

GRE AWA Practice Paper 8

Question 1

As we acquire more knowledge, things do not become more comprehensible, but more complex and mysterious.

*Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.*

Question 2

In any situation, progress requires discussion among people who have contrasting points of view.

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Question 3

Educational institutions should dissuade students from pursuing fields of study in which they are unlikely to succeed.

*Write a response in which you discuss your views on the policy and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider the possible consequences of implementing the policy and explain how these consequences shape your position.*

Question 4

Governments should not fund any scientific research whose consequences are unclear.

*Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which*

*adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.*

#### Question 5

Society should identify those children who have special talents and provide training for them at an early age to develop their talents.

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#### Question 6

It is primarily through our identification with social groups that we define ourselves.

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#### Question 7

College students should be encouraged to pursue subjects that interest them rather than the courses that seem most likely to lead to jobs.

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#### Question 8

Claim: When planning courses, educators should take into account the interests and suggestions of their students.

Reason: Students are more motivated to learn when they are interested in what they are studying.

*Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.*

#### Question 9

The greatness of individuals can be decided only by those who live after them, not by their contemporaries.

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#### Question 10

Students should always question what they are taught instead of accepting it passively.

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#### Question 11

The increasingly rapid pace of life today causes more problems than it solves.

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#### Question 12

Claim: It is no longer possible for a society to regard any living man or woman as a hero.

Reason: The reputation of anyone who is subjected to media scrutiny will eventually be diminished.

*Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.*

Question 13

Competition for high grades seriously limits the quality of learning at all levels of education.

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Question 14

Universities should require every student to take a variety of courses outside the student's field of study.

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Question 15

Educators should find out what students want included in the curriculum and then offer it to them.

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Question 16

Educators should teach facts only after their students have studied the ideas, trends, and concepts that help explain those facts.

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#### Question 17

Claim: We can usually learn much more from people whose views we share than from those whose views contradict our own.

Reason: Disagreement can cause stress and inhibit learning.

*Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.*

#### Question 18

Government officials should rely on their own judgment rather than unquestioningly carry out the will of the people they serve.

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#### Question 19

Young people should be encouraged to pursue long-term, realistic goals rather than seek immediate fame and recognition.

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#### Question 20

The best way to teach is to praise positive actions and ignore negative ones.

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