginning in line 4 ("the diminution, the subversion, the destruction") is to

- A) convey with increasing intensity the seriousness of the threat Jordan sees to the Constitution.
- B) clarify that Jordan believes the Constitution was first weakened, then sabotaged, then broken.
- C) indicate that Jordan thinks the Constitution is prone to failure in three distinct ways.
- D) propose a three-part agenda for rescuing the Constitution from the current crisis.

(The correct answer is A)

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