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44) The hickory horned devil caterpillar will grow up to be a beautiful butterfly.

45) The hickory horned devil caterpillar stay a caterpillar all it's life.

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Determine which choice is the expanded form of the underlined contraction.

48) It's amazing how they transform into beautiful regal moths.

A. It was

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C. It does

D. It has

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A. they are

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A. cannot

B. are able

C. will not

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