

GMAT VERBAL PRACTICE PAPER

SENTENCE EQUIVALENCE

Question 1

The leading campaign finance reformer has indicated that the political machine is in danger of becoming a mere extension of big corporate agendas.

- A is in danger of becoming
- B is in danger to become
- C is becoming in danger
- D has become through danger
- E has been in danger of becoming

Question 2

The city of Rouen, France saw tourism decline by 10 percent last year, though sales of biographies of Joan of Arc have consistently increased when it could have been assumed they would decline.

- A it could have been assumed they would decline.
- B it might have been expected that they should decline.
- C they might have been expected to decline.
- D their decline might have been assumed.
- E there might have been an assumption they would decline.

Question 3

The Cluny Museum's collection of medieval art, such as fifteenth-century tapestries and Gothic sculptures, that were displayed since 1843 is much more impressive when compared to the Metropolitan Museum's medieval collection that, by and large, required more funding in order to compete on the international stage and not to concede its reputation as one of the world's foremost museums.

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The Cluny Museum's collection of medieval art, including fifteenth-century tapestries and Gothic sculptures, displayed since 1843 is much more impressive when compared with a similar collection by the Metropolitan Museum, requiring more funding in order to compete on the international stage

B

As compared to the Metropolitan Museum's, the Cluny Museum's collection of medieval art, which has been displayed since 1843, is much more impressive, by and large, since it has required more funding in order to compete on the international stage

C

Compared with that displayed by the Metropolitan Museum, the Cluny Museum's collection of medieval art, such as fifteenth-century tapestries and Gothic sculptures, that has been displayed since 1843 is much more impressive, by and large, since the former required more funding in order to compete on the international stage

D

In 1843, the Cluny Museum's collection of medieval art, such as fifteenth-century tapestries and Gothic sculptures, were displayed more impressively when compared with the Metropolitan Museum's medieval collection that, by and large, since it required more funding in order to compete on the international stage

E

Question 4

During the U.S. Supreme Court case of 1857, *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, two justices opposed the judgment for the defendant, half as many as later dissented with another landmark case, 2000's *Bush v. Gore*.

A

judgment for the defendant, half as many as later dissented with

B

defendant's judgment, half those that gave their dissent later in

C

judgment of the defendant, half the number as dissented later on

D

defendant's judgment, which was half the ones who later dissented in

E

judgment for the defendant, half those who later dissented in

Question 5

Yo-yo Ma, whom according to the classical cellists of the world is perhaps the world's best, plays in a versatile style which is ever-changing but which also employs aspects of genres as varied as Baroque, American bluegrass, and modern minimalism.

- A** whom according to the classical cellists of the world is perhaps the world's best, plays in a versatile style which is ever-changing but which also employs
- B** considered perhaps the world's best by classical cellists, plays in a versatile style, which at the same time employs
- C** regarded by the world's best classical cellists as the best cellist of the classical world, plays in an ever-changing style, yet employs
- D** looked on by the classical cellists of the world as perhaps the world's best, who plays in an ever-changing style all his own, which also employs
- E** whom the world of classical cellists looks on as the best, plays in a versatile, ever-changing style while at the same time employing

Question 6

No attempt was made on the part of SteelCo to ensure that information that was provided to the consumer about product offerings was accurate.

- A** No attempt was made on the part of SteelCo to ensure that information that was provided to the consumer about product offerings was accurate.
- B** No attempt is made on the part of SteelCo to ensure that the consumer was provided information about product offerings that was accurate.
- C** No attempt was made on the part of SteelCo to ensure that information provided to the consumer about product offerings were accurate.
- D** There was no attempt made on the part of SteelCo to ensure the accuracy of that information provided to the consumer about product offerings.
- E** SteelCo made no attempt to ensure that the consumer received accurate information about product offerings.

Question 7

Due to the slow-moving nature of tectonic plates, the oldest ocean crust is thought to date from the Jurassic period, formed from huge fragments of the Earth's lithosphere and lasted 200 million years.

- A** formed from huge fragments of the Earth's lithosphere and lasted 200 million years.
- B** forming from huge fragments of the Earth's lithosphere and lasting 200 million years.
- C** forming from huge fragments of the Earth's lithosphere and lasted 200 million years.
- D** formed from huge fragments of the Earth's lithosphere and lasting 200 million years.
- E** formed from huge fragments of the Earth's lithosphere and has been lasting 200 million years.

Question 8

For Ralph Waldo Emerson, transcendentalism was his professed ideal over a century before the contemporary American environmental movement was launched with Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, and he outlined his beliefs in his essay, "Nature," arguing that man does not fully accept nature's beauty and all that it has to offer.

A was launched with Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, and he outlined his beliefs in his essay, "Nature," arguing that man does not fully accept nature's beauty and all that it has to offer.

B launched itself with Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, and outlined his beliefs in his essay, "Nature," which argued that man does not fully accept nature's beauty and all that it offers.

C launched with Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*; he outlined his beliefs in his essay, "Nature," which argued that man does not fully accept nature's beauty and all that it has to offer.

D launched Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*; Emerson outlined his beliefs in his essay, "Nature," arguing that man does not fully accept nature's beauty and all that it has to offer.

E was launched with Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*; in it he outlined his beliefs in this essay, "Nature," arguing that man does not fully accept nature's beauty and all that it offers.

Question 9

There are also, unfortunately, of the myriad of concerns facing our nation, especial reason to be concerned about government corruption both within and without the legislative and executive branches these bodies require careful scrutiny and oversight by experts.

A There are also, unfortunately, of the myriad of concerns facing our nation, especial reason to be concerned about government corruption both within and without the legislative and executive branches these

B Unfortunately, there are, of the myriad concerns facing our nation, especial reason for concern regarding government corruption both within and without the legislative and executive branches; the

C Of the myriad concerns facing our nation, especially there is reason for government corruption both within and without the legislative and executive branches; these

D Especially there is reason to be concerned over government corruption, out of the myriad concerns facing our nation, as it is both within and without the legislative and executive branches, the

E Of the myriad concerns facing our nation, there is especial reason to be concerned about government corruption both within and without the legislative and executive branches as these

Question 10

Once the computer generates the financial reports, they are then used to program a company-wide balance sheet, named the way it is named because it demonstrates that every department's accounting elements are in balance.

A Once the computer generates the financial reports, they are then used to program a company-wide balance sheet, named the way it is named because it demonstrates that every department's accounting elements are in balance.

B Once the computer generates the financial reports, it is then used to program a company-wide balance sheet, named such because it demonstrated the balance of every department's accounting elements.

C Once the computer generates the financial reports they are then used to program a company-wide balance sheet, which demonstrates the balance of every department's accounting elements.

D Once the financial reports are generated by the computer, it is then used to program a company-wide balance sheet, so named because it demonstrates the balance of every department's accounting elements.

E Once the financial reports are generated by the computer, they are then used to program a company-wide balance sheet, named such because it demonstrates that every department's accounting elements are in balance.

READING COMPREHENSION

Questions #1-6 refer to the following passage:

Many writers have expressed surprise that with all the use made of voltaic cells after 1800, including the enormous cells that produced the electric arc and vaporized wires, no one for twenty years happened to see a deflection of any of the nearby compass needles, which were a basic component of the scientific apparatus kept by any experimenter at this time. The surprise is still greater when one realizes that many of the contemporary natural philosophers were firmly persuaded, even in the absence of positive evidence, that there must be a connection between electricity and magnetism. Hans Christian Oersted himself held this latter opinion, and had been seeking electromagnetic relationships more or less deliberately for several years before he made his decisive observations.

His familiarity with the subject was such that he fully appreciated the immense importance of his discovery. This accounts for his employing a rather uncommon method of publication. Instead of submitting a letter to a scientific society or a report to the editor of a journal, he had privately printed a four-page pamphlet describing his results. This, he forwarded simultaneously to the learned societies and outstanding scientists all over Europe. Written in Latin, the paper was published in various journals in English, French, German, Italian and Danish during the next few weeks.

In summary, he reported that a compass needle experienced deviations when placed near a wire connecting the terminals of a voltaic battery. He described fully how the direction and magnitude of the needle deflections varied with the relative position of the wire and the polarity of the battery, stating that, “from the preceding facts, we may likewise collect that this conflict performs circles...” Oersted’s comment that the voltaic apparatus used should “be strong enough to heat a metallic wire red hot” does not excuse the twenty-year delay of the discovery.

Question 1

The passage offers support for the inference that Oersted was:

- A From a family of Danish origin
- B Younger than most experimenters
- C Well-known in the scientific community
- D Not initially aware of the nature of the relationship between electricity and magnetism
- E Employed primarily as a physicist

Question 2

The speed with which Oersted's pamphlet was translated and disseminated attests to:

- A The scientific irrefutability of his "decisive observations"
- B The general credulity of the scientific community
- C The innovativeness of his self-publicizing methods
- D The general acceptance of Oersted's findings
- E European scientists' problematic linguistic diversity

Question 3

Concerning the connection between electricity and magnetism, the author of the passage takes the opinion that:

- A It is surprising that Oersted was the first to articulate it
- B The scientific community should have observed it sooner
- C Oersted was lucky to stumble upon an illustration of it
- D Scientific progress was waylaid severely before it was found
- E Some forgotten scientist likely found it before Oersted did

Question 4

It can be surmised from the passage that:

- A** Oersted worked at a cautious remove from the scientific community
- B** Latin was a commonly-known European language in the early nineteenth century
- C** Compass needles and voltaic cells were relatively inexpensive at the time
- D** Other scientists approached Oersted's findings, but with insufficient voltage
- E** Oersted was strongly influenced by philosophy as well as by physics

Question 5

What would be a modern-day parallel to the underlying viewpoint expressed in the passage?

- A** The Internet existed long before it became popular among lay users
- B** Scientists were slow to realize the likely connection between smoking and cancer
- C** Medical research based on stem cells has been unfairly waylaid by non-scientific factors
- D** Genomic mapping has come about almost half a century after the discovery of DNA
- E** Experiments currently active in particle physics could revolutionize our idea of matter

Question 6

Which of the following best describes the tone used by the author of this passage?

- A** Harsh criticism of the delay in scientific progress
- B** Singular focus on Oersted as a player in this period
- C** Alignment with the frustrations of past critics
- D** Observation and eventual agreement with earlier writers
- E** Qualified praise of Oersted as a scientific genius

