

GRE Sentence Equivalence Practice Test 10

1 Isherwood's sympathy for communism during the interwar period was not only a reaction against fascism, but also a mark of his fellow feeling for the laboring classes and his _____ to engage as an equal with working people.

- (A) disinclination
- (B) hankering
- (C) proclivity
- (D) implacability
- (E) unwillingness
- (F) joviality

2 Only by overlooking the grievances frequently expressed by her constituency could the incumbent think that the pandering advertisements would do anything but _____ her campaign.

- (A) bolster
- (B) aggrieve
- (C) encourage
- (D) hobble
- (E) hamstring
- (F) restore

3 Despite the fact that Coleridge was once cited as one of the most _____ British philosophers of the eighteenth century, today he is almost exclusively revered as a poet.

- A. preeminent
- B. ignored
- C. obscure
- D. overlooked
- E. renowned
- F. Mischaracterized

4 The countries' rigid stances on the issues made them _____ in treaty negotiations.

- A. adaptable
- B. inflexible
- C. dissatisfied
- D. immovable
- E. malleable
- F. optimistic

5 Though she was the first female astronomer in the United States, and her discovery of a comet was renowned at the time, Maria Mitchell is _____ mentioned in history textbooks.

- A. rarely
- B. constantly

- C. never
- D. incessantly
- E. seldom
- F. intermittently

6. In today's economy, many businesses believe it or not, sales and discounts _____ businesses more than they help.

- A. Immutable
- B. Sane
- C. Profitable
- D. Afloat
- E. Solvent

7. Believe it or not, sales and discounts _____ businesses more than they help.

- A. Assist
- B. Hurt
- C. Aid
- D. Damage
- E. Stabilize

8. With so many businesses offering sales, it takes a _____ discount to stand out from the crowd.

- A. Exorbitant
- B. Low
- C. Steep
- D. Expendable
- E. Indispensable

9. So instead of _____ their product, companies need to find ways to improve customer service while drawing in new customers and keeping old ones.

- A. Advertising
- B. Devaluing
- C. Improving
- D. Depreciating
- E. Deluding

10. Despite the company's _____ advertising in magazines during the past year, sales of our home appliances declined.

- A. Abortive
- B. Capacious
- C. Effectual
- D. Meagre
- E. Extensive

11. Exploding a nuclear bomb nearby might _____ a dense asteroid off track, but it could break a brittle one into pieces.

- A. Nudge
- B. Blow
- C. Elbow
- D. Blast
- E. Smash

12. Pure love of learning, of course, was a less _____ motive for those who became educated for careers other than teaching.

- A. Attractive
- B. Compelling
- C. Profitable
- D. Coercive
- E. Repulsive

13. The cannons and cutlasses a ship carries may be quite sufficient to _____ the natives if they are troublesome.

- A. Kill
- B. Overawe
- C. Intimidate
- D. Disarm
- E. Impress

14. Both spoke from utter _____ and were extremely articulate in stating their positions.

- A. Incompetence
- B. Ineptitude
- C. Competence
- D. Belief
- E. Conviction

15. But neither of them thought it worth his while to look into details when it came to making the reality _____ to the vision.

- A. Constrained
- B. Conform
- C. Confrim
- D. Comply
- E. Coalesce

16. That the people still look back to the Nehru era with a sense of _____ shows that even things which looked manageable in his days are now out of control.

- A. Nostalgia
- B. Acrimony

- C. Optimism
- D. Pessimism
- E. Reminiscence

17. Perhaps this is the result of a _____ decline in the integrity of political life.

- A. Sharp
- B. Steady
- C. Distressing
- D. Worrying
- E. Inconsequential

18. The Indian mind delights in _____ in ambivalence, in trying to have the best of both worlds, in harbouring a medley of conflicting ideas without much discomfort.

- A. Ambiguity
- B. Lucidity
- C. Obscurity
- D. Relaxing
- E. Abiding

19. Not that all really were priests, but by virtue of being students all were awarded the legal privileges _____ to the clergy.

- A. Denied
- B. Accorded
- C. Condemned
- D. Admitted
- E. Derange

20. Despite the passage of centuries, the French word cleric even today has the _____ of intellectual.

- A. Sense
- B. Wisdom
- C. History
- D. Connotation
- E. Implication