

Career-Related Passage

Questions 23-33 are based on the following passage.

Coworking: A Creative Solution

When I left my office job as a website developer at a small company for a position that allowed me to work full-time from home, I thought I had it made: I gleefully traded in my suits and dress shoes for sweatpants and slippers, my frantic early-morning bagged lunch packing for a leisurely midday trip to my refrigerator. The novelty of this comfortable work-from-home life, however,

23 soon got worn off quickly. Within a month, I found myself feeling isolated despite having frequent email and instant messaging contact with my colleagues. Having become frustrated trying to solve difficult problems, 24 no colleagues were nearby to share ideas. It was during this time that I read an article 25 into coworking spaces.

The article, published by Forbes magazine, explained that coworking spaces are designated locations that, for a fee, individuals can use to conduct their work. The spaces are usually stocked with standard office 26 equipment, such as photocopiers, printers, and fax machines. 27 In these locations, however, the spaces often include small meeting areas and larger rooms for hosting presentations.

28 The cost of launching a new coworking business in the United States is estimated to be approximately \$58,000.

WHAT THE... WHERE DID THIS COME FROM AND WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN?

23 VERB TENSE AND REDUNDANCY WIC

- A) NO CHANGE
B) was promptly worn
C) promptly wore
D) wore

24 MISPLACED MODIFIER SEC

- A) NO CHANGE
B) colleagues were important for sharing ideas.
C) ideas couldn't be shared with colleagues.
D) I missed having colleagues nearby to consult.

"WHO WAS FRUSTRATED" MUST COME AFTER COMMA

25 PREPOSITIONS: IN CONTEXT SEC

- A) NO CHANGE
B) about
C) upon
D) for

26 CONTINUITY: "SUCH AS" AND COLON RULES SEC

- A) NO CHANGE
B) equipment, such as:
C) equipment such as:
D) equipment, such as,

27 TRANSITIONAL PHRASES AND CONTINUITY EOI

- A) NO CHANGE
B) In addition to equipment,
C) For these reasons,
D) Likewise,

28 CONTINUITY: IN CONTEXT EOI COE

- The writer is considering deleting the underlined sentence. Should the sentence be kept or deleted?
A) Kept, because it provides a detail that supports the main topic of the paragraph.
B) Kept, because it sets up the main topic of the paragraph that follows.
C) Deleted, because it blurs the paragraph's main focus with a loosely related detail.
D) Deleted, because it repeats information that has been provided in an earlier paragraph.

YES OR NO

What most caught my interest, though, was a quotation from someone who described coworking spaces as “melting pots of creativity.” The article refers to a 2012 survey in which **29** 64 percent of respondents noted that coworking spaces prevented them from completing tasks in a given time. The article goes on to suggest that the most valuable resources provided by coworking spaces are actually the people **30** whom use them.

- [1] Thus, even though I already had all the equipment I needed in my home office, I decided to try using a coworking space in my city. [2] Because I was specifically interested in coworking’s reported benefits related to creativity, I chose a facility that offered a bright, open work area where I wouldn’t be isolated. [3] Throughout the morning, more people appeared. [4] Periods of quiet, during which everyone worked independently, were broken up occasionally with lively conversation. **31**

I liked the experience so much that I now go to the coworking space a few times a week. Over time, I’ve gotten to know several of my coworking **32** colleagues: another website developer, a graphic designer, a freelance writer, and several mobile app coders. Even those of us who work in disparate fields are able to **33** share advice and help each other brainstorm. In fact, it’s the diversity of their talents and experiences that makes my coworking colleagues so valuable.

CONTINUITY: PROGRESSION

31 EOI SEC
The writer wants to add the following sentence to the paragraph.

After filling out a simple registration form and taking a quick tour of the facility, I took a seat at a table and got right to work on my laptop.

The best placement for the sentence is immediately

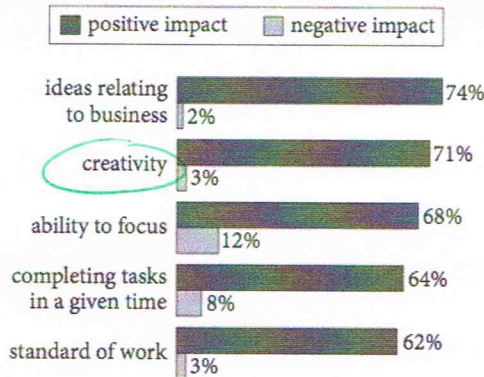
- A) before sentence 1.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 2.**
- D) after sentence 3.

CONTINUITY: IN CONTEXT

29 EOI COE

At this point, the writer wants to add specific information that supports the main topic of the paragraph.

Perceived Effect of Coworking on Business Skills



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Which choice most effectively completes the sentence with relevant and accurate information based on the graph above?

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) 71 percent of respondents indicated that using a coworking space increased their creativity.**
- C) respondents credited coworking spaces with giving them 74 percent of their ideas relating to business.
- D) respondents revealed that their ability to focus on their work improved by 12 percent in a coworking space.

WHO VS. WHOM

30 SEC

- A) NO CHANGE
- B) whom uses
- C) who uses
- D) who use**

WHO = SUBJ
WHOM = DIR. OBJECT

COLON RULES

32 SEC

- A) NO CHANGE**
- B) colleagues;
- C) colleagues,
- D) colleagues

CONTINUITY: IN CONTEXT

33 EOI WIC

- A) NO CHANGE**
- B) give some wisdom
- C) proclaim our opinions
- D) opine