

## GMAT PRACTICE PAPER

### GRE VERBAL – SENTENCE CORRECTION - COMPARISON

*Unlike the nests of leaf cutters and most other ants, situated underground or in pieces of wood, raider ants make a portable nest by entwining their long legs to form "curtains" of ants that hang from logs or boulders, providing protection for the queen and the colony larvae and pupae.*

- A. The nests of leaf cutters and most other ants,*
- B. The nests of leaf cutters and most other ants, which are*
- C. Leaf cutters and most other ants, whose nests are*
- D. Leaf cutters and most other ants in having nests*
- E. Those of leaf cutters and most other ants with nests*

### GMAT VERBAL – SENTENCE CORRECTION – MODIFIERS, PARALLELISM

*Despite its covering the entire planet, Earth has a crust that is not seamless or stationary, rather it is fragmented into mobile semi-rigid plates.*

- A. Despite its covering the entire planet, Earth has a crust that is not seamless or stationary, rather it is*
- B. Despite the fact that it covers the entire planet, Earth's crust is neither seamless nor is it stationary, but is*
- C. Despite covering the entire planet, Earth's crust is neither seamless nor is it stationary, but rather*

*D. Although it covers the entire planet, Earth's crust is neither seamless nor stationary, but rather*

*E. Although covering the entire planet, Earth has a crust that is not seamless or stationary, but*

#### **GMAT VERBAL – SENTENCE CORRECTION – PARALELLISM**

*Obtaining an investment-grade rating will keep the county's future borrowing costs low, protect its already-tattered image, and increase its ability to buy bond insurance.*

*(A) Obtaining an investment-grade rating will keep the county's future borrowing costs low, protect*

*(B) To obtain an investment-grade rating will keep the county's future borrowing costs low, and protect*

*(C) Having obtained an investment-grade rating will, in keeping the county's future borrowing costs low, protect*

*(D) To obtain an investment-grade rating would keep the county's future borrowing costs low, protecting*

*(E) Obtaining an investment-grade rating, keeping the county's borrowing costs low, would be protecting*

#### **GMAT VERBAL – CRITICAL REASONING – ASSUMPTIONS**

*Farmer: Worldwide, just three grain crops—rice, wheat, and corn—account for most human caloric intake. To maintain this level of caloric intake and also keep pace with global population growth, yields per acre from each of these crops will have to increase at least 1.5 percent every year, given that the supply of cultivated land is diminishing. Therefore, the government should increase funding for research into new ways to improve yields.*

*Which of the following is an assumption on which the farmer's argument depends?*

*A. It is solely the government's responsibility to ensure that the amount of rice, wheat, and corn produced worldwide keeps pace with global population growth.*

*B. Increasing government funding for research into new ways to improve the yields per acre of rice, wheat, and corn crops would help to increase total worldwide annual production of food from these crops.*

*C. Increasing the yields per acre of rice, wheat, and corn is more important than increasing the yields per acre of other crops.*

*D. Current levels of funding for research into ways of improving grain crop yields per acre have enabled grain crop yields per acre to increase by more than 1.5 percent per year worldwide.*

*E. In coming decades, rice, wheat, and corn will become a minor part of human caloric intake, unless there is government-funded research to increase their yields per acre.*

### **GMAT VERBAL – CRITICAL REASONING – STRENGTHENING**

*A company has developed a new sensing device that, according to the company's claims, detects weak, ultralow-frequency electromagnetic signals associated with a beating heart. These signals, which pass through almost any physical obstruction, are purportedly detected by the device even at significant distances. Therefore, if the company's claims are true, their device will radically improve emergency teams' ability to locate quickly people who are trapped within the wreckage of collapsed buildings.*

*Which of the following, if true, most strengthens the argument?*

*A. People trapped within the wreckage of collapsed buildings usually have serious injuries that require prompt medical treatment.*

*B. The device gives a distinctive reading when the signals it detects come from human beings rather than from any other living beings.*

*C. Most people who have survived after being trapped in collapsed buildings were rescued within two hours of the building's collapse.*

*D. Ultralow-frequency signals are not the only electromagnetic signals that can pass through almost any physical obstruction.*

*E. Extensive training is required in order to operate the device effectively.*

*This does not strengthen the argument. It does not increase the likelihood of the argument's conclusion: that the device will speed up rescues.*

### **GMAT VERBAL – CRITICAL REASONING – PARADOX**

*Beginning in 1966 all new cars sold in Morodia were required to have safety belts and power steering. Previously, most cars in Morodia were without these features. Safety belts help to prevent injuries in collisions, and power steering helps to avoid collisions in the first place. But even though in 1966 one-seventh of the cars in Morodia were replaced with new cars, the number of car collisions and collision-related injuries did not decline.*

*Which of the following, if true about Morodia, most helps to explain why the number of collisions and collision-related injuries in Morodia failed to decline in 1966?*

*A. Because of a driver-education campaign, most drivers and passengers in cars that did have safety belts used them in 1966.*

*B. Most of the new cars bought in 1966 were bought in the months of January and February.*

*C. In 1965, substantially more than one-seventh of the cars in Morodia were replaced with new cars.*

*D. An excessive reliance on the new safety features led many owners of new cars to drive less cautiously in 1966 than before.*

*E. The seat belts and power steering put into new cars sold in 1966 had to undergo strict quality-control inspections by manufacturers, whether the cars were manufactured in Morodia or not.*

**GMAT VERBAL – CRITICAL REASONING – BOLD, ROLES**

*Chaco Canyon, a settlement of the ancient Anasazi culture in North America, had massive buildings. **It must have been a major Anasazi center.** Analysis of wood samples shows that some of the timber for the buildings came from the Chuska and San Mateo mountains, 50 miles from Chaco Canyon. **Only a major cultural center would have the organizational power to import timber from 50 miles away.***

*In the argument given, the two portions in boldface play which of the following roles?*

*A. The first is a premise used to support the argument's main conclusion; the second is the argument's main conclusion.*

*B. The first is the argument's main conclusion; the second is a premise used to support that conclusion.*

*C. The first is one of two premises used to support the argument's main conclusion; the second is the other of those two premises.*

*D. The first is a premise used to support the argument's main conclusion; the second is a premise used to support another conclusion drawn in the argument.*

*E. The first is inferred from another statement in the argument; the second is inferred from the first.*