

GMAT Verbal Practice Practice 34  
SET 1

1. Inertia-gravity waves cause characteristic stripy patterns in the clouds in the lower atmosphere but they are disregarded by conventional weather forecasts because they are thought to be too small to interact with larger systems such as warm and cold fronts.

A. they are disregarded by conventional weather forecasts because they are thought to be too small

B. they are disregarded by conventional weather forecasts because these waves are thought to be too small

C. conventional weather forecasts disregard them because they think they are too small

D. conventional weather forecasts disregard these waves because they are thought to be too small

E. conventional weather forecasts think them too small

2. In archeological terms the university was a latecomer to the town, which was already centuries old by the time we first hear of the establishment of a community of scholars and teachers in the late 12th Century.

A. which was already centuries old by the time we first hear of the establishment of

B. already centuries old by the time we first hear of its establishment of

C. which was centuries old already when we first hear of the establishment of

D. that was already centuries old by the time we first are hearing of the establishing of

E. that was already centuries old by the time we first hear that they had established

3. The recent photographs of the giant squid are remarkable because they show these enormous living creatures as moving around in their natural environment, whereas previous pictures have been of only dead animals.

A. because they show these living creatures as moving around in their

B. in that they show this most enormous of living creatures moving around in its

C. in that they show this enormous living creature moving around in its

D. because these enormous living creatures are shown to be moving around in their

E. because they show this enormous living creature moving around in a

**4.** It is usual for scientists and social scientists to abandon their theories only if another more attractive theory comes along and not when they have been proved incorrect.

A. their theories only if another more attractive theory comes along and not when they have been proved incorrect

B. a theory not because it has been proved incorrect, but because another more attractive theory comes along

C. their theories not when they have been proved incorrect, but because other more attractive theories come along

D. a theory only when other more attractive ones come along, rather than when they are proved wrong

E. their theories not if they have been proved wrong, but if another more attractive theory comes along

**5.** Once a hurricane is identified, it is given a name from a list drawn up by the United States Weather Service, a list that is reused after a few years, but with the names of the worst hurricanes omitted.

A. but with the names of the worst hurricanes omitted

B. omitting the names of the worst hurricanes

C. the names of the worst hurricanes being omitted

D. after they have omitted the names of the worst hurricanes

E. after omitting the worst hurricane names

**6.** Dunbar argues that gossip is important in human societies in the maintenance of social cohesion, just as social grooming does for other primates.

A. gossip is important in human societies in the maintenance of social cohesion, just as social grooming does for other primates

B. gossip is important in the maintenance of social cohesion in human society, just as social grooming does for other primates

C. in human societies gossip is important in social cohesion like social grooming for other primate societies

D. similar to social grooming in primates, human gossip is important in maintaining social cohesion

E. gossip is important in human societies in the maintenance of social cohesion, just as social grooming is in other primate groups

## SET 2

1. China's economy continues to flourish this year: industrial production grew, inflation has eased, and the trade surplus swelled.

A. grew, inflation has eased, and the trade surplus swelled

B. has grown, inflation has eased, and the trade surplus swelled

C. has grown, inflation eased, and the trade surplus has swelled

D. has grown, inflation eased, and the trade surplus is swelling

E. is growing, inflation easing and the trade surplus swelling

2. The Bengal school attempted to create an authentic style of Indian painting based on the study of the art of ancient India, Indian medieval miniature traditions, as well as European and Japanese art.

A. Indian medieval miniature traditions, as well as European and Japanese art

B. and Indian medieval miniature traditions, as well as European and Japanese art

C. Indian medieval miniature traditions, and European and Japanese art as well

D. and Indian medieval miniature traditions, and European as well as Japanese art

E. Indian medieval miniature traditions, European, and Japanese art

3. Often said to be the most perfectly cut of all large diamonds, the Jubilee's facets are so exact that it can be balanced on its culet, which is less than two millimeters across.

A. the Jubilee's facets are so exact that it can be balanced on its culet, which is less

B. the Jubilee's facets are so exact that the diamond can be balanced on its culet, less

C. the Jubilee has facets so exact that it can be balanced on its culet, which is less

D. the Jubilee has facets which are so exact that it can balance on its culet, which is less

E. the Jubilee's facets are so exact that it can be balanced on its culet, which is lesser

4. Unlike traditional bullet-proof vests, which can prevent serious injury, but which cannot prevent the wearer being knocked over by the impact, new vest designs are being developed in the United States where bullets bounce off.

A. new vest designs are being developed in the United States where bullets bounce off

B. new vest designs, where bullets bounce off, are being developed in the United States

C. the United States is developing new vests, designed to make bullets bounce off

D. new vests, designed to make bullets bounce off, are being developed in the United States

E. new vests, where bullets bounce off, are being developed in the United States

5. The National Library has recently acquired a manuscript by Jenkins that should provide answers to the much-disputed question of the extent to which this author's work had been altered by her editors in the years before she died.

A. the extent to which this author's work had been altered by her editors in the years before she died

B. the extent this author's editors altered her work in the years before she died

C. how much the work of this author had been altered in the years before her death by her editors

D. the extent her editors altered this author's work in the years before her death

E. the extent to which this author's work was altered by her editors in the years before she died

6. Since the path-breaking discovery, just over fifty years ago, of the structure of the DNA molecule, scientists have made astounding progress to understand and manipulate this most important of biological molecules.

A. scientists have made astounding progress to understand and to manipulate

B. scientists have made astounding progress in understanding and manipulating

C. astounding progress has been made by scientists to understand and to manipulate

D. scientists made astounding progress in understanding and manipulating

E. astounding progress was made by scientists in understanding and manipulating