

GRE Sentence Equivalence Practice Paper 3

Part 1

1. ____ adherence to outdated political ideas and defunct sects characterized the last years of a man who had, surprisingly, been one of the most flexible thinkers of the 1920s.

A. Intransigent

B. Vacillating

C. Sectarian

D. Confused

E. Frantic

F. Dogged

2. The ____ effects of constant noise drove Natasha to seek refuge in a more salubrious spot until she recovered her mental equilibrium.

A. stimulating

B. debilitating

C. deafening

D. enervating

E. soporific

F. precipitating

3. Grandfather liked us children to learn self-discipline, and, unlike many others of his generation, seldom ____ us even for those actions that we felt deserved censure.

A. rewarded

B. consoled

C. upbraided

D. applauded

E. cherished

F. chided

4. To the layman, a philosopher who attempts to elucidate a complex moral dilemma by reducing it to a simple yet apparently ridiculous test case seems rather to ____ the issue.

A. ridicule

B. obfuscate

C. over-simplify

D. denigrate

E. becloud

F. attenuate

5. Fraser taught by example: he ____ long-windedness in his own lectures and berated his students for any tendency toward circumlocution.

A. eschewed

B. epitomized

C. accentuated

D. embraced

E. welcomed

F. shunned

6. If he had not had the ____ to follow his own iconoclastic theories in the face of the apparently unassailable conclusion of the accepted experts in the field, progress would have been inestimably slower in this area of knowledge.

- A. incentive
- B. audacity
- C. temerity
- D. incapacity
- E. unwillingness
- F. wisdom

7. With an abiding interest in Medieval poetry, Boris found it difficult to relate to his peers in school whose ____ ran to nothing even remotely literary.

- A. predilections
- B. successes
- C. inclinations
- D. backgrounds
- E. achievements
- F. amities

8. The novel is admittedly not the finest example of its genre, but I object to the ____ preface written by a supposed expert on detective fiction from whom we might have expected at least one or two perceptive comments.

- A. egregious
- B. inane
- C. pretentious
- D. subliminal
- E. vacuous

F. unexamined

9. It is not only the poor and uneducated that fall prey to ____ ; desperate or unhappy individuals from any walk of life or social background can be duped.

A. mavericks

B. malcontents

C. quacks

D. charlatans

E. agitators

F. hypochondriacs

10. The director, accustomed to unquestioning loyalty, was chagrined when she discovered that her directions had been ____ by the chief executive.

A. underscored

B. misinterpreted

C. undermined

D. misplaced

E. substantiated

F. subverted

Part 2

1. Even though Byron is frequently glib, it is still hard to dismiss him as a ____ thinker.

A. superficial

B. profound

C. lightweight

D. lucid

E. verbose

F. uncompromising

2. Far from being an innocent prank, their action is a ____ attempt to spoil my reputation.

A. malicious

B. salubrious

C. naive

D. saturnine

E. innocuous

F. callous

3. Although his findings were initially greeted with ____, the unlikely hero was finally vindicated when the French Academy acknowledged his work.

A. derision

B. accolades

C. commendations

D. sympathy

E. jubilation

F. incredulity

4. Their latest theory aims to integrate the seemingly ____ elements of twenty years of research to form a coherent whole.

A. relevant

B. sporadic

C. incessant

D. disparate

E. discrete

F. extensive

5. Svensson's _____ in his work earned him few friends: his colleagues probably thought that he would be unwilling to overlook their foibles.

A. xenophobia

B. mendacity

C. meticulousness

D. intuition

E. punctiliousness

F. prevarication

6. Icons would be well-advised to write their own memoirs; there are too many _____ writers out there who forego accuracy to pander to the preconceptions of the market.

A. creative

B. lackluster

C. hackneyed

D. sycophantic

E. fawning

F. best-selling

7. Both commentators noted the way that Dylan can submerge himself in tradition while somehow managing to create works of startling ____.

A. gestation

B. singularity

C. provenance

D. conservatism

E. nonchalance

F. originality

8. When aid is given to autocracy, the donors are prone to rationalize their decision to support non-democratic governments, and thus lay open to the charge of ____.

A. negligence

B. hypocrisy

C. equivocation

D. slander

E. autonomy

F. nepotism

9. The insertion of a fiction into a news bulletin cannot be condoned, but inserting propaganda for a good cause seems less ____.

A. untoward

B. democratic

C. reprehensible

D. credible

E. insupportable

F. utilitarian

10. In showing the shocking images of depravity and degradation, the curators of the art museum said that the importance of historical accuracy outweighed the danger of encouraging ____.

A. prurience

B. avarice

C. vandalism

D. voyeurism

E. outrage

F. torture

Part 3

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

A) anxiously

B) eagerly

C) truthfully

D) hurriedly

E) concernedly

F) supposedly

2. It is not surprising that the audience has 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

3. 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

4. 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

5. 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

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

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

7. 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

8. "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

9. "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

10. 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