**ACT Tip: Rhetoric 🡪 Organization**

Organization questions deal with the logical structuring of the passage on the level of the sentence, the paragraph, and the passage as a whole. These questions ask you to organize sections to maximize their coherence, order, and unity by asking three types of questions:

1. Sentence Reorganization
2. Paragraph Reorganization
3. Passage Reorganization

**\*Carefully read through the following examples to better understand the rhetorical questions dealing with organization.**

**Sentence Reorganization**

Sentence reorganization questions often involve the placement of a modifier within a sentence. Your ability to reorder a sentence correctly will depend on how well you have absorbed your grammar lessons above—specifically the “Misplaced Modifiers” section. For example,

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| http://img.sparknotes.com/trans.gif |
| |  | | --- | | Austen wrote about a society of manners, in | |  | |
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| |  | | --- | | which love triumphs over a rigid social hierarchy | |  | |
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| |  | | --- | | despite confinement to her drawing room. | | 43 | | **1.** | **A.** | NO CHANGE |
|  | **B.** | (Place after *love*) |
|  |  | **C.** | (Place after *Austen*) |
|  |  | **D.** | (Place after *society*) |
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**Paragraph Reorganization**

A couple of questions will ask you to reorder sentences within a paragraph. They will look much like this:

[1]In April, I’m usually in a bad mood because

of my debilitating pollen allergies. [2] In

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| **2.** | Which of the following | |
|  | provides the most logical | |
|  | ordering of the sentences in | |
|  | the preceding paragraph? | |
|  | **A.** | 1, 4, 3, 2 |
|  | **B.** | 3, 4, 2, 1 |
|  | **C.** | 3, 1, 4, 2 |
|  | **D.** | 2, 1, 4, 3 |

November, despite the graying trees and the

short days, I’m elated because I can

celebrate both Thanksgiving and my birthday.

[3] My mood changes with the months.

[4] In the summer months I feel happy

From days spent in the sun. [61]