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**DIRECTIONS:** Choose the appropriate transition word or phrase for each paragraph. Then underline the kind of transition you have used.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Email follows what is called the “variable interval reinforcement schedule” in operant conditioning. Operant conditioning means using reinforcement and punishment to create associations between particular behaviors and their consequences. \_\_\_\_\_, if you slap a dog on the nose with a newspaper every time it approaches you, the dog forms an association between approaching you and getting slapped with the newspaper, and it will soon stop approaching you. The same theory works in the opposite way; when you perform a behavior (like checking your email) and are rewarded by an email from the person you have a crush on, you are more likely to check your email again later in hopes of hearing from them again.

A. Thus

B. For example

C. So that

*The transition word indicates:* consequence/result      example      illustration

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. NCAA spokeswoman Meghan Durham essentially stated recently that the information being bandied about regarding the amount of money made by the NCAA is misleading, saying that of the roughly 1,100 schools that comprise the NCAA, only 20 of them make more from sports than they spend. \_\_\_\_\_, in March of 2015, ESPN reported that over two-fifths of the teams in the March Madness tournament either barely broke even or lost money in 2014.

A. Additionally

B. In contrast

C. Similarly

*The transition word indicates:* illustration      addition      contrast

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. People have been banning books for decades. Reasons vary. Racial themes, alternative lifestyles, profanity, sex, violence, negativity, witchcraft, unpopular religious and political views, and being thematically unsuitable for a particular age group have all been given as reasons to justify why a people, and especially students like you, should not be permitted to read particular books. But as Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr. said in his decision in *Texas v. Johnson*, “If there is a bedrock principle underlying the First Amendment, it is that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable.” \_\_\_\_\_, it’s the practice of banning books itself that ought to be banned.

A. Further

B. Because

C. In short

*The transition word indicates:* addition      consequence      summary

## **ANSWERS**

1. B, illustration
2. A, addition
3. C, summary