

RW question 8

The work of molecular biophysicist Enrique M. De La Cruz is known for _____ traditional boundaries between academic disciplines. The university laboratory that De La Cruz runs includes engineers, biologists, chemists, and physicists, and the research the lab produces makes use of insights and techniques from all those fields.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

- A) reinforcing
- B) anticipating
- C) epitomizing
- D) transcending

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Key Explanation: **Choice D** is the best answer. “Transcending,” which means rising above or going beyond limits, effectively signals that De La Cruz broke down traditional academic disciplinary boundaries by working with experts, ideas, and methods from numerous fields.

Distractor Explanations: **Choice A** is incorrect because “reinforcing” suggests the opposite of what the passage says, which is that De La Cruz broke down, rather than made stronger, traditional barriers between academic disciplines. **Choice B** is incorrect because “anticipating,” in the sense of expecting or acting in advance of something, does not make sense in this context. **Choice C** is incorrect because “epitomizing,” meaning to use something as an ideal example, suggests the opposite of what the text says, which is that De La Cruz broke down, rather than idealized, traditional barriers between academic disciplines.