

Investigations along the Solo river in Indonesia have led some archeologists to debunk the idea of an era in which Homo Erectus had still survived in then Homo Sapiens' inhabited areas.

A) in which Homo Erectus had still survived in then Homo Sapiens' inhabited areas

B) in which Homo Erectus still survived in areas inhabited by Homo Sapiens

C) when Homo Erectus still survived where there were areas inhabited by Homo Sapiens

D) when Homo Erectus had still survived in current Homo Sapiens areas

E) when Homo Erectus still survived in areas that were then Homo Sapiens'

Question 2

Unlike most severance packages, which require workers to stay until the last day scheduled to collect, workers are eligible for severance 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 3

The growth of the railroads led to the abolition of local times, which was determined by when the sun reached 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 4

While there is no blueprint for transforming a largely government-controlled economy into a free one, the experiment that works: privatization, in which state-owned industries are sold to private companies. By 1979, the total borrowing was 10 billion a year. By selling many of these industries, the government has decreased these borrowings and losses, gained 10 billion from the newly privatized companies. Along with a dramatically improved overall economy, the government has a two-year period.

In fact, privatization has not only rescued individual industries and a whole economy headed for disaster, but also and British Gas, for example, productivity per employee has risen by 20 percent. At Associated British Ports, labor virtually disappeared. At British Telecom, there is no longer a waiting list—as there always was before privatization.

Part of this improved productivity has come about because the employees of privatized industries were given the opportunity to buy shares enthusiastically to the offer of shares: at British Aerospace, 89 percent of the eligible workforce bought shares; at British Gas, 89 percent. When people have a personal stake in something, they think about it, care about it, work to make it prosper. At British Telecom, employees grew so concerned about their company's profits that during wage negotiations they actually pressed their union to accept a 5 percent wage cut.

Some economists have suggested that giving away free shares would provide a needed acceleration of the privatization process. "If we obtain too cheap we esteem too lightly." In order for the far-ranging benefits of individual ownership to be achieved, individuals must make their own decisions to buy, and they must commit some of their own resources to the choice.

Reading Comprehension GMAT Sample Question #1

It can be inferred from the passage that the author considers labor disruptions to be...

1. an inevitable problem in a weak national economy
2. a positive sign of employee concern about a company
3. a predictor of employee reactions to a company's offer to sell shares to them
4. a phenomenon found more often in state-owned industries than in private companies
5. a deterrence to high performance levels in an industry

Question 5

Which of the following can be inferred from the passage about the privatization process in the United Kingdom?

1. It depends to a potentially dangerous degree on individual ownership of shares.
2. It conforms in its most general outlines to Thomas Paine's prescription for business ownership.
3. It was originally conceived to include some giving away of free shares.
4. It has been successful, even though privatization has failed in other countries.
5. It is taking place more slowly than some economists suggest is necessary.

Question 6

Trying to keep her balance on the icy surface, the last competitor's ski-tip caught the pole and somersaulted into the soft snow.

- A. the last competitor's ski-tip caught the pole and somersaulted into the soft snow.
- B. the ski-tip of the last competitor caught the pole and somersaulted in the soft snow.
- C. the last competitor caught the pole with the tip of her ski, and somersaulted into the soft snow.
- D. the last competitor caught the pole with her ski-tip, which made her somersault into the soft snow.
- E. the last competitor somersaulted into the soft snow when the tip of her ski was caught by the pole.

Question 7

The temperature dropped suddenly last night, which will mean that the shoots emerging from the soil will be killed by the frost.

- A. which will mean that the shoots emerging from the soil will be killed by the frost.
- B. which will mean that the frost will kill the shoots emerging from the soil.
- C. and this will mean that the shoots emerging from the soil will be killed by the frost.
- D. and the resulting frost will kill the shoots that are emerging from the soil.
- E. and as a result, the shoots will be killed by the frost, emerging from the soil.

Question 8

The impostor eluded detection for so long because she conducted herself as though she were a licensed practitioner.

- A. as though she were a licensed practitioner.
- B. as though she was a licensed practitioner.
- C. like she was a licensed practitioner.
- D. like as if she was a licensed practitioner.
- E. as if she was a practitioner with a license

Question 9

Being abandoned by our friends is the cause of great sorrow for us.

- A. Being abandoned by our friends is the cause of great sorrow for us.
- B. Our being abandoned by our friends is the cause of great sorrow.
- C. Being abandoned by our friends, we feel great sorrow.
- D. Abandoned by our friends, sorrow is the result.
- E. We feel great sorrow when our friends abandon us.

Question 10

Among the many reasons for his defeat in the election was his arrogant assumption that his constituents were incapable of understanding economic conditions, and his unwarranted attack on his chief opponent.

- A. was his arrogant assumption that his constituents were incapable of understanding economic conditions
- B. were his arrogant assumption that his constituents were incapable of understanding economic conditions
- C. were his arrogant assumptions that his constituents were incapable of understanding economical conditions
- D. were his arrogant assumption that his constituents would be incapable of understanding economics

E. was the arrogant assumption that his constituents was incapable of understanding economic conditions

Question 11

More and more holidaymakers are choosing to fly to remote islands in search of the perfect beach; seeking sand, sun and palm trees, rather than centers of entertainment.

A. ; seeking sand, sun and palm trees, rather than centers of entertainment.

B. ; seeking sad, sun, palm trees and not entertainment.

C. , with sand, sun, palm trees and no entertainment.

D. , they seek sand, sun and palm trees, rather than entertainment centers.

E. ; they seek sand, sun and palm trees, rather than centers of entertainment.

Question 12

The government requires that these forms should be submitted before the end of the financial year.

A. that these forms should be submitted

B. that these forms be submitted

C. for these forms to be submitted

D. these forms submission

E. these forms should be submitted

Question 13

After arduous months of fighting, the sight of the white flag being raised generated as much relief on the victor's side than it did on the vanquished.

A. as much relief on the victor's side than it did on the vanquished.

B. as much relief among the victors as among the vanquished.

C. as much relief on the victor's side as it did on the vanquished's.

D. relief both on the victor's side as well as on the vanquished's.

E. relief both for the victor and the vanquished side.

Question 14

The best way to encourage innovative thinking is not to promise financial rewards for ideas, but to ensure that the person making the suggestion receives recognition for his contribution.

A. but to ensure that the person making the suggestion receives recognition for his contribution.

B. but to ensure that the person who makes the suggestion will be receiving recognition for his contribution.

C. but rather by ensuring that the person making the suggestion receives recognition for his contribution.

D. but rather ensure that suggestion-maker receives recognition for his contribution.

E. but instead make sure that the suggestion-maker will receive recognition.

Question 15

It ought to be her with whom you share your secrets, not me.

A. her with whom you share your secrets, not me

B. her with whom you share your secrets, not I.

C. she with whom you share your secrets, not me.

D. she with whom you share your secrets, not I.

E. her with who you share your secrets, not me.

SET 2

1. A teacher at the school acknowledged that, despite government sponsored endeavors to improve classroom performance, an extraordinary high percentage of their students fail to gain admission to higher education.

- A. an extraordinary high percentage of their students fail to gain admission to higher education
- B. an extraordinarily high percentage of its students fail to gain admission to higher education
- C. an extraordinary high percentage of its students fails to gain admission to higher education
- D. the percentage of their students failing to gain admission to higher education is extraordinarily high
- E. a high percentage of its students, extraordinarily high in fact, fails to gain admission to higher education

2. Wordsworth was one of the first European poet to consider the lowliest members of society to be valid subjects for poetry.

- A. European poet to consider the lowliest members of society to be
- B. of European poets to consider the lowliest members of society to be
- C. European poets to consider the lowliest members of society as
- D. among European poets to consider the lowliest members of society as
- E. European poets to consider the lowliest members of society

3. A course of cognitive behavior therapy can be as effective, if not more so, than drug therapy and without the side effects, in helping the elderly to overcome insomnia.

- A. as effective, if not more so, than drug therapy and without the side effects, in helping the elderly to overcome insomnia
- B. more effective than drug therapy and without the side effects, in helping the elderly to overcome insomnia
- C. at least as effective in helping the elderly overcome insomnia as drug therapy, and is without the side effects of drug treatment
- D. at least as effective as drug therapy in helping the elderly to overcome insomnia without side effects
- E. equally effective as drug therapy in helping the elderly to overcome insomnia without side effects

4. Moule's review served as a welcome encouragement to the author: Hardy set to work with renewed vigor and finished the serial ahead of time.

- A. served as a welcome encouragement to the author: Hardy
- B. served a welcome encouragement to Hardy, and the author
- C. was welcome as an encouragement to Hardy, the author
- D. was a welcome encouragement to the author, Hardy
- E. served as a welcome encouragement to the author, Hardy

5. Until the European Convention on Human Rights came into effect in 2000, no law of privacy was as yet acknowledged by British courts.

- A. no law of privacy was as yet acknowledged by British courts
- B. British courts did not acknowledge a law of privacy
- C. the courts in Britain had not acknowledged a law of privacy
- D. a law of privacy was not acknowledged by the courts in Britain
- E. there had been no acknowledged law of privacy in Britain

6. Galton's claim that fingerprints are unique is almost universally accepted despite using less than one hundred samples for his initial investigation and statistical methods that are not entirely convincing.

- A. Galton's claim that fingerprints are unique is almost universally accepted despite using less than one hundred samples for his initial investigation and statistical methods that are not entirely convincing.
- B. Galton's claim that fingerprints are unique is almost universally accepted despite his using statistical methods that are not entirely convincing and less than one hundred samples for his initial investigation.
- C. Even though Galton used one hundred samples or less, for his initial investigation, and used statistical methods that are not entirely convincing, his claim for fingerprints that are unique is almost universally accepted.
- D. Even though Galton used less than one hundred samples for his initial investigation, and used statistical methods that are not entirely convincing, his claim that fingerprints are unique is almost universally accepted.

E. Even though Galton used less than one hundred samples for his initial investigation, his claim that fingerprints are unique is almost universally accepted, despite the fact that he used statistical methods that are not entirely convincing.