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There is no such construction as "could of" (C). Even corrected, "could have" has no meaning here:  
"The...man...carefully could have sat down" makes no sense. There is no such construction as "have sit"  
(D). "Set" (E) is NOT the past tense of "to sit" but a different, transitive verb, e.g. "He set down his  
package on the table."

21. D: From the sentence context, the phrase "marked with the words" indicates that the words  
referenced should be enclosed in quotation marks to set them off within the sentence. Labels (as in this  
example), titles, names, inscriptions, people's utterances, etc.-anything quoted-needs quotation marks.  
Quotations within sentences are introduced by a comma. No punctuation (A), a dash (B), a colon (C),  
and quotation marks but no comma (E) are all incorrect.