



Can you doubt that you are holding this book in your hands? How many times, Descartes asks, has he dreamt that he was writing or reading, innocently viewing what he thought were his hands, when in fact he was actually sound asleep and not looking at anything at all? The situation gets a lot worse if you do not have some criterion you can use to tell the difference between waking and dreaming experiences. Before you get too far along in your thinking about conclusive signs of wakefulness, it is worth noting that the sceptic has a ready reply for any of them. She can say that _____. Maybe you think that you can tell the difference between dreams and waking life because you always wake up after a dream and then you can tell the difference. Then, the sceptic can point to false awakenings. It goes without saying that you can dream a pinch on the arm too. [3점]

*pinch: 꼬집기

- ① the sceptic itself is asleep
- ② you have just dreamt the sign
- ③ there is not so-called 'physical'
- ④ the cart comes before the horse
- ⑤ you are a slave of your dream

