

GRE Sentence Equivalence Practice Test 9

1. It was a surprise to everyone at the company when a manager known for his strict abidance to rules was himself the subject of an _____.

- A) award
- B) investigation
- C) honor
- D) accolade
- E) inquiry
- F) incentive

2. Stagnancy of the economy does not necessarily indicate advancement; periods of inactivity have been known to be followed by _____ economic growth.

- A) increasing
- B) decreasing
- C) progressing
- D) unpredictable
- E) unforeseen
- F) declining

3. A study of Native American histories reveals a curious lack of records about these minority cultures: the smaller the population, the less _____ the record appears to be.

- A) unfinished
- B) incomplete
- C) interesting
- D) thorough
- E) engaging
- F) detailed

4. The Supreme Court's controversial ruling on the high-profile case led to fears that there would be social _____.

- A) harmony
- B) restlessness
- C) quietude
- D) restiveness
- E) indifference
- F) disinterestedness

5. Although praised by critics, the award-winning filmmaker's new movie has a poorly-written script and unimaginative cinematography that make it _____.

- A) laudatory
- B) censorious
- C) appealing
- D) disappointing
- E) meritorious
- F) displeasing

6. Many astrophysicists still believe that Pluto possesses characteristics typical of planets in our solar system and that the argument devaluing Pluto's status as a planet is _____.

- A) valid
- B) laudatory
- C) praiseworthy
- D) invalid
- E) questionable
- F) plausible

7. Despite their focus on the squalid conditions surrounding his child protagonists, Dickens' novels also have a distinct sense of _____: they often depict the aesthetic value of scenic backdrops.

- A) squalor
- B) criticism
- C) shabbiness
- D) beauty
- E) disapproval
- F) splendor

8. The magnificence of Bach's Goldberg Variations is often _____ by the composer's predilection for improvisation, which is so frequently used that many musicologists believe that it diminishes the value of the classical elements of his work.

- A) overshadowed
- B) enhanced
- C) enriched
- D) dominated
- E) critiqued
- F) appraised

9. The ruling government is unable to reach an agreement on the issue of nuclear disarmament because its many factions have held to their _____ views on the topic.

- A) incongruent
- B) conflicting
- C) common
- D) pedestrian
- E) hackneyed
- F) trifling

10. The presidential candidate's electoral speech was seen as _____ by many commentators since his argument consisted of disparate points and did not seem to possess an overall line of reasoning.

- A) persuasive
- B) cogent
- C) whimsical
- D) engaging
- E) laudable
- F) capricious

11. The pills you had given brought considerable ---- from the pain in my chest.

- A) support
- B) relief
- C) tolerance
- D) remedy
- E) patience
- F) fortune

12. The government should cut their ---- on defense and start to spend more on education.

- A) cost
- B) rate
- C) pace
- D) spending
- E) expenditure
- F) mass

13. The convict's lawyer said she understood the ---- of her actions and was prepared to go to jail.

- A) outcome
- B) disposal
- C) disagreement
- D) consequence
- E) obligation
- F) nomination

13. Mr. Summons is an essential figure in our office as the ---- of his work experience cannot be underestimated.

- A) admiration
- B) approval
- C) value
- D) consent
- E) worth
- F) permission

14. Even the most security-conscious computer user is under constant ---- from computer viruses.

- A) warning
- B) caution
- C) instinct
- D) danger
- E) notice
- F) threat

15. Nobody knows the ---- of the belief but the stork is believed to carry babies to families.

- A) symbol
- B) origin
- C) duration
- D) interval
- E) distance
- F) birth

16. Many companies prefer to hire ---- workers so that they don't have to pay them benefits.

- A) tender
- B) transparent
- C) ecological
- D) transient
- E) portable
- F) interim

17. Frog larvae can be difficult to tell apart from salamander larvae since both of them look very ----.

- A) genuine
- B) identical
- C) competent

- D) alike
- E) exhausted
- F) hospitable

18. A field trip was arranged so that this troupe of _____ dancers could observe the real masters of their art.

- (A) seasoned
- (B) fledgling
- (C) expert
- (D) torpid
- (E) novice
- (F) lithe

19 Many people erroneously believe that humans are naturally _____ to distrust or even fear those outside of their social or cultural group; anthropologists and social scientists, however, have consistently shown that xenophobia is a learned behavior.

- (A) indoctrinated
- (B) proven
- (C) prone
- (D) disposed
- (E) taught
- (F) compelled

20 By framing the new law as a question of urgent safety rather than of privacy, the government obviated the need to pass through the standard channels of legislation, effectively _____ all formal dissent and relegating any would-be naysayer from a position of engaged activist to that of powerless bystander.

- (A) curtailing
- (B) undermining
- (C) targeting
- (D) lobbying
- (E) instigating
- (F) facilitating