

# GRE VERBAL PRACTICE PAPER

1. The variety of bird calls made its own \_\_\_\_\_ collage.

euphonic

olfactory

torpid

immutable

delineated

2. Her children joked that her \_\_\_\_\_ purse could hold all the world's riches.

mundane

voluminous

efficient

miniscule

impish

3. Although a convenient passageway for ships at high tide, the river was barely \_\_\_\_\_ at low tide.

navigable

voluble

combustible

affable

personable

4. The survey found the once isolated belief now to be \_\_\_\_\_.

pervasive

defunct

gratuitous

unheralded

perspicacious

5. His \_\_\_\_\_ was legendary, with his most notable contribution being the city's massive art museum.

largess

parsimony

puritanicalism

debility

cynicism

6. To explain many of the book's oddities, the author snuck in a brief \_\_\_\_\_ at the front as a guide.

tome

recantation

precedent

preamble

digression

7. The small role proved to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of his career, as he never garnered any more success.

paragon

consensus

alibi

zenith

nadir

8. The initial plan sought to use a small force as a \_\_\_\_\_ that would distract from the real invasion.

decoy

conundrum

goad

legion

paragon

Choose the word or set of words that best completes the following sentence.

9. Even though he was \_\_\_\_\_ for his academic gifts, his grades rarely measured up.

criticized

admonished

degraded

lauded

degraded

admonished

despised

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ manner of the young man was in stark contrast with the \_\_\_\_\_ older businessman.

esurient ... penurious

tedious . . . timorous

decorous . . . boorish

urbane ... phlegmatic

pellucid . . . limpid

11. \_\_\_\_\_ owls of that species have \_\_\_\_\_, fluff on their bellies, and don't lose their striped appearance until they molt and gain their adult feathers when they're a year old.

juvenile . . . pedantic

hegemonic . . . caustic

fledgling . . . striated

precarious . . . phlegmatic

ambiguous . . . apathetic

12. Not used to the etiquette of high society, the common man behaved \_\_\_\_\_, much to the chagrin of the \_\_\_\_\_ and endlessly polite dinner guests.

tediously . . . glib

aptly . . . glib

indecorously . . . boorish

tediously . . . boorish

indecorously . . . prudish

13. Although a dictator, many people saw his rule as a welcome \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the country's civil wars.

alibi . . . harmony

egress . . . euphony

restorative . . . lucidity

respite . . . anarchy

discordance . . . chaos

14. The little girl's \_\_\_\_\_ story moved many to give when the organization used it to \_\_\_\_\_ funds.

terse . . . adulate

exhaustive . . . exculpate

poignant . . . solicit

anarchic . . . ameliorate

abrasive . . . rebuke

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15. It can be inferred from the passage that nineteenth-century sports \_\_\_\_\_.

were kept largely the same in terms of rules

had all the modern equipment available today to players

were still developing their rules and traditions

largely looked like the modern versions of the games

were played in massive stadiums

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16. The author's discussion of the pitching distances used in the nineteenth century is intended to \_\_\_\_\_.

denigrate nineteenth-century baseball as a complete sport

demonstrate the difference between nineteenth-century baseball and the modern game

criticize nineteenth-century pitchers' circumventing of the rules

criticize modern fans for not understanding the difference in the nineteenth-century version of baseball

mock nineteenth-century baseball fans for liking an inferior game

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17. The author would agree with the statement that \_\_\_\_\_.

baseball players should never wear pristine uniforms

the massive stadiums baseball is played in ruin the game

modern baseball fans could learn a great deal by studying nineteenth-century baseball

nineteenth-century baseball underwent many unnecessary rule changes

modern baseball fans do not need to bother studying baseball's history

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18. The author would NOT agree with the statement that \_\_\_\_\_.

nineteenth-century baseball and modern baseball are extremely different games

throwing overhand from 45 feet and getting a running start is a dangerous way to pitch

nineteenth-century baseball needed to figure out its rules to continue to prosper

nineteenth-century baseball would be a very odd thing to see for a modern baseball fan

nineteenth-century baseball was a worthless game

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19. The author's view of nineteenth-century baseball is best described as \_\_\_\_\_.

admiring of the sport's rulesmakers for improving the game

annoyed by the constant rule breaking

dismissive of its primitive state

select

shocked by its inability to figure out the modern form of the game

select

critical of the organizational abilities of the game's authorities

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20. The author's argument is best summarized as \_\_\_\_\_.

select

nineteenth-century baseball is completely uninteresting to a modern baseball fan

select

nineteenth-century baseball featured many features of the modern game, such as large stadiums and modern pitching styles

select

modern baseball is continually attempting to be more like the original version of the game

nineteenth-century baseball is largely the game modern fans know and love

nineteenth-century baseball was such a different game that a modern fan would not recognize it

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21. The main idea of the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

nineteenth-century pitchers would do quite well in the modern game

nineteenth-century baseball's differences with the modern game are largely superficial

that the modern baseball fan would hardly recognize the nineteenth-century version of the game

a shorter mound distance was used in the nineteenth century

that baseball has hardly changed since it was first organized as a sport

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22. The word "pristine" in the passage means \_\_\_\_\_.

dirty and uncouth

ill-mannered and hot tempered

muddied and confused

clean and perfect

select

uncompromising and stubborn

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23. The word "circumvent" in the passage means \_\_\_\_\_.

select

complete fully

select

go around

select

march head on into

select

enter in

select

bow down to

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24. The phrase "As athletes have done for centuries," refers to the act of \_\_\_\_\_.

<input type="text" value="select"/>	
	requiring an underhand motion to throw
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	operating out of a box from a mere 45 feet away
<input type="text" value="select"/>	
	figuring out ways to throw harder
<input type="text" value="select"/>	
	circumventing the rules
<input type="text" value="select"/>	
	throwing overhand

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25. In the passage, the phrase "such pitching" refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

throwing with an overhand motion

throwing from a slab

throwing from 60 feet, 6 inches

throwing overhand with a running start from a short distance

throwing from a box

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26. The word "utilized" in the passage means \_\_\_\_\_.

used and employed

ignored and mishandled

discarded and forgotten

perfected and sharpened

unorganized and ill-fitting

27. Writing closed captioning for live events is difficult, as \_\_\_\_\_ every word is nearly impossible.

transcribing

excoriating

interpreting

pontificating

obfuscating

28. She often overthought things, \_\_\_\_\_ on decisions for months.

postulating

calcifying

indemnifying

illuminating

ruminating

29. His medical troubles were so costly, his savings account was \_\_\_\_\_ in a matter of weeks.

elucidated

bolstered

perused

depleted

waylaid

30. While initially considered a small inconvenience, the new regulations soon proved \_\_\_\_\_.

ambiguous

select

inconsequential

select

onerous

select

extraneous

select

agreeable