

one claim, four candidates: which one actually does the work

What the format gives you here

- Reading and Writing is 54 questions in 64 minutes, about 71 seconds each, in two modules of 27 questions in 32 minutes
- each question owns its passage, 25 to 150 words, and no other question shares it, so there is no long passage to skim ahead
- questions come grouped by domain and run roughly easiest to hardest inside the group, so a hard one is a fine one to flag and return to
- four choices, no penalty for a wrong answer, so eliminating down to two and guessing is always better than a blank
- module 1 decides whether module 2 arrives in the easier or the harder form
- pacing for this chapter: these are the slowest questions in the section, budget 90 to 100 seconds, and fund it from the vocabulary questions that close in 40



four stops in order along one dashed path with no line running back: pin the claim before you read a single choice, and confirm only at the end

The passage sets something up. What exactly are you being asked to serve

a stated claim about a work or an argument

a researcher's hypothesis or prediction

asks what would weaken or challenge

Illustrate the claim

the right quotation must show the claim, not describe the subject

Support the hypothesis

the right finding must be what the hypothesis predicts and a rival does not

Undercut it

same work, opposite direction, and the direction is easy to lose

the three look alike on the page and want opposite things, so read the last six words of the stem twice