

GRE SENTENCE EQUIVALENCE PRACTICE PAPER 1

Directions: Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce complete sentences that are alike in meaning.

Q1) Although the Industrial revolution brought about a raft of new techniques in the area of machine design, the methods used for the printing and binding of books continued _____ till the early years of the 20th century.

intermittently
improving
transforming
unchanged
advancing
unmodified

Q2) The _____ tone and appealing image of American Rock and Roll and blues musicians became popular with British youth in the late 1950s.

dulcet
cacophony
dissonant
bohemian
hoarse
glamorous

Q3) Fellow journalists Eric Sevareid, Ed Bliss and Alexander Kendrick considered Murrow one of journalism's greatest figures, noting his honesty and _____ in delivering the news.

integrity
deceit
credibility
duplicity
complacency
disloyalty

Q4) His writing of "Common Sense" was so influential in _____ the Revolutionary War that John Adams reportedly said, "Without the pen of the author of 'Common Sense', the sword of Washington would have been raised in vain."

- A. spurring
- B. stopping
- C. ending
- D. stimulating
- E. obstructing
- F. impeding

Q5) Coetzee is known to be reclusive, and he _____ publicity to such an extent that he did not collect either of his two Booker Prizes in person.

- A. welcomes
- B. avoids
- C. courts
- D. shuns
- E. gathers
- F. tries

Q6.) Even though Magellan would eventually die on his ambitious cruise around the world, nothing was _____ on the morning of his departure from his home port.

- A. innocuous
- B. portentous

- C. propitious
- D. amiss
- E. auspicious
- F. ingenuous

Q7) Since the invention of computers, chips and processors have become smaller and simpler, but computer programs have become increasingly _____.

- A. anomalous
- B. efficient
- C. byzantine
- D. treacherous
- E. labyrinthine
- F. intransigent

Q8) The increasing ease with which photos can be shot, edited and shared means that our archaic idea of the “struggling art photographer” now has to be _____ to include an audience which, in an earlier era, might have been consumers of art photography.

- A. morphed
- B. developed
- C. expanded
- D. modified
- E. augmented
- F. extended

Q9) When Jeff fell prey to an on-line credit card scam, the sting of _____ hurt him more than the loss of money.

- A. suffering
- B. duplicity
- C. faithlessness
- D. falsehood

- E. deception
- F. indigence

Q10) In order to stop the uproar on social media that was _____ by the politician's unpopular comment, his press agent had to issue a public apology.

- a. exacerbated
- b. precipitated
- c. precluded
- d. triggered
- e. prevaricated
- f. goaded

Q11) When the policeman ordered the suspects to line up, his _____ tone and manner suggested that he was totally in charge of the situation.

- A. taciturn
- B. imperious
- C. temperamental
- D. laconic
- E. mercurial
- F. peremptory

Q12) The air steward's _____ towards the plight of the passengers was evident when instead of attending to their needs, he was relaxing on a chair and reading a magazine.

- A. concern
- B. apathy
- C. calumny
- D. reticence
- E. indifference
- F. impudence

Q13) In her candid memoirs, the chief secretary to the President _____ several details about the scandal which the public was not aware of.

- A. betrayed
- B. divulged

- C. informed
- D. revealed
- E. penned
- F. conceded

Q14) Even a century after its discovery, Quantum theory remains a/an _____ subject and only a few have managed to really understand it.

- A. arcane
- B. lucid
- C. transparent
- D. inane
- E. enigmatic
- F. exacting

Q15) Neuroscience and artificial intelligence are _____ fields that promise immense opportunities for teaching and employment for today's graduates.

- a. lucrative
- b. profitable
- c. burgeoning
- d. escalating
- e. increasing
- f. Expanding

Q16) 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

Q17) 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

Q18) 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

Q19) 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

Q20) 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

Q21)I was nervous all day long, waiting ---- for the test results.

A) anxiously

B) eagerly

C) truthfully

D) hurriedly

E) concernedly

F) supposedly

Q22)It is not surprising that the audience have acted ---- to the film as it was not only long but also boring.

A) randomly

B) appreciatively

C) indifferently

D) vitally

E) involuntarily

F) inattentively

Q23) Chocolate was ---- for drinking until early Victorian times when a technique for making solid chocolate was devised.

A) solely

B) promptly

C) exclusively

D) persistently

E) closely

F) moderately

Q24)The book I am reading will be ---- useful to me because of the wealth of practical information it supplies on child care.

A) primarily

B) immensely

C) typically

- D) extremely
- E) formerly
- F) weakly

Q25)Some people write the address on the envelope so ---- that it's a wonder whether it gets delivered.

- A) intriguingly
- B) punctually
- C) unintelligibly
- D) smoothly
- E) evenly
- F) illegibly

Q26)If there is a risk of a heart disease, smoking should be stopped and diet has to be controlled ----.

- A) firmly
- B) loosely
- C) sincerely
- D) rarely
- E) rigidly
- F) brutally

Q27) We need to have more people among the staff who will act ----, promptly and responsibly in emergency situations.

- A) seemingly
- B) irregularly
- C) illogically
- D) thoughtfully
- E) meanly
- F) cautiously

Q28)It was her view that the country's problems had been _____ by foreign technocrats, so that to ask for such assistance again would be counterproductive.

- A. ameliorated
- B. ascertained

- C. diagnosed
- D. exacerbated
- E. overlooked
- F. worsened

Q29) Although it does contain some pioneering ideas, one would hardly characterize the work as _____.

- A. orthodox
- B. eccentric
- C. original
- D. trifling
- E. conventional
- F. innovative

Q30) "Early critics of Emily Dickinson's poetry mistook for simplemindedness the surface of artlessness that in fact she constructed with such _____."

- a. astonishment
- b. craft
- c. cunning
- d. innocence
- e. naivete
- f. Vexation

Q31) "Dreams are _____ in and of themselves, but, when combined with other data, they can tell us much about the dreamer."

- a. astonishing
- b. disordered
- c. harmless
- d. inscrutable
- e. revealing
- f. Uninformative

Q32) Nancy's landlord told her and her housemates that because of their failure to pay rent for the previous two months, they would need to _____ possession of the residence by the end of the week.

- a. allocate
- b. surrender
- c. mandate
- d. designate
- e. relinquish
- f. Circumvent

Q33) After being bedridden for months, James found that his muscles had atrophied, which initially _____ his ability to walk or lift heavy objects.

- a. belittled
- b. castigated
- c. hampered
- d. bolstered
- e. curtailed
- f. improved