

SAT Rhetorical Synthesis Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read the notes and the student's goal. Circle the answer that best meets that goal.

1. A student has taken these notes:
- The town opened North Library in 1980.
 - North Library has 18,000 books.
 - The town opened South Library in 2005.
 - South Library has 25,000 books.

The student wants to compare the sizes of the two book collections. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. South Library has 25,000 books, compared with North Library's 18,000.
- B. Both libraries are located in the town.
- C. South Library opened in 2005.
- D. North Library opened in 1980, before South Library.

2. A student has taken these notes:
- Artist Lena Cho creates sculptures from discarded fabric.
 - Cho collects fabric from local clothing workshops.
 - Her exhibition Threadlines opened in May.
 - The exhibition contains twelve sculptures.

The student wants to emphasize Cho's reuse of materials. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. Cho's exhibition contains twelve works.
- B. Threadlines opened in May.
- C. Cho turns discarded fabric from local clothing workshops into sculptures.
- D. Lena Cho is an artist with an exhibition called Threadlines.

3. A student has taken these notes:
- Two sensors measure air temperature.
 - Sensor A weighs 40 grams.
 - Sensor B weighs 75 grams.
 - Both sensors record a reading every minute.

The student wants to identify a similarity between the sensors. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. The two sensors differ in weight by 35 grams.
- B. Sensor A is lighter than Sensor B.
- C. Sensor B weighs 75 grams.
- D. Both sensors record temperature once per minute.

4. A student has taken these notes:
- A local history project recorded interviews with longtime residents.
 - Volunteers transcribed the recordings.
 - The transcripts are searchable online.
 - The project began in 2022.

The student wants to explain how readers can locate a specific topic in the interviews. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. Volunteers helped with a local history project.
- B. Readers can search the online transcripts of the resident interviews for a specific topic.
- C. The history project began in 2022.
- D. Longtime residents were interviewed for the project.

5. A student has taken these notes:
- Researcher Maya Patel studies coastal erosion.
 - Patel uses photographs taken from fixed observation points.
 - Repeating photographs from the same points helps reveal changes in the shoreline.
 - The project includes six beaches.

The student wants to explain the purpose of using fixed observation points. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. Photographs taken repeatedly from the same points help Patel identify shoreline changes.
- B. Patel studies six beaches affected by coastal erosion.
- C. Coastal erosion is the focus of Patel's work.
- D. Photographs are part of the project.

6. A student has taken these notes:
- The novel *The Open Gate* was published in 1912.
 - It follows a family moving from a farm to a city.
 - A stage adaptation premiered in 1930.
 - The adaptation preserves the family's move but removes several minor characters.

The student wants to describe both a similarity and a difference between the novel and the adaptation. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. *The Open Gate* is a novel about a family.
- B. A stage adaptation premiered in 1930.
- C. Both versions follow a family's move to a city, but the adaptation omits several minor characters.
- D. The novel was published in 1912.

7. A student has taken these notes:
- The Alder Bridge opened in 1920.
 - It spans 80 meters.
 - The Cedar Bridge opened in 1975.
 - It spans 140 meters.

The student wants to compare the bridge lengths. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. Both bridges have names taken from trees.
- B. The Alder Bridge opened before the Cedar Bridge.
- C. The Cedar Bridge spans 140 meters, compared with the Alder Bridge's 80 meters.
- D. The Cedar Bridge opened in 1975.

8. A student has taken these notes:
- Scientist Nora Lee studies pollen preserved in lake sediment.
 - Different plant species produce distinctive pollen.
 - Pollen in older sediment can identify plants that lived nearby in the past.
 - Lee collected samples from four lakes.

The student wants to explain why ancient pollen is useful to Lee. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. Lee collected samples from four lakes.
- B. Lee studies pollen preserved in sediment from four lakes.
- C. Nora Lee is a scientist who studies pollen.
- D. Distinctive pollen in old sediment helps Lee identify plants that once grew near a lake.

9. A student has taken these notes:
- The play Harbor Lights premiered in 1990.
 - Its author later adapted it into a novel.
 - The novel was published in 1998.
 - Both versions follow a family running a ferry service.

The student wants to identify a similarity between the versions. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. Both versions follow a family that runs a ferry service.
- B. The play premiered eight years before the novel was published.
- C. The novel was published in 1998.
- D. Harbor Lights was first performed as a play.

10. A student has taken these notes:
- A team tested two insulating materials.
 - Material P costs \$4 per square meter.
 - Material Q costs \$7 per square meter.
 - Under the test conditions, both reduced heat loss by the same amount.

The student wants to emphasize a cost advantage of Material P. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. Material Q costs \$7 per square meter.
- B. Material P achieved the same tested reduction in heat loss as Q at a lower cost per square meter.
- C. The team tested two materials.
- D. Material P and Material Q were tested under the same conditions.

11. A student has taken these notes:

- A museum is cataloging a collection of woven baskets.
- Each basket is photographed from several angles.
- Multiple views document patterns hidden on the underside.
- The collection contains 60 baskets.

The student wants to explain the purpose of taking multiple photographs. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. The museum has 60 baskets.
- B. The museum is preparing a catalog.
- C. Photographing baskets from several angles documents patterns that a single view might miss.
- D. Woven baskets are part of a museum collection.

12. A student has taken these notes:

- An urban orchard planted three apple varieties.
- Each variety ripens in a different month.
- Staggered ripening extends the harvest period.
- Volunteers maintain the orchard.

The student wants to explain why planting several varieties lengthens the harvest. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes?

- A. Volunteers maintain the urban orchard.
- B. The orchard contains apple trees.
- C. Three varieties were planted in the orchard.
- D. Because its three apple varieties ripen in different months, the orchard can harvest fruit over a longer period.