

40 Sentence Equivalence questions collected from real GRE exams

1 Although the parents do not think highly of the educational system as a whole, they fail to treat teachers with _____ equally.

- [A] consideration
- [B] veneration
- [C] lucubration
- [D] opprobrium
- [E] reverence
- [F] disdain

2 It is surprising to see such a child that is at his sixteenth manifest a great measure of _____, for he delivers too cogent, brilliant a speech among adults.

- [A] maturity
- [B] precociousness
- [C] convolution
- [D] nefariousness
- [E] naïveté
- [F] ingenuousness

3. My grandmother is a _____ person; she say that the house when she lived as a child was always haunted.

- [A] clamorous
- [B] invidious
- [C] numinous
- [D] empirical
- [E] sonorous
- [F] occult

4 Despite the good news, people are surprised that he found the news _____.

- [A] alarm
- [B] hostility
- [C] dismay
- [D] interesting
- [E] confusing
- [F] exciting

5 Philosophy is a/an _____ study.

- [A] challenging
- [B] exacting
- [C] esoteric
- [D] convoluted
- [E] boring
- [F] scientific

6 The _____ parts of the book threaten to disappear beneath repetitive and familiar depictions of the city as a busy world.

- [A] innovative
- [B] original
- [C] inspiring
- [D] challenging
- [E] demanding
- [F] complex

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8 The apparent flaws in the sculptor's work didn't _____ the respect critics gave him.

- [A] undermine
- [B] preclude
- [C] prevent
- [D] create
- [E] deserve
- [F] increase

9 The composition of a poem is neither intellectually nor _____, it reflects the setting of the society and the background of the age.

- [A] emotional
- [B] intuitive
- [C] solitary
- [D] private
- [E] inspiring
- [F] simple

10 Advertising, formerly called the last resort to create or distribute music, has transformed itself to _____ of music that would otherwise be unheard.

- [A] a camouflage
- [B] a derivative
- [C] a champion
- [D] an impediment/ foe
- [E] an advocate
- [F] an impetus

11 The movie was very quiet, the music _____ and _____, drawing attention to the aural nuance as it does to visual details.

- [A] creatively
- [B] liberally
- [C] sparingly
- [D] judiciously
- [E] negatively
- [F] generously

12 Although she is usually the first to spot data that were inconsistent with other findings, in this particular experiment she let a number of _____ result slip by.

- [A] anomalous
- [B] redundant
- [C] incongruous
- [D] salient
- [E] divergent
- [F] verifiable

13 A record company recently started to sell _____ of repackaged old CDs; this seems to tell us it's not releasing good records any more.

- [A] dearth
- [B] glut
- [C] deficiency
- [D] surfeit
- [E] little
- [F] some

14 Some British music critics are not sure about how to tell the difference between authentic African music and the _____, but they are sure there's a distinction.

- [A] derivative
- [B] spurious
- [C] specious
- [D] real
- [E] rest
- [F] classics

15 Even the man was reserved in his speech, he thoroughly understood his mother, which made him far from _____ as people usually thought.

- [A] comprehensive
- [B] ingenuous
- [C] sophisticated
- [D] foolish

- [E] simple
- [F] sententious

16 It is perplexing that a man so prominent in the public eye, so highly praised and imitated, could exude a persona of _____ and reticence.

- [A] decorum
- [B] bravado
- [C] diffidence
- [D] dogmatism
- [E] resignation
- [F] indifference

17 Most people who read Ted's correspondence are surprised that there is more stuff of professional than personal, but the distinction is _____: every letter reveals stamps of his personality.

- [A] unique
- [B] clear-cut
- [C] unanimous
- [D] significant
- [E] artificial
- [F] non-existent

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19 There must be someone who was not _____. Since before the performance, the plot has been widespread.

- [A] prudent
- [B] circumspect
- [C] tedious
- [D] reluctant
- [E] pretentious
- [F] intelligent

20 A writer in a development countries needs to have _____ in order to be success. Due to limited choices of publishing platform and poor infrastructure, the only viable option is publishing in newspaper

- [A] prescience
- [B] resolve
- [C] foresightedness
- [D] determination
- [E] energy
- [F] intelligence

21 The lady's role in public is _____: she is an outstanding actress, wife of a diplomat, and a journalist.

- [A] protean
- [B] versatile
- [C] pedestrian
- [D] consistent
- [E] complex
- [F] respected

22 Mark Messina's book The Simple Soybean and Your Health exudes recognition much less unrestrained in the description of the soy's medical efficiency than its versatility, but the author's cautions arrest soy to be a _____.

- [A] cure-all
- [B] solitude
- [C] efficacy
- [D] effectuality
- [E] panacea
- [F] placebo

23 People from one community always take each other as _____ since they automatically classify the others as their family line.

- [A] acquaintance
- [B] consort
- [C] neighborhood
- [D] kinfolks
- [E] relative
- [F] patron

24 Although an author repeats that he is a _____ uncle in his book, he makes a persuasive case to prove the safety of mutating genes to create new foods in his book.

- [A] reticent
- [B] verbose
- [C] garrulous
- [D] reserved
- [E] conservative
- [F] shy

25 Her apparent _____ her background and ancestry seems unconceivable in an age when people tend to think of themselves as exhaustion.

- [A] rejection to
- [B] duplicity to
- [C] unfamiliarity with
- [D] dishonesty with
- [E] ignorance of
- [F] understanding of

26 The ship crashed into an iceberg because it was _____ to getting close to the iceberg.

- [A] negligible
- [B] gradual
- [C] imperceptible
- [D] insignificant

- [E] significant
- [F] trivial

27 Scientist worries if the connection between global warming and the rising of sea level continues, then this simultaneity _____ bigger changes in the underlying dynamics of our climate.

- [A] obscures
- [B] forestalls
- [C] presages
- [D] averts
- [E] exacerbates
- [F] portends

28 The spacecraft's considerable heft made an unusual _____ way for a meander through the solar system, under the influence of gravitational of three large bodies.

- [A] indirect
- [B] truncated
- [C] shortened
- [D] circuitous
- [E] direct
- [F] traditional

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30 Although the progress of chemistry is not the greatest, it _____ the dullness that most progress of science is associated with.

- [A] belies
- [B] belittles
- [C] conceals
- [D] contradicts
- [E] leads to
- [F] affirms

31 It's dangerous for any researcher to make a definite conclusion because their observation is based on data that is _____.

- [A] meager
- [B] uncertain
- [C] paltry
- [D] scientific
- [E] new
- [F] inspiring

32 There are, as yet, no vegetation types or ecosystems whose study has been _____ to the extent that they no longer interest ecologists.

- [A] exhausted
- [B] fully understood
- [C] published
- [D] taught
- [E] communicated
- [F] examined

33 Tigers have idiosyncratic features which include a wide arrange of features that it's hard to _____ them.

- [A] pigeonhole
- [B] understand
- [C] analyze
- [D] categorize
- [E] make sense of
- [F] investigate

34 Deserts are _____ in the large distances, but they give a variety of micro-climate.

- [A] homogeneous
- [B] expandable
- [C] unvaried
- [D] diverse
- [E] dry
- [F] mysterious

35 Not only it is threaten-life diseases _____; even if they have been detected earlier, there's still no medicine treatment for it.

- [A] overlooked
- [B] misguided
- [C] missed
- [D] detected
- [E] diagnose
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- [A] arcade
- [B] accord
- [C] tranquility
- [D] chaos
- [E] variant
- [F] consensus

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- [C] diverse
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- [E] democratic
- [F] eccentric

Answers:

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