

GMAT Verbal-Sentence Correction Practice Paper 1

Question 1

The Brexit negotiations are faltering and the UK government's hopes to opening talks on a future trade deal with the EU this autumn looks likely to be increasingly dashed, the EU's chief negotiator, Michel Barnier, has reported back to the bloc's member states.

A

hopes to opening talks on a future trade deal with the EU this autumn looks likely to be increasingly dashed

B

hopes of opening talks on a future trade deal with the EU looks increasingly likely to be dashed this autumn

C

hopes to open talks on a future trade deal with the EU this autumn look likely to be increasingly dashed

D

hopes of opening talks on a future trade deal this autumn with the EU look likely to be dashed increasingly

E

hopes of opening talks on a future trade deal with the EU this autumn look increasingly likely to be dashed

Question 2

But those whom willingly undertake an honest assessment of the era today are also part of an important British tradition which, though not largely forgotten, has been pushed to the limits.

A

But those whom willingly undertake an honest assessment of the era today are also part of an important British tradition which, though not largely forgotten, has been pushed to the limits.

B

But those who are willing to undertake an honest assessment of the era today are also part of an important British tradition that, if not largely forgotten, has been pushed to the margins.

C

But, those whom are undertaking an honest assessment of the era today willingly are also part of an important British tradition which, if not largely forgotten, has been marginalized.

D

But those who willingly take over an honest assessment of the era today, also being part of an important British tradition which, although not largely forgotten, has been forced to the edges.

E

But those whom are willing to undertake an honest assessment of the era today are also part of an important British tradition which, in spite of being not largely forgotten, has been pushed to the brim.

Question 3

A magazine, as part of a survey, asked the reasons of the readers working late and the effect of their absence from home affecting their families.

A

the reasons of its readers working late and the effect of their absence from home affecting their families

B

its readers why they worked late and their absence from home affecting their families

C

why its readers work late and the ways in which their absence from home affects their families

D

the reasons why its readers worked late and how their absence from home had affected their families

E

its readers why they work late and how their absence from home affects their families

Question 4

Humans have become so obsessed with portable devices and overwhelmed by content that we now have attention spans lesser than that of the goldfish.

A

lesser than that of the goldfish

B

less than the goldfish

C

shorter than that of the goldfish

D

shorter than that of the goldfish's attention span

E

lesser than the goldfish's attention span

Question 5

Periodic changes in the shape of Earth's orbit around the sun lead to Milankovitch cycles that create a complex but predictable change in the temperatures of Earth's surface.

A

lead to Milankovitch cycles that create

B

leads to Milankovitch cycles creating

C

led to Milankovitch cycles that had created

D

has led to Milankovitch cycles that create

E

lead to Milankovitch cycles, that will create

Question 6

Focusing on Darwin's major insights and arguments, the importance of Darwin's work for the development of modern science and culture is reasserted by Jonathan Howard.

A

the importance of Darwin's work for the development of modern science and culture is reasserted by Jonathan Howard

B

the development of modern science and culture gets reasserted by Jonathan Howard through Darwin's work.

C

Jonathan Howard reasserts, for the development of modern science and culture, the importance of the work of Darwin.

D

the reassertion of the work of Darwin by Jonathan Howard is important for the development of modern science and culture

E

Jonathan Howard reasserts the importance of Darwin's work for the development of modern science and culture

Question 7

A recent study has proved that children are more capable at picking up languages than are adults, from their mother tongue to even foreign ones, and remembering them lifelong.

A

children are more capable at picking up languages than are adults,

B

children are more capable at picking up languages than adults,

C

children are more capable than adults at picking up languages,

D

children, more capable than adults at picking up languages,

E

children pick up languages more capable than adults,

Question 8

It was found that camels, in contrast to horses', are not easily spooked by gunfire or shell detonations which, together with their hardiness, made them ideal for desert warfare.

A

in contrast to horses',

B

unlike horses,

C

as contrasted with horses,

D

unlike in case of horses

E

opposed to horses,

Question 9

This research's surveys were conducted over a course of time commencing a few months before the First World War and ending a few months after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, outnumbering all surveys conducted for any single research ever.

A

surveys were conducted over a course of time commencing a few months before the First World War and ending a few months after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, outnumbering

B

surveys, which were conducted over a course of time commencing a few months before the First World War and ending a few months after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, outnumber

C

surveys, conducted over a course of time commencing a few months before the First World War and that ends a few months after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991 and outnumbering

D

surveys, which were conducted over a course of time commencing a few months before the First World War, ending a few months after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, and outnumbering

E

surveys were conducted over a course of time that commences a few months before the First World War and ended a few months after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, outnumber

Question 10

Because scarcity of clean water has caused operational costs of businesses to escalate, many large organizations are looking to shift base to places where the resource is cheaper.

A

Because scarcity of clean water has caused operational costs of businesses to escalate,

B

Because of escalating costs of business operations, which is due to scarcity of clean water,

C

Because operating costs of businesses have been escalating, which resulted from scarcity of clean water,

D

Due to escalating operational costs of businesses from scarcity of clean water,

E

Due to scarcity of clean water, with the result that operational costs of businesses have escalated,

Question 11

Heavy commitment by an executive to a course of action, especially if it has worked well in the past, makes it likely to miss signs of incipient trouble or misinterpret them when they do appear

A. Heavy commitment by an executive to a course of action, especially if it has worked well in the past, makes it likely to miss signs of incipient trouble or misinterpret them when they do appear.

B. An executive who is heavily committed to a course of action, especially one that worked well in the past, makes missing signs of incipient trouble or misinterpreting ones likely when they do appear.

C. An executive who is heavily committed to a course of action is likely to miss or misinterpret signs of incipient trouble when they do appear, especially if it has worked well in the past.

D. Executives' being heavily committed to a course of action, especially if it has worked well in the past, makes them likely to miss signs of incipient trouble or misinterpreting them when they do appear.

E. Being heavily committed to a course of action, especially one that has worked well in the past, is likely to make an executive miss signs of incipient trouble or misinterpret them when they do appear.

Question 12

In no other historical sighting did Halley's comet cause such a worldwide sensation as did its return in 1910-1911

(A) did its return in 1910-1911

(B) had its 1910-1911 return

(C) in its return of 1910-1911

(D) its return of 1910-1911 did

(E) its return in 1910-1911

Question 13

Combining enormous physical strength with higher intelligence, the Neanderthals appear as equipped for facing any obstacle the environment could put in their path, but their relatively sudden disappearance during the paleolithic era indicates that an inability to adapt to some environmental change led to their extinction.

(A) appear as equipped for facing any obstacle the environment could put in their path,

(B) appear to have been equipped to face any obstacle the environment could put in their path,

(C) appear as equipped to face any obstacle the environment could put in their paths,

(D) appeared as equipped to face any obstacle the environment could put in their paths,

(E) appeared to have been equipped for facing any obstacle the environment could put in their path,

Question 14

Emily Dickinson's letters to Susan Huntington Dickinson were written over a period beginning a few years before Susan's marriage to Emily's brother and ending shortly before Emily's death in 1886, outnumbering her letters to anyone else.

(A) Dickinson were written over a period beginning a few years before Susan's marriage to Emily's brother and ending shortly before Emily's death in 1886, outnumbering

(B) Dickinson were written over a period that begins a few years before Susan's marriage to Emily's brother and ended shortly before Emily's death in 1886, outnumber

(C) Dickinson, written over a period beginning a few years before Susan's marriage to Emily's brother and that ends shortly before Emily's death in 1886 and outnumbering

(D) Dickinson, which were written over a period beginning a few years before Susan's marriage to Emily's brother, ending shortly before Emily's death in 1886, and outnumbering

(E) Dickinson, which were written over a period beginning a few years before Susan's marriage to Emily's brother and ending shortly before Emily's death in 1886, outnumber

Question 15

The 32 species that make up the dolphin family are closely related to whales and in fact include the animal known as the killer whale, which can grow to be 30 feet long and is famous for its aggressive hunting pods.

(A) include the animal known as the killer whale, which can grow to be 30 feet long and is

(B) include the animal known as the killer whale, growing as big as 30 feet long and

(C) include the animal known as the killer whale, growing up to 30 feet long and being

(D) includes the animal known as the killer whale, which can grow as big as 30 feet long and is

(E) includes the animal known as the killer whale, which can grow to be 30 feet long and it is

Question 16

Last week local shrimpers held a news conference to take some credit for the resurgence of the rare Kemp's ridley turtle, saying that their compliance with laws requiring that turtle-excluder devices be on shrimp nets protect adult sea turtles.

(A) requiring that turtle-excluder devices be on shrimp nets protect

(B) requiring turtle-excluder devices on shrimp nets is protecting

(C) that require turtle-excluder devices on shrimp nets protect

(D) to require turtle-excluder devices on shrimp nets are protecting

(E) to require turtle-excluder devices on shrimp nets is protecting

Question 17

According to a survey of graduating medical students conducted by Association of American Medical College, minority graduates are nearly four times more likely than are other graduates in planning to practice in socioeconomically deprived areas.

(A) minority graduates are nearly four times more likely than are other graduates in planning to practice

(B) minority graduates are nearly four times more likely than other graduates who plan on practicing

(C) minority graduates are nearly four times as likely as other graduates to plan on practicing

(D) it is nearly four times more likely that minority graduates rather than other graduates will plan to practice

(E) it is nearly four times as likely for minority graduates than other graduates to plan to practice

Question 18

Starfish, with anywhere from five to eight arms, have a strong regenerative ability, and if one arm is lost it quickly replaces it, sometimes by the animal overcompensating and growing an extra one or two.

(A) one arm is lost it quickly replaces it, sometimes by the animal overcompensating and

(B) one arm is lost it is quickly replaced, with the animal sometimes overcompensating and

(C) they lose one arm they quickly replace it, sometimes by the animal overcompensating,

(D) they lose one arm they are quickly replaced, with the animal sometimes overcompensating,

(E) they lose one arm it is quickly replaced, sometimes with the animal overcompensating,

Question 19

Marconi's conception of the radio was as a substitute for the telephone, a tool for private conversation; instead, it is precisely the opposite, a tool for communicating with a large, public audience.

(A) Marconi's conception of the radio was as a substitute for the telephone, a tool for private conversation; instead, it is

(B) Marconi conceived of the radio as a substitute for the telephone, a tool for private conversation, but which is

(C) Marconi conceived of the radio as a tool for private conversation that could substitute for the telephone; instead, it has become

(D) Marconi conceived of the radio to be a tool for private conversation, a substitute for the telephone, which has become

(E) Marconi conceived of the radio to be a substitute for the telephone, a tool for private conversation, other than what it is,

Question 20

Between 1990 and 2000 the global economy grew more than it did during the 10,000 years from the beginning of agriculture to 1950.

(A) Between 1990 and 2000 the global economy grew more than it did during the 10,000 years from the beginning of agriculture

(B) Between 1990 and 2000 the growth of the global economy was more than that during 10,000 years, from when agriculture began

(C) The growth of the global economy between 1990 and 2000 exceeds that which had been for 10,000 years from the beginning of agriculture

(D) The growth of the global economy between 1990 and 2000 exceeds what it has been for 10,000 years, from when agriculture began

(E) The growth of the global economy between 1990 and 2000 exceeded what it did for the 10,000 years from the beginning of agriculture

Question 21

Out of America's fascination with all things antique have grown a market for bygone styles of furniture and fixtures that are bringing back the chaise lounge, the overstuffed sofa, and the claw-footed bathtub.

(A) things antique have grown a market for bygone styles of furniture and fixtures that are bringing

(B) things antique has grown a market for bygone styles of furniture and fixtures that is bringing

(C) things that are antiques has grown a market for bygone styles of furniture and fixtures that bring

(D) antique things have grown a market for bygone styles of furniture and fixtures that are bringing

(E) antique things has grown a market for bygone styles of furniture and fixtures that bring

Question 22

Unlike most severance packages, which require workers to stay until the last day scheduled to collect, workers at the automobile company are eligible for its severance package even if they find a new job before they are terminated.

1. the last day scheduled to collect, workers at the automobile company are eligible for its severance package
2. the last day they are scheduled to collect, workers are eligible for the automobile company's severance package

3. their last scheduled day to collect, the automobile company offers its severance package to workers
4. their last scheduled day in order to collect, the automobile company's severance package is available to workers
5. the last day that they are scheduled to collect, the automobile company's severance package is available to workers

Question 23

The growth of the railroads led to the abolition of local times, which was determined by when the sun reached the observer's meridian and differing from city to city, and to the establishment of regional times.

1. which was determined by when the sun reached the observer's meridian and differing
2. which was determined by when the sun reached the observer's meridian and which differed
3. which were determined by when the sun reached the observer's meridian and differing
4. determined by when the sun reached the observer's meridian and differed
5. determined by when the sun reached the observer's meridian and differing

Question 24

Getting adequate sleep, a full eight hours every night, the depth of which will be enhanced by a regular regimen of physical exercise, with significant consequences for not only one's immediate short term health, but also for the immune system's ability in fighting major illness over the long term.

(A) with significant consequences for not only one's immediate short term health, but also for the immune system's ability in fighting

(B) has significant consequences not only for one's immediate short term health, but also for the immune system's ability to fight

(C) having significant consequences for not only one's immediate short term health, and for the immune system's ability to fight

(D) has significant consequences not only for one's immediate short term health, and also for the immune system's ability in fighting

(E) which has significant consequences not only for one's immediate short term health, and the immune system can

Question 25

Internal combustion engines show an inherent tradeoff between power and fuel efficiency: if a car can race from zero to 60 mph faster, the less fuel-efficient its engine is over time.

(A) if a car can race from zero to 60 mph faster, the less fuel-efficient

(B) racing from zero to 60 mph faster, it is that much less fuel-efficient

(C) the faster the car can race from zero to 60 mph, the less fuel-efficient

(D) the faster the car can race from zero to 60 mph, it is that much less fuel-efficient

(E) when the car can race from zero to 60 mph faster, the less fuel-efficient it is

Question 26

Unfairly criticized during his time, Emperor Claudius expanded the Roman Empire to the east, constructed public works such as aqueducts, having passed laws for protecting the rights and freedoms of Jews throughout the Empire.

(A) having passed laws for protecting

(B) having passed laws to protect

(C) having passed laws that protected

(D) and passed laws by protecting

(E) and passed laws that protected

Question 27

Since around 1970, with world population of 3.5 billion, they have doubled it to our current level of over 7 billion in 2012.

(A) with world population of 3.5 billion, they have doubled it
with a world population of 3.5 billion, doubling it

(B) when the world's population was 3.5 billion, doubling it

(C) when the world's population was 3.5 billion, it has doubled

(D) when the world's population were 3.5 billion, they have doubled it

Question 28

The more cautious commanders of the Army of the Potomac, such as George McClellan and George Meade, chose to withdraw after costly battles, but commander Ulysses Grant's strategy was the keeping up of pressure on Lee's Confederates even after losing a battle to them, and then he occupied positions between Lee's army and Richmond to invite another open battle.

(A) was the keeping up of pressure on Lee's Confederates even after losing a battle to them, and then he occupied

(B) was keeping up pressure on Lee's Confederates even after losing a battle to them, and then to occupy

(C) having kept up pressure on Lee's Confederates even after losing a battle to them, he then occupied

(D) was to keep up pressure on Lee's Confederates even after losing a battle to them, and then to occupy

(E) was that he keep up pressure on Lee's Confederates even after losing a battle to them, and then occupying

Question 29

The controversial restructuring plan for the county school district, if it is approved by the governor, would make there be fewer teachers in schools throughout the county.

- (A) if it is approved by the governor, would make there be fewer teachers
- (B) if the governor approves it, would result in the amount of teachers going down
- (C) if the governor approves it, would have the result of decreasing the number of teachers
- (D) if approved by the governor, would result in a reduction of the number of teachers
- (E) if approved by the governor, would decrease teachers

Question 30

Perennially the world's leader in tea production, China's fascination in tea has deep historical roots, as exemplified with the tea ceremony, which has analogs in Japan and Korea.

- (A) Perennially the world's leader in tea production, China's fascination in tea has deep historical roots, as exemplified with
- (B) China perennially has been the world's leader in tea production, and its fascination with tea has deep historical roots, as exemplified by
- (C) Fascinating with deep historical roots, China's tea production perennially leads the world, thereby exemplifying
- (D) Perennially the tea producing leader of the world, China has a deep historical fascination with tea, as an example of

(E) China, perennially the world's leader in tea production, and their fascination with tea has deep historical roots, as exemplified in

Question 31

Walter Mondale had a long difficult struggle leading up to the 1984 Democratic Presidential Primary, though he consolidated his lead for the nomination, but he won only 13 electoral votes in the general election.

(A) Walter Mondale had a long difficult struggle leading up to the 1984 Democratic Presidential Primary, though he consolidated his lead for the nomination, but he won only

(B) Having had a long difficult struggle leading up to the 1984 Democratic Presidential Primary, Walter Mondale still consolidated the nomination lead, only winning

(A) After a long difficult struggle leading up to the 1984 Democratic Presidential Primary, Walter Mondale consolidated his lead for the nomination, but he won only

(D) A long difficult struggle leading up to the 1984 Democratic Presidential Primary, Walter Mondale, consolidating his lead for the nomination, but he won only

(E) Walter Mondale had a long difficult struggle leading up to the 1984 Democratic Presidential Primary, consolidated his lead for the nomination, and only won

Question 32

Whereas both Europe and China use standard railroad gauge (1435 mm), Russia deliberately chose the wider “Russian gauge” (1520 mm) that gives greater side-to-side stability in railway cars and, more importantly, acts as a national defense, so that it would block a foreign army’s supply line and preventing these bordering powers from invading by train.

(A) acts as a national defense, so that it would block

(B) acts like a national defense, so as to block

(C) acts as a national defense, blocking

(D) acting as a national defense, blocking

(E) acting like a national defense, would block

Question 33

Even-toed ungulates, including pigs, cattle, goats, and sheep, and odd-toed ungulates, such as horses and donkeys, account for all the mammals domesticated for agricultural purposes.

(A) including pigs, cattle, goats, and sheep, and odd-toed ungulates, such as horses and donkeys, account for

(B) including pigs, cattle, goats, and sheep, and odd-toed ungulates, including horses and donkeys, accounting for

(C) included among pigs, cattle, goats, and sheep, and odd-toed ungulates, such as horses and donkeys, account for

(D) included among pigs, cattle, goats, and sheep, and odd-toed ungulates, like horses and donkeys, are accounted for by

(E) like pigs, cattle, goats, and sheep, and odd-toed ungulates, like horses and donkeys, are accounted for by

Question 34

The company is fortunate to have excellent relationships among its employees: they each have a relationship of respect for all the others.

- (A) they each have a relationship of respect for all the others
- (B) they have respect for one another
- (C) each one has respect for one another
- (D) they each have a relationship of respect for each other
- (E) they and the others respect each other

Question 35

Nine months after the county banned jet skis and other water boats from the tranquil waters of Puget Sound, a judge overturned the ban on the grounds of violating state laws for allowing the use of personal watercraft on common waterways.

- (A) of violating state laws for allowing
of violating state laws to allow
- (B) that it violates state laws that allowed
- (C) that it violated state laws allowing
- (D) that state laws were being violated allowing

