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2. **B** 27. **opinion** 52. **interrogative**
3. **D** 28. **fact** 53. **declarative**
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5. **C** 30. **fact** 55. **interrogative**
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7. **A** 32. **fact** 57. **interrogative**
8. **A** 33. **fact**
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