

GRE Sentence Equivalence Practice Test 5

1. The prize competition was _____ as a showcase for new technology, but instead the competition was marred by disqualifications and disputes.

A. disappointing

B. conceived

C. touted

D. heralded

E. promising

F. required

2. The new institute provides intensive postgraduate teaching to a wide range of students, in the hope that these students will use their knowledge to boost the country's _____ economy.

A. languishing

B. emerging

C. booming

D. domestic

E. bankrupt

F. flagging

3. Like other metaphors, the "book of Nature" has two facets: it is _____ but if taken literally, it may mislead.

A. heuristic

B. perceptive

C. poetic

D. insightful

E. prosaic

F. iconoclastic

4. The increasing interactivity emerging in the latest computer systems means that the traditional view of the computer as a ____ of information now unduly limiting.

A. gleaner

B. transformer

C. processor

D. producer

E. repository

F. cache

5. Turing's life exerts a powerful and ____ effect on writers the combination of the highly intellectual and the personally dramatic is hard to resist.

A. abiding

B. pervasive

C. perennial

D. irresistible

E. unmitigated

F. multifaceted

6. As a result of his regimented upbringing, that left him unable to see the nuances of complex situations, he was often accused of being ____ .

A. indecisive

B. tyrannical

C. obtuse

D. boorish

E. xenophobic

F. imperceptive

7. It is paradoxical that String Theory inspires such widespread respect when it is so ____ that few could ever hope to master its claims.

A. intractable

B. confusing

C. elevated

D. arcane

E. obscure

F. rigorous

8. Those with a reputation for ____ behavior seldom inspire respect: unwavering adherence to a viewpoint is more admired than flexibility.

A. capricious

B. bombastic

C. dogmatic

D. fickle

E. honorable

F. stalwart

9. The courtiers of the time had to be ____ in order to survive in an atmosphere where the least sign of rebellion could lead to banishment or worse.

A. taciturn

B. fawning

C. docile

D. self-serving

E. upright

F. servile

10. Forgiveness was fine in theory, but she had trouble in accepting a religion that would allow ____ evil-doers access to heaven.

A. repentant

B. contrite

C. blatant

D. venial

E. pardoned

F. recalcitrant

11. The Countess dressed with a (an) ____ elegance which seemed to proclaim to the world just how distinguished she was.

- A. studied
- B. pronounced
- C. ingenuous
- D. understated
- E. mannered
- F. rococo

12. It is a waste of time to ____ someone so dimwitted; he is too dull to recognize your barbs.

- A. disparage
- B. ridicule
- C. lampoon
- D. laud
- E. enlighten
- F. train

13. The teacher was so abstracted that she gave a ____ evaluation of what was really an interesting solution to the problem she had set.

- A. philosophical
- B. cursory
- C. detailed
- D. considered
- E. perfunctory
- F. tangential

14. Punishment for transgressions of the law ceases to have a deterrent effect if the punishment is frequently ____ .

A. arbitrary

B. changed

C. waived

D. lenient

E. commuted

F. applied

15. Not only love affects the eye of the beholder; other emotions also ____ the interpretation of the events that we witness.

A. cloud

B. trigger

C. devalue

D. color

E. objectify

F. impact

16. The human mind can often reject the most ____ data in favor of something that, though valueless, at least sounds familiar.

A. anomalous

B. inconsequential

C. peripheral

D. pertinent

E. germane

F. visible

17. ____ behavior never has the effect its practitioners hope for; the attempt to hide only draws attention to what is hidden.

A. Misogynistic

B. Puritanical

C. Covert

D. Miserly

E. Prudish

F. Camouflaging

18. He completed the work with unusual ____ ; his need to get out of the office overcame his habitual torpor.

A. dispatch

B. grace

C. effectiveness

D. slovenliness

E. carelessness

F. celerity

19. When Smithers took over as chairperson, her colleagues were looking forward to a less confrontational time on the board of governors, since they reasoned that no one else was likely to be as ____ as her predecessor.

A. mordant

B. aggressive

C. flexible

D. bellicose

E. complaisant

F. jaundiced

20. When faced with an urgent problem for which there is no immediately obvious solution, we tend to welcome any suggestion, however _____, that might throw light on the dilemma.

A. unusual

B. hackneyed

C. tentative

D. outrageous

E. illuminating

F. flimsy