

## GMAT Club Verbal Diagnostic Test #1

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1. Among the various factors that foster innovative accomplishments are change for the better that signify disruption of the routine, deviation from the normal and redirection from the past
  - (A) innovative accomplishments are change for the better that signify
  - (B) innovative accomplishments are change for the better that signifies
  - (C) innovative accomplishments is change for the better that signifies
  - (D) innovative accomplishments is change for the better that signify
  - (E) innovative accomplishments are changes for the better that signifies
  
2. Tests conducted by National Automobile Association of India, have revealed that, on average, the vacuum brakes fixed on Niño mini cars perform better than other brakes fixed in any other comparable cars. Thus, any consumer who is purchasing a mini-car based solely on the criteria of safety should purchase a Niño.

Which one of the following statements, if true, most weakens the argument?

- (A) Mini-cars are less safe than some other types of automobiles.
- (B) Most consumers purchase cars based on multiple criteria in addition to safety.
- (C) During the test, the brakes on some Santro mini cars outperformed those on some Nano cars
- (D) The brakes on Nano mini cars are simple to use and maintain.
- (E) The Santro mini-cars achieved a better frontal crash-test rating than the Nano mini-cars.

3. On Saturday, the Board of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD), a revered pilgrim centre in India, decided to enhance the salaries of the chief priests under its purview up to Rs 55,000 per month and that of junior archakas to Rs 30,000, while the archakas were sought to withdraw the cases against the TTD.

(A) that of junior archakas to Rs 30,000, while the archakas were sought to withdraw the cases against the TTD.

(B) that of junior archakas to Rs 30,000 and they sought the archakas to withdraw the cases against the TTD.

(C) those of junior archakas to Rs 30,000, while seeking the archakas to withdraw the cases against the TTD.

(D) that of junior archakas to Rs 30,000, whereas they sought the cases by the archakas against the TTD to be withdrawn.

(E) that of junior archakas to Rs 30,000; at the same time, they asked the cases against the TTD to be withdrawn by the archakas.

4. A cricketer trying to predict the outcome of the one day world cup match in 1996 between the experienced Pakistan and the upstart Bangladesh, probably would have chosen the then invincible Pakistan by an odds of 10/1 and been quite wrong

(A) have chosen the then invincible Pakistan by an odds of 10/1 and been quite wrong

(B) have chosen that it would be the then invincible Pakistan by an odds of 10/1 and be quite wrong

(C) choose the then invincible Pakistan by an odds of 10/1 and been quite wrong

(D) choose the then invincible Pakistan by an odds of 10/1 and be quite wrong

(E) choose in favor of the then invincible Pakistan by an odds of 10/1 and been quite wrong

5. Governments have the fundamental duty to respond to peoples demand for amending deficient public service by judiciously providing necessary remedies. However this results in use of additional regulation eventually leading to avoidable expenses. In spite of such strained finances, Government has no other go but to take up epidemics such as Dengue, in view of the public's perception of very poor governance in these matters.

Which one of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?

- (A) The quality of epidemic disease management will improve.
- (B) The cost of handling health care on epidemics will increase.
- (C) The government will resort of additional taxation to meet the increased costs of epidemic health care.
- (D) Only when the government fears mounted public outcry will the Government wake from slumber.
- (E) If government does not act on epidemic health cure, the costs will not escalate.
6. The later generation Roman kings, flamboyant sybarites, held parties in their courts, they sported ethnic delicacies, choicest of cocktails, and randy performances by courtesans
- (A) The later generation Roman kings, flamboyant sybarites, held parties in their courts, they sported
- (B) Parties were held in the courts of the later generation Roman kings, flamboyant sybarites, which featured
- (C) The later generation Roman kings, flamboyant sybarites in their courts, held parties sporting
- (D) The later generation Roman kings, flamboyant sybarites, held parties in their courts that sported
- (E) In their courts, the later generation Roman kings, flamboyant sybarites, held parties that sported

7. Spotted deer are endowed with bright dots, and the most popular subspecies has the largest dots. The dots cannot act as camouflages for these open land grazers, due to their prominence. There is therefore some ecological reason for such bright spots. The dots must therefore be of importance to the species as the spots must be acting as some sort of signal to the deer

Which one of the following, if true, most strongly supports the conclusion regarding a signaling function?

- (A) Exceptional size and vigor also mark the subspecies of deer characterized by the best-defined dots is also
- (B) Grazing animals with a coat of uniform color may be harder to spot than spotted deer in certain tall grasses.
- (C) A visual signal transmitted among the members of a species can consist of a temporary change of color perceptible to other members of the species.
- A temporary change of color easily can be perceived by the other members of the species, marking a visual signal in the most prevalent species of deer.
- (D) Deers respond much faster to moving shapes that have dots than they do to moving shapes that are otherwise identical but without dots.
- (E) Deers several kinds of vocal signals than do similar species such as horses.

8. Like many others who acted as double agents, Mata Hari, a Dutch seductive dancer, treaded in dangerous waters; accused of spying for Germany in the First World War, she was finally executed by a firing squad for treason in France
- (A) Like many others who acted as double agents, Mata Hari, a Dutch seductive dancer, treaded in dangerous waters;
- (B) Like many others acting as double agents and treading in dangerous waters, Mata Hari, a Dutch seductive dancer, was
- (C) Like many others who acted as double agents, Mata Hari, a Dutch seductive dancer, treaded in dangerous waters was
- (D) As with many others who acted as double agents, Mata Hari, a Dutch seductive dancer, treading in dangerous waters was
- (E) As with many others who acted as double agents, Mata Hari, a seductive dancer, treaded in dangerous waters was

9. The idea that earth was a ball of expanding mass never drew any takers until the well documented phenomenon of continental drifts transformed the indifference into one of interest, though the concept of drift itself was ignored until physicists produced compelling evidence to prove the occurrence of drift.

(A) was a ball of expanding mass never drew any takers until the well documented phenomenon of continental drifts transformed the indifference into one of interest , though the concept of drift itself was ignored until physicists produced compelling evidence to prove the occurrence of drift.

(B) is a ball of expanding mass had never drawn any takers until the well documented phenomenon of continental drifts transformed the indifference into one of interest, though the concept of drift itself was ignored until physicists produced compelling evidence to prove the occurrence of drift.

(C) was a ball of expanding mass did never draw any takers until the well documented phenomenon of continental drifts has transformed the indifference into one of interest, though the concept of drift itself has been ignored until physicists produced compelling evidence to prove the occurrence of drift.

(D) was a ball of expanding mass never drew any takers until the well documented phenomenon of continental drifts transformed this apathetic indifference into one of interest, though the concept of drift itself was ignored until physicists produced compelling evidence to prove the occurrence of drift.

(E) is a ball of expanding mass had never drawn any takers until the well documented phenomenon of continental drifts transformed the indifference into one of interest, though the concept of drift itself had been ignored until physicists produced compelling evidence to prove the occurrence of drift

10. When there is more rainfall than normal, the water levels of subtropical rivers overflow and water gathers high speed. . Because Pentaflora, an aquatic whose habitat in river water grows best in slow-moving water, the amount of Pentaflora per unit of water generally increases creases when there has been more rainfall By contrast, however, following a period of high rainfall , Pentaflora levels are low even in very slow-moving river water.

Which of the following, if true, does most to explain the contrast described above?

- (A) Extreme drought, causes the populations of some of the feeders of Pentaflora tend to fall.
- (B) The temperature of the more and more slowly moving water is more and more conducive for the growth of Pentaflora
- (C) High Pentaflora populations lead to toxic levels of the river waters for some other fragile inhabitants that usually live in the local environment
- (D) Extreme drought causes subtropical rivers to dry up completely for short stints
- (E) Controlled water levels by means of damming are helpful for the higher growth of Pentaflora than by that that not dammed, except during short periods of extreme drought.

**Questions 11, 12, and 13 are based on the following passage**

There is an endless, and perhaps worldwide, controversy as to what constitutes the "essentials" of education; and as to the steps to be taken in the teaching of these essentials. The safe plan for constructive workers appears to be to avoid personal educational philosophies and to read all the essentials of education within the needs and processes of the community itself. Since we are using this social point of view in making curriculum suggestions, it seems desirable first to explain just what we mean. Some of the matters set down may appear so obvious as not to require expression. They need however; to be presented again because of the frequency with which they are lost sight of in actual school practice.

Children and youth are expected as they grow up to take on by easy stages the characteristics of adulthood. At the end of the process it is expected that they will be able to do the things that adults do; to think as they think; to bear adult responsibilities; to be efficient in work; to be thoughtful public-spirited citizens; and the like.

The individual who reaches this level of attainment is educated, even though he may never have attended school. The one who falls below this level is not truly educated, even though he may have had a surplus of Schooling

11. What is the primary purpose of the passage?

- (A) To press that purpose of schooling is to turn into robust adults
- (B) To confirm that a higher education is a must for getting a good education these days
- (C) To explore the basics of being educated and the means of achieving the same
- (D) To point out what is expected of the young ones as they grow –up
- (E) To impress how even the unschooled can turn educated

12. If we have to read the mind of the author what is the basic implication of the passage
- (A) We seem to have lost sight of the purpose of education
  - (B) Education is expected to turn children and youth to grow into useful adults
  - (C) Adulthood means not just physical adulthood but mental adulthood
  - (D) Educators are not practicing very obvious things
  - (E) For one to be educated class room learning is the best way
13. According to the author, what the children and youth are expected to do at the point of finishing learning EXCEPT?
- (A) To be responsible citizens
  - (B) To join the multitude of people and work among them
  - (C) To take up heavier burdens
  - (D) To transform into adult ways through their thinking
  - (E) Not to behave childishly

14. In a recently conducted study, Harvard Scientists have linked a molecule to PGC-1 alpha FNDC5, a protein that enhances the expression of brain-health, not only as promoting the development of new nerves and synapses in the hippocampus of the adult brain, but also preserving existing brain cells.

(A) In a recently conducted study, Harvard Scientists have linked a molecule to PGC-1 alpha FNDC5, a protein that enhances the expression of brain-health, not only as promoting the development of new nerves and synapses in the hippocampus of the adult brain, but also preserving existing brain cells.

(B) In a recently conducted study by Harvard Scientists, a molecule PGC-1 alpha FNDC5, a protein enhancing the expression of brain-health, not only promotes the development of new nerves and synapses in the hippocampus of the adult brain, but also preserves existing brain cells.

(C) In a recently conducted study by Harvard Scientists, the researchers have linked a molecule to PGC-1 alpha FNDC5, a protein that enhances the expression of brain-health, saying that it not only promotes the development of new nerves and synapses in the hippocampus of the adult brain, but also preserves existing brain cells.

(D) Linking a molecule PGC-1 alpha to FNDC5, a protein that enhances the expression of brain-health, Harvard Scientists claim that the factor not only promotes the development of new nerves and synapses in the hippocampus of the adult brain, but also preserves existing brain cells in a recently conducted study.

(E) In a recently conducted study by Harvard Scientists, which linked a molecule PGC-1 alpha to FNDC5, a protein enhancing the expression of brain-health, it not only promotes the development of new nerves and synapses in the hippocampus of the adult brain, but also preserves existing brain cells

15. Hiberian Opposition Party Spokesman : Our National Textile board is running at loss; The cost of maintaining a wide network of inspection offices and officials are disproportionate to the benefits accrued since hardly only 1% of the consignments are getting rejected overall. Hence, if we cut down the size of the official expenditure on maintenance of such inspection operations, it will go a long way in sustaining the operations, yet maintaining Hiberian quality of exports and reputation. .

Hiberian PMO Spokesman: This is a fallacious approach. The mere message that somebody is overseeing the affairs deters many potential fraudsters from exporting unfit goods and earning bad reputation.

The PMO Spokesman responds to the Opposition Party Spokesman by

- (A) Rebutting the argument of the spokesman of the opposition party while urging that the standards according to which the board inspects exported textiles should be raised
- (B) Evidencing that the Opposition stand has significantly overestimated the cost of maintaining the board
- (C) Criticizing the Opposition Party's stand introducing into the issue irrelevant and non-economic factors
- (D) Bringing out into open a factor which the Opposition totally failed to consider.
- (E) Resorting to Ad hominem, i.e. attack one's character rather than the argument per se.