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the balance, by providing students of English language with an up-to-date, authoritative survey which takes account of recent trends in historical linguistics."

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