

PRACTICE EXAM 8: TX PACT ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (700) (126 QUESTIONS)

This 126-question practice exam focuses on essential reading, writing, and mathematics skills. Work at a steady pace, select the best answer for every question, and review the explanations after completion. For current official testing policies, timing, and score information, consult the Texas PACT registration bulletin.

1. A short passage describes a neighborhood garden, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which sentence best states the main idea?

- A. The project began during summer.
- B. Several tools were donated.
- C. Attendance varied by week.
- D. The program succeeds when residents share responsibility.

2. A short passage describes a neighborhood garden, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which detail most strongly supports the author's claim that the effort was effective?

- A. The meeting was held on Tuesday.
- B. The author interviewed a volunteer.
- C. Participants reported measurable improvement after using the plan.
- D. The report used a colorful cover.

3. A short passage describes a neighborhood garden, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. As used in the passage, which word is closest in meaning to “sustainable”?

- A. expensive to begin
- B. unusual in appearance
- C. limited to experts
- D. able to continue over time

4. A short passage describes a neighborhood garden, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. What can reasonably be inferred from the passage?

- A. The writer expects the audience to consider participating.
- B. The program has already ended.
- C. Only professionals may join.
- D. The author opposes the project.

5. A short passage describes a neighborhood garden, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which organizational pattern is most evident?

- A. chronological biography
- B. comparison of two characters
- C. problem followed by a proposed solution
- D. definition followed by a joke

6. A short passage describes a neighborhood garden, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which statement best describes the author’s purpose?

- A. to entertain with a fictional adventure
- B. to inform readers about a practical community resource
- C. to criticize a historical figure
- D. to advertise an unrelated product

7. A short passage describes a neighborhood garden, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which source would be most credible for verifying the passage's central claim?

- A. an anonymous online comment
- B. a personal social-media post
- C. an advertisement without sources
- D. a report published by the responsible public agency

8. A short passage describes a neighborhood garden, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which revision would make the summary most accurate?

- A. List every minor detail in order.
- B. Add an opinion about the writer.
- C. Include the claim and its most important supporting evidence.
- D. Replace facts with a quotation.

9. A short passage describes a library workshop, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which sentence best states the main idea?

- A. The project began during summer.
- B. The program succeeds when residents share responsibility.
- C. Several tools were donated.
- D. Attendance varied by week.

10. A short passage describes a library workshop, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which detail most strongly supports the author's claim that the effort was effective?

- A. Participants reported measurable improvement after using the plan.
- B. The meeting was held on Tuesday.
- C. The author interviewed a volunteer.
- D. The report used a colorful cover.

11. A short passage describes a library workshop, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. As used in the passage, which word is closest in meaning to “sustainable”?

- A. expensive to begin
- B. unusual in appearance
- C. able to continue over time
- D. limited to experts

12. A short passage describes a library workshop, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. What can reasonably be inferred from the passage?

- A. The program has already ended.
- B. Only professionals may join.
- C. The author opposes the project.
- D. The writer expects the audience to consider participating.

13. A short passage describes a library workshop, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which organizational pattern is most evident?

- A. problem followed by a proposed solution
- B. chronological biography
- C. comparison of two characters
- D. definition followed by a joke

14. A short passage describes a library workshop, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which statement best describes the author’s purpose?

- A. to entertain with a fictional adventure
- B. to inform readers about a practical community resource
- C. to criticize a historical figure
- D. to advertise an unrelated product

15. A short passage describes a library workshop, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which source would be most credible for verifying the passage's central claim?

- A. an anonymous online comment
- B. a personal social-media post
- C. a report published by the responsible public agency
- D. an advertisement without sources

16. A short passage describes a library workshop, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which revision would make the summary most accurate?

- A. List every minor detail in order.
- B. Include the claim and its most important supporting evidence.
- C. Add an opinion about the writer.
- D. Replace facts with a quotation.

17. A short passage describes a school recycling plan, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which sentence best states the main idea?

- A. The project began during summer.
- B. Several tools were donated.
- C. Attendance varied by week.
- D. The program succeeds when residents share responsibility.

18. A short passage describes a school recycling plan, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which detail most strongly supports the author's claim that the effort was effective?

- A. Participants reported measurable improvement after using the plan.
- B. The meeting was held on Tuesday.
- C. The author interviewed a volunteer.
- D. The report used a colorful cover.

19. A short passage describes a school recycling plan, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. As used in the passage, which word is closest in meaning to “sustainable”?

- A. expensive to begin
- B. unusual in appearance
- C. limited to experts
- D. able to continue over time

20. A short passage describes a school recycling plan, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. What can reasonably be inferred from the passage?

- A. The program has already ended.
- B. The writer expects the audience to consider participating.
- C. Only professionals may join.
- D. The author opposes the project.

21. A short passage describes a school recycling plan, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which organizational pattern is most evident?

- A. problem followed by a proposed solution
- B. chronological biography
- C. comparison of two characters
- D. definition followed by a joke

22. A short passage describes a school recycling plan, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which statement best describes the author’s purpose?

- A. to entertain with a fictional adventure
- B. to criticize a historical figure
- C. to inform readers about a practical community resource
- D. to advertise an unrelated product

23. A short passage describes a school recycling plan, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which source would be most credible for verifying the passage's central claim?

- A. an anonymous online comment
- B. a personal social-media post
- C. a report published by the responsible public agency
- D. an advertisement without sources

24. A short passage describes a school recycling plan, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which revision would make the summary most accurate?

- A. Include the claim and its most important supporting evidence.
- B. List every minor detail in order.
- C. Add an opinion about the writer.
- D. Replace facts with a quotation.

25. A short passage describes a community health fair, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which sentence best states the main idea?

- A. The project began during summer.
- B. The program succeeds when residents share responsibility.
- C. Several tools were donated.
- D. Attendance varied by week.

26. A short passage describes a community health fair, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which detail most strongly supports the author's claim that the effort was effective?

- A. The meeting was held on Tuesday.
- B. The author interviewed a volunteer.
- C. The report used a colorful cover.
- D. Participants reported measurable improvement after using the plan.

27. A short passage describes a community health fair, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. As used in the passage, which word is closest in meaning to “sustainable”?

- A. expensive to begin
- B. unusual in appearance
- C. able to continue over time
- D. limited to experts

28. A short passage describes a community health fair, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. What can reasonably be inferred from the passage?

- A. The program has already ended.
- B. The writer expects the audience to consider participating.
- C. Only professionals may join.
- D. The author opposes the project.

29. A short passage describes a community health fair, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which organizational pattern is most evident?

- A. problem followed by a proposed solution
- B. chronological biography
- C. comparison of two characters
- D. definition followed by a joke

30. A short passage describes a community health fair, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which statement best describes the author’s purpose?

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- B. to criticize a historical figure
- C. to advertise an unrelated product
- D. to inform readers about a practical community resource

31. A short passage describes a community health fair, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which source would be most credible for verifying the passage's central claim?

- A. a report published by the responsible public agency
- B. an anonymous online comment
- C. a personal social-media post
- D. an advertisement without sources

32. A short passage describes a community health fair, explains its goals, and gives evidence about results. Which revision would make the summary most accurate?

- A. List every minor detail in order.
- B. Add an opinion about the writer.
- C. Include the claim and its most important supporting evidence.
- D. Replace facts with a quotation.

33. For a student newsletter, Choose the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.

- A. The list of supplies are on the desk.
- B. The list of supplies is on the desk.
- C. The supplies list are on the desk.
- D. The list of supplies have been on the desk.

34. For a student newsletter, Choose the sentence with correct pronoun agreement.

- A. Each applicant should submit their completed form.
- B. Each applicant should submits a completed form.
- C. Each applicant should submitted a completed form.
- D. Each applicant should submit a completed form.

35. For a student newsletter, Which punctuation is correct?

- A. After the meeting the team, reviewed the timeline.
- B. After, the meeting the team reviewed the timeline.
- C. After the meeting the team reviewed, the timeline.
- D. After the meeting, the team reviewed the timeline.

36. For a student newsletter, Which revision is most concise?

- A. The committee met to discuss the proposal.
- B. The committee met together in order to discuss about the proposal.
- C. The committee had a meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposal.
- D. The committee was meeting when discussion of the proposal occurred.

37. For a student newsletter, Choose the transition that best shows contrast.

- A. For example, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- B. Similarly, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- C. However, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- D. Therefore, the new schedule requires additional planning.

38. For a student newsletter, Which sentence uses parallel structure?

- A. The workshop teaches planning, to draft, and revision.
- B. The workshop teaches planning, drafting, and revising.
- C. The workshop teaches to plan, drafting, and revising.
- D. The workshop teaches plans, drafting, and to revise.

39. For a student newsletter, Which sentence uses apostrophes correctly?

- A. The teacher's lounge is beside the students center.
- B. The teachers lounge is beside the student's center.
- C. The teachers' lounge is beside the students' center.
- D. The teachers' lounge is beside the student's center.

40. For a student newsletter, Which revision maintains a formal tone?

- A. Please submit the materials by Friday afternoon.
- B. Get the stuff in by Friday afternoon.
- C. You really need to send the things soon.
- D. Do not forget the items, okay?

41. For a workplace memo, Choose the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.

- A. The list of supplies are on the desk.
- B. The supplies list are on the desk.
- C. The list of supplies have been on the desk.
- D. The list of supplies is on the desk.

42. For a workplace memo, Choose the sentence with correct pronoun agreement.

- A. Each applicant should submit their completed form.
- B. Each applicant should submit a completed form.
- C. Each applicant should submits a completed form.
- D. Each applicant should submitted a completed form.

43. For a workplace memo, Which punctuation is correct?

- A. After the meeting the team, reviewed the timeline.
- B. After the meeting, the team reviewed the timeline.
- C. After, the meeting the team reviewed the timeline.
- D. After the meeting the team reviewed, the timeline.

44. For a workplace memo, Which revision is most concise?

- A. The committee met together in order to discuss about the proposal.
- B. The committee had a meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposal.
- C. The committee met to discuss the proposal.
- D. The committee was meeting when discussion of the proposal occurred.

45. For a workplace memo, Choose the transition that best shows contrast.

- A. However, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- B. For example, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- C. Similarly, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- D. Therefore, the new schedule requires additional planning.

46. For a workplace memo, Which sentence uses parallel structure?

- A. The workshop teaches planning, to draft, and revision.
- B. The workshop teaches to plan, drafting, and revising.
- C. The workshop teaches plans, drafting, and to revise.
- D. The workshop teaches planning, drafting, and revising.

47. For a workplace memo, Which sentence uses apostrophes correctly?

- A. The teachers' lounge is beside the students' center.
- B. The teacher's lounge is beside the students center.
- C. The teachers lounge is beside the student's center.
- D. The teachers' lounge is beside the student's center.

48. For a workplace memo, Which revision maintains a formal tone?

- A. Get the stuff in by Friday afternoon.
- B. You really need to send the things soon.
- C. Please submit the materials by Friday afternoon.
- D. Do not forget the items, okay?

49. For a volunteer announcement, Choose the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.

- A. The list of supplies are on the desk.
- B. The list of supplies is on the desk.
- C. The supplies list are on the desk.
- D. The list of supplies have been on the desk.

50. For a volunteer announcement, Choose the sentence with correct pronoun agreement.

- A. Each applicant should submit their completed form.
- B. Each applicant should submits a completed form.
- C. Each applicant should submitted a completed form.
- D. Each applicant should submit a completed form.

51. For a volunteer announcement, Which punctuation is correct?

- A. After the meeting the team, reviewed the timeline.
- B. After the meeting, the team reviewed the timeline.
- C. After, the meeting the team reviewed the timeline.
- D. After the meeting the team reviewed, the timeline.

52. For a volunteer announcement, Which revision is most concise?

- A. The committee met together in order to discuss about the proposal.
- B. The committee had a meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposal.
- C. The committee met to discuss the proposal.
- D. The committee was meeting when discussion of the proposal occurred.

53. For a volunteer announcement, Choose the transition that best shows contrast.

- A. However, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- B. For example, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- C. Similarly, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- D. Therefore, the new schedule requires additional planning.

54. For a volunteer announcement, Which sentence uses parallel structure?

- A. The workshop teaches planning, to draft, and revision.
- B. The workshop teaches to plan, drafting, and revising.
- C. The workshop teaches plans, drafting, and to revise.
- D. The workshop teaches planning, drafting, and revising.

55. For a volunteer announcement, Which sentence uses apostrophes correctly?

- A. The teachers' lounge is beside the students' center.
- B. The teacher's lounge is beside the students center.
- C. The teachers lounge is beside the student's center.
- D. The teachers' lounge is beside the student's center.

56. For a volunteer announcement, Which revision maintains a formal tone?

- A. Get the stuff in by Friday afternoon.
- B. You really need to send the things soon.
- C. Do not forget the items, okay?
- D. Please submit the materials by Friday afternoon.

57. For a parent information letter, Choose the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.

- A. The list of supplies are on the desk.
- B. The list of supplies is on the desk.
- C. The supplies list are on the desk.
- D. The list of supplies have been on the desk.

58. For a parent information letter, Choose the sentence with correct pronoun agreement.

- A. Each applicant should submit their completed form.
- B. Each applicant should submits a completed form.
- C. Each applicant should submit a completed form.
- D. Each applicant should submitted a completed form.

59. For a parent information letter, Which punctuation is correct?

- A. After the meeting the team, reviewed the timeline.
- B. After the meeting, the team reviewed the timeline.
- C. After, the meeting the team reviewed the timeline.
- D. After the meeting the team reviewed, the timeline.

60. For a parent information letter, Which revision is most concise?

- A. The committee met to discuss the proposal.
- B. The committee met together in order to discuss about the proposal.
- C. The committee had a meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposal.
- D. The committee was meeting when discussion of the proposal occurred.

61. For a parent information letter, Choose the transition that best shows contrast.

- A. For example, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- B. Similarly, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- C. However, the new schedule requires additional planning.
- D. Therefore, the new schedule requires additional planning.

62. For a parent information letter, Which sentence uses parallel structure?

- A. The workshop teaches planning, to draft, and revision.
- B. The workshop teaches to plan, drafting, and revising.
- C. The workshop teaches plans, drafting, and to revise.
- D. The workshop teaches planning, drafting, and revising.

63. For a parent information letter, Which sentence uses apostrophes correctly?

- A. The teacher's lounge is beside the students center.
- B. The teachers' lounge is beside the students' center.
- C. The teachers lounge is beside the student's center.
- D. The teachers' lounge is beside the student's center.

64. What is 30% of 400?

- A. 370
- B. 125
- C. 115
- D. 120

65. A recipe uses 4 cups of water for every 7 cups of juice. If the juice amount is multiplied by 3, how many cups of water are needed?

- A. 12
- B. 14
- C. 22
- D. 17

66. Solve for x: $2x + 6 = 24$.

- A. 11
- B. 7
- C. 9
- D. 18

67. What is the mean of 10, 12, 14, and 16?

- A. 10
- B. 13
- C. 16
- D. 15

68. A rectangle is 9 units long and 5 units wide. What is its area in square units?

- A. 28
- B. 14
- C. 45
- D. 54

69. If 10 notebooks cost \$10 per group of one in this simplified rate problem, what is the cost of 6 notebooks at \$10 each?

- A. 60
- B. 16
- C. 100
- D. 70

70. What is $13 - 3$?

- A. 16
- B. -10
- C. 12
- D. 10

71. What is 35% of 435?

- A. 400
- B. 157
- C. 147
- D. 152.25

72. A recipe uses 3 cups of water for every 7 cups of juice. If the juice amount is multiplied by 2, how many cups of water are needed?

- A. 6
- B. 12
- C. 15
- D. 10

73. Solve for x : $2x + 6 = 20$.

- A. 9
- B. 7
- C. 5
- D. 14

74. What is the mean of 8, 10, 12, and 14?

- A. 8
- B. 14
- C. 11
- D. 13

75. A rectangle is 7 units long and 6 units wide. What is its area in square units?

- A. 26
- B. 13
- C. 49
- D. 42

76. If 10 notebooks cost \$10 per group of one in this simplified rate problem, what is the cost of 7 notebooks at \$10 each?

- A. 17
- B. 70
- C. 100
- D. 80

77. What is $11 - 3$?

- A. 14
- B. -8
- C. 8
- D. 10

78. What is 10% of 470?

- A. 47
- B. 460
- C. 52
- D. 42

79. A recipe uses 10 cups of water for every 7 cups of juice. If the juice amount is multiplied by 5, how many cups of water are needed?

- A. 22
- B. 50
- C. 36
- D. 57

80. Solve for x : $2x + 6 = 34$.

- A. 16
- B. 12
- C. 14
- D. 28

81. What is the mean of 6, 8, 10, and 12?

- A. 9
- B. 6
- C. 12
- D. 11

82. A rectangle is 5 units long and 7 units wide. What is its area in square units?

- A. 24
- B. 12
- C. 40
- D. 35

83. If 10 notebooks cost \$10 per group of one in this simplified rate problem, what is the cost of 8 notebooks at \$10 each?

- A. 18
- B. 80
- C. 100
- D. 90

84. What is $9 - 3$?

- A. 12
- B. -6
- C. 6
- D. 8

85. What is 15% of 505?

- A. 75.75
- B. 490
- C. 80
- D. 70

86. A recipe uses 9 cups of water for every 7 cups of juice. If the juice amount is multiplied by 4, how many cups of water are needed?

- A. 36
- B. 20
- C. 29
- D. 42

87. Solve for x : $2x + 6 = 30$.

- A. 14
- B. 10
- C. 24
- D. 12

88. What is the mean of 13, 15, 17, and 19?

- A. 13
- B. 19
- C. 16
- D. 18

89. A rectangle is 12 units long and 8 units wide. What is its area in square units?

- A. 40
- B. 20
- C. 108
- D. 96

90. If 10 notebooks cost \$10 per group of one in this simplified rate problem, what is the cost of 3 notebooks at \$10 each?

- A. 13
- B. 30
- C. 100
- D. 40

91. What is $7 - 3$?

- A. 10
- B. -4
- C. 4
- D. 6

92. What is 20% of 540?

- A. 520
- B. 113
- C. 103
- D. 108

93. A recipe uses 8 cups of water for every 7 cups of juice. If the juice amount is multiplied by 3, how many cups of water are needed?

- A. 18
- B. 24
- C. 22
- D. 29

94. Solve for x : $2x + 6 = 26$.

- A. 10
- B. 12
- C. 8
- D. 20

95. What is the mean of 11, 13, 15, and 17?

- A. 14
- B. 11
- C. 17
- D. 16

96. A rectangle is 10 units long and 3 units wide. What is its area in square units?

- A. 26
- B. 30
- C. 13
- D. 40

97. If 10 notebooks cost \$10 per group of one in this simplified rate problem, what is the cost of 4 notebooks at \$10 each?

- A. 14
- B. 100
- C. 50
- D. 40

98. What is $14 - 3$?

- A. 17
- B. -11
- C. 11
- D. 13

99. What is 25% of 575?

- A. 550
- B. 148
- C. 143.75
- D. 138

100. A recipe uses 7 cups of water for every 7 cups of juice. If the juice amount is multiplied by 2, how many cups of water are needed?

- A. 16
- B. 14
- C. 15
- D. 18

101. Solve for x : $2x + 6 = 22$.

- A. 10
- B. 6
- C. 16
- D. 8

102. What is the mean of 9, 11, 13, and 15?

- A. 12
- B. 9
- C. 15
- D. 14

103. A rectangle is 8 units long and 4 units wide. What is its area in square units?

- A. 32
- B. 24
- C. 12
- D. 40

104. If 10 notebooks cost \$10 per group of one in this simplified rate problem, what is the cost of 5 notebooks at \$10 each?

- A. 15
- B. 100
- C. 60
- D. 50

105. What is $12 - 3$?

- A. 15
- B. 9
- C. -9
- D. 11

106. What is 30% of 610?

- A. 580
- B. 188
- C. 183
- D. 178

107. A recipe uses 6 cups of water for every 7 cups of juice. If the juice amount is multiplied by 5, how many cups of water are needed?

- A. 18
- B. 36
- C. 37
- D. 30

108. Solve for x : $2x + 6 = 18$.

- A. 8
- B. 4
- C. 6
- D. 12

109. What is the mean of 7, 9, 11, and 13?

- A. 7
- B. 10
- C. 13
- D. 12

110. A rectangle is 6 units long and 5 units wide. What is its area in square units?

- A. 30
- B. 22
- C. 11
- D. 36

111. If 10 notebooks cost \$10 per group of one in this simplified rate problem, what is the cost of 6 notebooks at \$10 each?

- A. 16
- B. 100
- C. 60
- D. 70

112. What is $10 - 3$?

- A. 13
- B. -7
- C. 9
- D. 7

113. What is 35% of 645?

- A. 610
- B. 225.75
- C. 230
- D. 220

114. A recipe uses 5 cups of water for every 7 cups of juice. If the juice amount is multiplied by 4, how many cups of water are needed?

- A. 20
- B. 16
- C. 29
- D. 26

115. Solve for x : $2x + 6 = 32$.

- A. 15
- B. 11
- C. 26
- D. 13

116. What is the mean of 14, 16, 18, and 20?

- A. 17
- B. 14
- C. 20
- D. 19

117. A rectangle is 4 units long and 6 units wide. What is its area in square units?

- A. 20
- B. 10
- C. 24
- D. 28

118. If 10 notebooks cost \$10 per group of one in this simplified rate problem, what is the cost of 7 notebooks at \$10 each?

- A. 17
- B. 70
- C. 100
- D. 80

119. What is $8 - 3$?

- A. 11
- B. -5
- C. 5
- D. 7

120. What is 10% of 680?

- A. 670
- B. 73
- C. 63
- D. 68

121. A recipe uses 4 cups of water for every 7 cups of juice. If the juice amount is multiplied by 3, how many cups of water are needed?

- A. 14
- B. 12
- C. 22
- D. 17

122. Solve for x : $2x + 6 = 28$.

- A. 11
- B. 13
- C. 9
- D. 22

123. What is the mean of 12, 14, 16, and 18?

- A. 12
- B. 18
- C. 15
- D. 17

124. A rectangle is 11 units long and 7 units wide. What is its area in square units?

- A. 77
- B. 36
- C. 18
- D. 88

125. If 10 notebooks cost \$10 per group of one in this simplified rate problem, what is the cost of 8 notebooks at \$10 each?

- A. 18
- B. 100
- C. 90
- D. 80

126. What is $6 - 3$?

- A. 9
- B. 3
- C. -3
- D. 5

Practice Exam 8: Answer Key and Explanations

1. **D** — The keyed response applies the central skill tested in this item. Identify evidence, rule, or calculation that controls the decision, then select the matching choice. Other choices overstate the idea, introduce unsupported information, reverse a relationship, or answer a different task. Before proceeding, explain why each distractor fails; this comparison builds accuracy on similar questions.
2. **C** — The keyed response applies the central skill tested in this item. Identify evidence, rule, or calculation that controls the decision, then select the matching choice. Other choices overstate the idea, introduce unsupported information, reverse a relationship, or answer a different task. Before proceeding, explain why each distractor fails; this comparison builds accuracy on similar questions.
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