

## Big Book

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### 1. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.1

Nonviolent demonstrations often create such tensions that a community that has constantly refused to \_\_\_\_\_ its injustices is forced to correct them: the injustices can no longer be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) acknowledge ... ignored
- (B) decrease ... verified
- (C) tolerate ... accepted
- (D) address ... eliminated
- (E) explain ... discussed

### 2. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.2

Since 1813 reaction to Jane Austen's novels has oscillated between \_\_\_\_\_ and condescension; but in general later writers have esteemed her works more highly than did most of her literary \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) dismissal ... admirers
- (B) adoration ... contemporaries
- (C) disapproval ... readers
- (D) indifference ... followers
- (E) approbation ... precursors

### 3. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.3

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

- (A) perfected ... hinder
- (B) exhausted ... interest
- (C) prolonged ... require
- (D) prevented ... challenge
- (E) delayed ... benefit

### 4. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.4

Under ethical guidelines recently adopted by the National Institutes of Health, human genes are to be manipulated only to correct diseases for which \_\_\_\_\_ treatments are unsatisfactory.

- (A) similar
- (B) most
- (C) dangerous
- (D) uncommon
- (E) alternative

**5. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.5**

It was her view that the country's problems had been \_\_\_\_\_ by foreign technocrats, so that to invite them to come back would be counterproductive.

- (A) foreseen
- (B) attacked
- (C) ascertained
- (D) exacerbated
- (E) analyzed

**6. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.6**

Winsor McCay, the cartoonist, could draw with incredible \_\_\_\_\_: his comic strip about Little Nemo was characterized by marvelous draftsmanship and sequencing.

- (A) sincerity
- (B) efficiency
- (C) virtuosity
- (D) rapidity
- (E) energy

**7. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.7**

The actual \_\_\_\_\_ of Wilson's position was always \_\_\_\_\_ by his refusal to compromise after having initially agreed to negotiate a settlement.

- (A) outcome ... foreshadowed
- (B) logic ... enhanced
- (C) rigidity ... betrayed
- (D) uncertainty ... alleviated
- (E) cowardice ... highlighted

ABBED CC

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**8. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.1**

The senator's reputation, though \_\_\_\_\_ by false allegations of misconduct, emerged from the ordeal \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) shaken ... unscathed
- (B) destroyed ... intact
- (C) damaged ... impaired
- (D) impugned ... unclear
- (E) tarnished ... sullied

**9. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.2**

This poetry is not \_\_\_\_\_; it is more likely to appeal to an international audience than is poetry with strictly regional themes.

- (A) familiar
- (B) democratic
- (C) technical
- (D) complex
- (E) provincial

**10. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.3**

Experienced employers recognize that business students who can \_\_\_\_\_ different points of view are ultimately more effective as managers than are the brilliant and original students who \_\_\_\_\_ dogmatically to their own formulations.

- (A) discredit ... revert
- (B) assimilate ... adhere
- (C) impose ... refer
- (D) disregard ... incline
- (E) advocate ... relate

**11. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.4**

Poe's \_\_\_\_\_ reviews of contemporary fiction, which often find great merit in otherwise \_\_\_\_\_ literary gems, must make us respect his critical judgment in addition to his well-known literary talent.

- (A) thorough ... completed
- (B) petulant ... unpopular
- (C) insightful ... unappreciated
- (D) enthusiastic ... acclaimed
- (E) harsh ... undeserving

**12. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.5**

The significance of the Magna Carta lies not in its \_\_\_\_\_ provisions, but in its broader impact: it made the king subject to the law.

- (A) specific
- (B) revolutionary
- (C) implicit
- (D) controversial
- (E) finite

**13. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.6**

The theory of cosmic evolution states that the universe, having begun in a state of simplicity and \_\_\_\_\_, has \_\_\_\_\_ into great variety.

- (A) equilibrium ... modulated
- (B) homogeneity ... differentiated
- (C) contrast ... metamorphosed
- (D) proportion ... accelerated
- (E) intelligibility ... developed

**14. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.7**

Not wishing to appear \_\_\_\_\_, the junior member of the research group refrained from \_\_\_\_\_ any criticism of the senior members' plan for dividing up responsibility for the entire project.

- (A) reluctant ... evaluating
- (B) inquisitive ... offering
- (C) presumptuous ... venturing
- (D) censorious ... undercutting
- (E) moralistic ... observing

AEBCA BC

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**15. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.1**

In the British theater young people under thirty-five have not had much \_\_\_\_\_ getting recognition onstage, but offstage—in the ranks of playwrights, directors, designers, administrators—they have mostly been relegated to relative obscurity.

- (A) trouble
- (B) satisfaction
- (C) curiosity about
- (D) success at
- (E) fear of

**16. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.2**

An institution concerned about its reputation is at the mercy of the actions of its members; because the misdeeds of individuals are often used to \_\_\_\_\_ the institutions of which they are a part.

- (A) reform
- (B) coerce
- (C) honor
- (D) discredit
- (E) intimidate

**17. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.3**

Since many casual smokers develop lung cancer and many \_\_\_\_\_ smokers do not, scientists believe that individuals differ in their \_\_\_\_\_ the cancer-causing agents known to be present in cigarette smoke.

- (A) heavy ... susceptibility to
- (B) chronic ... concern about
- (C) habitual ... proximity to
- (D) devoted ... reliance upon
- (E) regular ... exposure to

**18. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.4**

We accepted the theory that as people become more independent of one another, they begin to feel so isolated and lonely that freedom becomes \_\_\_\_\_ condition that most will seek to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) a permanent ... postpone
- (B) a common ... enter
- (C) a negative ... escape
- (D) a political ... impose
- (E) an irreparable ... avoid

**19. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.5**

If animal parents were judged by human standards, the cuckoo would be one of nature's more \_\_\_\_\_ creatures, blithely laying its eggs in the nests of other birds, and leaving the incubating and nurturing to them.

- (A) mettlesome
- (B) industrious
- (C) domestic
- (D) lackluster
- (E) feckless

**20. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.6**

The current penchant for \_\_\_\_\_ a product by denigrating a rival, named in the advertisement by brand name, seems somewhat \_\_\_\_\_: suppose the consumer remembers only the rival's name?

- (A) criticizing ... inefficient
- (B) touting ... foolhardy
- (C) enhancing ... insipid
- (D) evaluating ... cumbersome
- (E) flaunting ... gullible

**21. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.7**

His imperturbability in the face of evidence indicating his deliberate fraud failed to reassure supporters of his essential \_\_\_\_\_; instead, it suggested a talent for \_\_\_\_\_ that they had never suspected.

- (A) culpability... intrigue
- (B) wisdom ... reproof
- (C) remorse ... loquacity
- (D) probity ... guile
- (E) combativeness ... compromise

ADACE BD

**22. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.1**

Although providing wild chimpanzees with food makes them less \_\_\_\_\_ and easier to study, it is also known to \_\_\_\_\_ their normal social patterns.

- (A) interesting ... reinforce
- (B) manageable ... upset
- (C) shy ... disrupt
- (D) poised ... inhibit
- (E) accessible ... retard

**23. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.2**

There is something \_\_\_\_\_ about the way the building of monasteries proliferated in eighteenth-century Bavaria, while in the rest of the Western world religious ardor was \_\_\_\_\_ and church building was consequently declining.

- (A) enigmatic ... coalescing.
- (B) destructive ... changing
- (C) immutable ... dissipating
- (D) incongruous ... diminishing
- (E) momentous ... diversifying

**24. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.3**

Because they had various meanings in nineteenth century biological thought, “mechanism” and “vitalism” ought not to be considered \_\_\_\_\_ terms; thus, I find the recent insistence that the terms had single definitions to be entirely \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) univocal ... erroneous
- (B) problematic ... anachronistic
- (C) intractable ... obtuse
- (D) congruent ... suspect
- (E) multifaceted ... vapid

**25. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.4**

Many Americans believe that individual initiative epitomized the 1890's and see the entrepreneur as the \_\_\_\_\_ of that age.

- (A) caricature
- (B) salvation
- (C) throwback
- (D) aberration
- (E) personification

**26. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.5**

Neither the ideas of philosophers nor the practices of ordinary people can, by themselves, \_\_\_\_\_ reality; what in fact changes reality and kindles revolution is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the two.

- (A) constitute ... divergence
- (B) affect ... aim
- (C) transform ... interplay
- (D) preserve ... conjunction
- (E) alter ... intervention

**27. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.6**

There has been a tendency among art historians not so much to revise as to eliminate the concept of the Renaissance — to \_\_\_\_\_ not only its uniqueness, but its very existence.

- (A) explain
- (B) extol
- (C) transmute
- (D) regret
- (E) contest

**28. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.7**

Employees had become so inured to the caprices of top management's personnel policies that they greeted the announcement of a company-wide dress code with \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) astonishment
- (B) impassivity
- (C) resentment
- (D) apprehension
- (E) confusion

CDAEC EB

**29. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.1**

Although the feeding activities of whales and walrus give the seafloor of the Bering Shelf a devastated appearance, these activities seem to be actually \_\_\_\_\_ to the area, \_\_\_\_\_ its productivity.

- (A) destructive ... counterbalancing
- (B) rehabilitative ... diminishing
- (C) beneficial ... enhancing
- (D) detrimental ... redirecting
- (E) superfluous ... encumbering

**30. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.2**

In an age without radio or recordings, an age \_\_\_\_\_ by print, fiction gained its greatest ascendancy.

- (A) decimated
- (B) denigrated
- (C) dominated
- (D) emphasized
- (E) resurrected

**31. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.3**

Scientist's pristine reputation as devotees of the disinterested pursuit of truth has been \_\_\_\_\_ by recent evidence that some scientists have deliberately \_\_\_\_\_ experimental results to further their own careers.

- (A) reinforced ... published
- (B) validated ... suppressed
- (C) exterminated ... replicated
- (D) compromised ... fabricated
- (E) resuscitated ... challenged

**32. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.4**

Although Johnson's and Smith's initial fascination with the fortunes of those jockeying for power in the law firm \_\_\_\_\_ after a few months, the two paid sufficient attention to determine who their lunch partner should be.

- (A) revived
- (B) emerged
- (C) intensified
- (D) flagged
- (E) persisted

**33. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.5**

A war, even if fought for individual liberty and democratic rights, usually requires that these principles be \_\_\_\_\_, for they are \_\_\_\_\_ the regimentation and discipline necessary for military efficiency.

- (A) espoused ... contrary to
- (B) suppressed ... fulfilled through
- (C) suspended ... incompatible with
- (D) followed ... disruptive of
- (E) rejected ... inherent in

**34. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.6**

To test the \_\_\_\_\_ of borrowing from one field of study to enrich another, simply investigate the extent to which terms from the one may, without forcing, be \_\_\_\_\_ the other.

- (A) risk ... confused with
- (B) universality ... applied to
- (C) decorum ... illuminated by
- (D) rate ... superseded by
- (E) efficacy ... utilized by

**35. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.7**

The English novelist William Thackeray considered the cult of the criminal so dangerous that he criticized Dickens' *Oliver Twist* for making the characters in the thieves' kitchen so \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) threatening
- (B) riveting
- (C) conniving
- (D) fearsome
- (E) irritating

CCDDC EB

**36. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.1**

The discovery that, friction excluded, all bodies fall at the same rate is so simple to state and to grasp that there is a tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ its significance.

- (A) underrate
- (B) control
- (C) reassess
- (D) praise
- (E) eliminate

**37. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.2**

Their mutual teasing seemed \_\_\_\_\_, but in fact it \_\_\_\_\_ a long-standing hostility.

- (A) aimless ... produced
- (B) friendly ... masked
- (C) playful ... contravened
- (D) bitter ... revealed
- (E) clever ... averted

**38. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.3**

Noting that few employees showed any \_\_\_\_\_ for complying with the corporation's new safety regulations, Peterson was forced to conclude that acceptance of the regulations would be \_\_\_\_\_, at best.

- (A) aptitude ... unavoidable
- (B) regard ... indeterminate
- (C) respect ... negotiable
- (D) patience ... imminent
- (E) enthusiasm ... grudging

**39. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.4**

It has been argued that politics as \_\_\_\_\_, whatever its transcendental claims, has always been the systematic organization of common hatreds.

- (A) a theory
- (B) an ideal
- (C) a practice
- (D) a contest
- (E) an enigma

**40. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.5**

In many science fiction films, the opposition of good and evil is portrayed as a \_\_\_\_\_ between technology, which is \_\_\_\_\_, and the errant will of a depraved intellectual.

- (A) fusion ... useful
- (B) struggle ... dehumanizing
- (C) parallel ... unfettered
- (D) conflict ... beneficent
- (E) similarity ... malevolent

**41. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.6**

Although scientists claim that the seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ language of their reports is more precise than the figurative language of fiction, the language of science, like all language, is inherently \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) ornamental ... subtle
- (B) unidimensional ... unintelligible
- (C) symbolic ... complex
- (D) literal ... allusive
- (E) subjective ... metaphorical

**42. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.7**

In recent decades the idea that Cezanne influenced Cubism has been caught in the \_\_\_\_\_ between art historians who credit Braque with its invention and those who \_\_\_\_\_ Picasso.

- (A) crossfire ... tout
- (B) interplay ... advocate
- (C) paradox ... prefer
- (D) deliberation ... attribute
- (E) tussle ... substitute

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**43. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.1**

Although adolescent maturational and developmental states occur in an orderly sequence, their timing \_\_\_\_\_ with regard to onset and duration.

- (A) lasts
- (B) varies
- (C) falters
- (D) accelerates
- (E) dwindles

**44. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.2**

Many of the earliest colonial houses that are still standing have been so modified and enlarged that the \_\_\_\_\_ design is no longer

- (A) pertinent ... relevant
- (B) intended ... necessary
- (C) embellished ... attractive
- (D) appropriate ... applicable
- (E) initial ... discernible

**45. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.3**

While the delegate clearly sought to \_\_\_\_\_ the optimism that has emerged recently, she stopped short of suggesting that the conference was near collapse and might produce nothing of significance.

- (A) substantiate
- (B) dampen
- (C) encourage
- (D) elucidate
- (E) rekindle

**46. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.4**

The old man could not have been accused of \_\_\_\_\_ his affection; his conduct toward the child betrayed his \_\_\_\_\_ her.

- (A) lavishing ... fondness for
- (B) sparing ... tolerance of
- (C) rationing ... antipathy for
- (D) stinting ... adoration of
- (E) promising ... dislike of

**47. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.5**

A leading chemist believes that many scientists have difficulty with stereochemistry because much of the relevant nomenclature is \_\_\_\_\_, in that it combines concepts that should be kept \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) obscure ... interrelated
- (B) specialized ... intact
- (C) subtle ... inviolate
- (D) descriptive ... separate
- (E) imprecise ... discrete

**48. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.6**

Among the many \_\_\_\_\_ of the project, expense cannot be numbered; the goals of the project's promoters can be achieved with impressive \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) highlights ... efficiency
- (B) features ... savings
- (C) disadvantages ... innovation
- (D) claims ... speed
- (E) defects ... economy

**49. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.7**

Though science is often imagined as a \_\_\_\_\_ exploration of external reality, scientists are no different from anyone else: they are \_\_\_\_\_ human beings enmeshed in a web of personal and social circumstances.

- (A) fervent ... vulnerable
- (B) neutral ... rational
- (C) painstaking ... careless
- (D) disinterested ... passionate
- (E) cautious ... dynamic

BEBDE ED

**50. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.1**

Social scientists have established fairly clear-cut \_\_\_\_\_ that describe the appropriate behavior of children and adults, but there seems to be \_\_\_\_\_ about what constitutes appropriate behavior for adolescents.

- (A) functions ... rigidity
- (B) estimates ... indirectness
- (C) norms ... confusion
- (D) regulations ... certainty
- (E) studies ... misapprehension

**51. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.2**

As long as nations cannot themselves accumulate enough physical power to dominate all others, they must depend on \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) allies
- (B) resources
- (C) freedom
- (D) education
- (E) self-determination

**52. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.3**

We realized that John was still young and impressionable, but were nevertheless surprised at his \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) naïveté
- (B) obstinateness
- (C) decisiveness
- (D) ingeniousness
- (E) resolve

**53. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.4**

Although Mount Saint Helens has been more \_\_\_\_\_ during the last 4,500 years than any other volcano in the coterminous United States, its long dormancy before its recent eruption \_\_\_\_\_ its violent nature.

- (A) awe-inspiring ... restrained
- (B) gaseous ... confirmed
- (C) explosive ... belied
- (D) familiar ... moderated
- (E) volatile ... suggested

**54. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.5**

Changes of fashion and public taste are often \_\_\_\_\_ and resistant to analysis, and yet they are among the most \_\_\_\_\_ gauges of the state of the public's collective consciousness.

- (A) transparent ... useful
- (B) ephemeral ... sensitive
- (C) faddish ... underutilized
- (D) arbitrary ... problematic
- (E) permanent ... reliable

**55. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.6**

The poet W. H. Auden believed that the greatest poets of his age were almost necessarily irresponsible, that the possession of great gifts \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to abuse them.

- (A) negates ... temptation
- (B) controls ... resolution
- (C) engenders ... propensity
- (D) tempers ... proclivity
- (E) obviates ... inclination

**56. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.7**

The self-important cant of musicologists on record jackets often suggests that true appreciation of the music is an \_\_\_\_\_ process closed to the uninitiated listener, however enthusiastic.

- (A) unreliable
- (B) arcane
- (C) arrogant
- (D) elementary
- (E) intuitive

CAACB CB

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**57. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.1**

Heavily perfumed white flowers, such as gardenias, were favorites with collectors in the eighteenth century, when \_\_\_\_\_ was valued much more highly than it is today.

- (A) scent
- (B) beauty
- (C) elegance
- (D) color
- (E) variety

**58. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.2**

In a most impressive demonstration, Pavarotti sailed through Verdi's "Celeste Aida", normally a tenor's \_\_\_\_\_, with the casual enthusiasm of a folk singer performing one of his favorite \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) pitfall ... recitals
- (B) glory ... chorales
- (C) nightmare ... ballads
- (D) delight ... chanteys
- (E) routine ... composers

**59. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.3**

Dependence on foreign sources of heavy metals, though \_\_\_\_\_, remains \_\_\_\_\_ for United States foreign policy.

- (A) deepening ... a challenge
- (B) diminishing ... a problem
- (C) excessive ... a dilemma
- (D) debilitating ... an embarrassment
- (E) unavoidable ... a precedent

**60. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.4**

Cynics believe that people who \_\_\_\_\_ compliments do so in order to be praised twice.

- (A) bask in
- (B) give out
- (C) despair of
- (D) gloat over
- (E) shrug off

**61. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.5**

Although nothing could be further from the truth, freight railroads have been \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the nation's shift from oil to coal by charging exorbitant fees to transport coal.

- (A) accused ... impeding
- (B) proud ... accelerating
- (C) guilty ... delaying
- (D) conscious ... contributing to
- (E) wary ... interfering with

**62. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.6**

Although the revelation that one of the contestants was a friend left the judge open to charges of lack of \_\_\_\_\_, the judge remained adamant in her assertion that acquaintance did not necessarily imply \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) prudence ... tolerance
- (B) detachment ... foreknowledge
- (C) exoneration ... impropriety
- (D) prejudice ... preference
- (E) disinterestedness ... partiality

**63. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.7**

Within the next decade, sophisticated telescopes now orbiting the Earth will determine whether the continents really are moving, \_\_\_\_\_ the incipient \_\_\_\_\_ among geologists about the validity of the theory of continental drift.

- (A) obviating ... consensus
- (B) forestalling ... rift
- (C) escalating ... debates
- (D) engendering ... speculation
- (E) resolving ... rumors

ACBEA EB

**64. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.1**

The commissions criticized the legislature for making college attendance dependent on the ability to pay, charging that, as a result, hundreds of qualified young people would be \_\_\_\_\_ further education.

- (A) entitled to
- (B) striving for
- (C) deprived of
- (D) uninterested in
- (E) participating in

**65. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.2**

In most Native American cultures, an article used in prayer or ritual is made with extraordinary attention to and richness of detail: it is decorated more \_\_\_\_\_ than a similar article intended for \_\_\_\_\_ use.

- (A) delicately ... vocational
- (B) colorfully ... festive
- (C) creatively ... religious
- (D) subtly ... commercial
- (E) lavishly ... everyday

**66. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.3**

Having no sense of moral obligation, Shipler was as little subject to the \_\_\_\_\_ of conscience after he acted as he was motivated by its \_\_\_\_\_ before he acted.

- (A) rewards ... chastisement
- (B) balm ... eloquence
- (C) reproaches ... promptings
- (D) ridicule ... allure
- (E) qualms ... atonement

**67. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.4**

Freud derived psychoanalytic knowledge of childhood indirectly: he \_\_\_\_\_ childhood processes from adult \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) reconstructed ... memory
- (B) condoned ... experience
- (C) incorporated ... behavior
- (D) released ... monotony
- (E) inferred ... anticipation

**68. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.5**

While she initially suffered the fate of many pioneers – the incomprehension of her colleagues – octogenarian Nobel laureate Barbara McClintock has lived to \_\_\_\_\_ the triumph of her once \_\_\_\_\_ scientific theories.

- (A) descry            innovative
- (B) regret          insignificant
- (C) perpetuate      tentative
- (D) enjoy          authoritative
- (E) savor          heterodox

**69. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.6**

Broadway audiences have become inured to \_\_\_\_\_ and so \_\_\_\_\_ to be pleased as to make their ready ovations meaningless as an indicator of the quality of the production before them.

- (A) sentimentality ... reluctant
- (B) condescension ... disinclined
- (C) histrionics ... unlikely
- (D) cleverness ... eager
- (E) mediocrity ... desperate

**70. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.7**

Any language is a conspiracy against experience in the sense that it is a collective attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ experience by reducing it into discrete parcels.

- (A) extrapolate
- (B) transcribe
- (C) complicate
- (D) amplify
- (E) manage

CECAE EE

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**71. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.1**

By divesting himself of all regalities, the former king \_\_\_\_\_ the consideration that customarily protects monarchs.

- (A) merited
- (B) forfeited
- (C) debased
- (D) concealed
- (E) extended

**72. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.2**

A perennial goal in zoology is to infer function from \_\_\_\_\_, relating the \_\_\_\_\_ of an organism to its physical form and cellular organization.

- (A) age ... ancestry
- (B) classification ... appearance
- (C) size ... movement
- (D) structure ... behavior
- (E) location ... habitat

**73. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.3**

The sociologist responded to the charge that her new theory was \_\_\_\_\_ by pointing out that it did not in fact contradict accepted sociological principles.

- (A) banal
- (B) heretical
- (C) unproven
- (D) complex
- (E) superficial

**74. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.4**

Industrialists seized economic power only after industry had \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture as the preeminent form of production; previously such power had \_\_\_\_\_ land ownership.

- (A) sabotaged ... threatened
- (B) overtaken ... produced
- (C) toppled ... culminated in
- (D) joined ... relied on
- (E) supplanted ... resided in

**75. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.5**

Rumors, embroidered with detail, live on for years, neither denied nor confirmed, until they become accepted as fact even among people not known for their \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) insight
- (B) obstinacy
- (C) introspection
- (D) tolerance
- (E) credulity

**76. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.6**

No longer \_\_\_\_\_ by the belief that the world around us was expressly designed for humanity, many people try to find intellectual \_\_\_\_\_ for that lost certainty in astrology and in mysticism.

- (A) satisfied ... reasons
- (B) sustained ... substitutes
- (C) reassured ... justifications
- (D) hampered ... equivalents
- (E) restricted ... parallels

**77. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.7**

People should not be praised for their virtue if they lack the energy to be \_\_\_\_\_; in such cases, goodness is merely the effect of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) depraved ... hesitation
- (B) cruel ... effortlessness
- (C) wicked ... indolence
- (D) unjust ... boredom
- (E) iniquitous ... impiety

BDBEE BC

**78. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.1**

Animals that have tasted unpalatable plants tend to \_\_\_\_\_ them afterward on the basis of their most conspicuous features, such as their flowers.

- (A) recognize
- (B) hoard
- (C) trample
- (D) retrieve
- (E) approach

**79. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.2**

As for the alleged value of expert opinion, one need only \_\_\_\_\_ government records to see \_\_\_\_\_ evidence of the failure of such opinions in many fields.

- (A) inspect ... questionable
- (B) retain ... circumstantial
- (C) distribute ... possible
- (D) consult ... strong
- (E) evaluate ... problematic

**80. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.3**

In scientific inquiry, it becomes a matter of duty to expose a \_\_\_\_\_ hypothesis to every possible kind of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) tentative ... examination
- (B) debatable ... approximation
- (C) well-established ... rationalization
- (D) logical ... elaboration
- (E) suspect ... correlation

**81. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.4**

Charlotte Salomon's biography is a reminder that the currents of private life, however diverted, dislodged, or twisted by \_\_\_\_\_ public events, retain their hold on the \_\_\_\_\_ recording them.

- (A) transitory ... culture
- (B) dramatic ... majority
- (C) overpowering ... individual
- (D) conventional ... audience
- (E) relentless ... institution

**82. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.5**

Philosophical problems arise when people ask questions that, though very \_\_\_\_\_, have certain characteristics in common.

- (A) relevant
- (B) elementary
- (C) abstract
- (D) diverse
- (E) controversial

**83. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.6**

Although Johnson \_\_\_\_\_ great enthusiasm for his employees' project, in reality his interest in the project was so \_\_\_\_\_ as to be almost non-existent.

- (A) generated ... redundant
- (B) displayed ... preemptive
- (C) expected ... indiscriminate
- (D) feigned ... perfunctory
- (E) demanded ... dispassionate

**84. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.7**

Not all the indicators necessary to convey the effect of depth in a picture work simultaneously; the picture's illusion of \_\_\_\_\_ three-dimensional appearance must therefore result from the viewer's integration of various indicators perceived \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) imitative ... coincidentally
- (B) uniform ... successively
- (C) temporary ... comprehensively
- (D) expressive ... sympathetically
- (E) schematic ... passively

ADACD DB

**85. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.1**

Her \_\_\_\_\_ should not be confused with miserliness; as long as I have known her, she has always been willing to assist those who are in need.

- (A) intemperance
- (B) intolerance
- (C) apprehension
- (D) diffidence
- (E) frugality

**86. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.2**

Natural selection tends to eliminate genes that cause inherited diseases, acting most strongly against the most severe diseases; consequently, hereditary diseases that are \_\_\_\_\_ would be expected to be very \_\_\_\_\_, but, surprisingly, they are not.

- (A) lethal ... rare
- (B) untreated ... dangerous
- (C) unusual ... refractory
- (D) new ... perplexing
- (E) widespread ... acute

**87. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.3**

Unfortunately, his damaging attacks on the ramifications of the economic policy have been \_\_\_\_\_ by his wholehearted acceptance of that policy's underlying assumptions.

- (A) supplemented
- (B) undermined
- (C) wasted
- (D) diverted
- (E) redeemed

**88. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.4**

During the opera's most famous aria the tempo chosen by the orchestra's conductor seemed \_\_\_\_\_, without necessary relation to what had gone before.

- (A) tedious
- (B) melodious
- (C) capricious
- (D) compelling
- (E) cautious

**89. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.5**

In the machinelike world of classical physics, the human intellect appears \_\_\_\_\_, since the mechanical nature of classical physics does not \_\_\_\_\_ creative reasoning, the very ability that had made the formulation of classical principles possible.

- (A) anomalous ... allow for
- (B) abstract ... speak to
- (C) anachronistic ... deny
- (D) enduring ... value
- (E) contradictory ... exclude

**90. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.6**

During the 1960's assessments of the family shifted remarkably, from general endorsement of it as a worthwhile, stable institution to widespread \_\_\_\_\_ it as an oppressive and bankrupt one whose \_\_\_\_\_ was both imminent and welcome.

- (A) flight from ... restitution
- (B) fascination with ... corruption
- (C) rejection of ... vogue
- (D) censure of ... dissolution
- (E) relinquishment of ... ascent

**91. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.7**

Documenting science's \_\_\_\_\_ philosophy would be \_\_\_\_\_, since it is almost axiomatic that many philosophers use scientific concepts as the foundations for their speculations.

- (A) distrust of ... elementary
- (B) influence on ... superfluous
- (C) reliance on ... inappropriate
- (D) dependence on ... difficult
- (E) differences from ... impossible

EABCA      DB

**92. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.1**

The spellings of many Old English words have been \_\_\_\_\_ in the living language, although their pronunciations have changed.

- (A) preserved
- (B) shortened
- (C) preempted
- (D) revised
- (E) improved

**93. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.2**

The sheer diversity of tropical plants represents a seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ source of raw materials, of which only a few have been utilized.

- (A) exploited
- (B) quantifiable
- (C) controversial
- (D) inexhaustible
- (E) remarkable

**94. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.3**

For centuries animals have been used as \_\_\_\_\_ for people in experiments to assess the effects of therapeutic and other agents that might later be used in humans.

- (A) benefactors
- (B) companions
- (C) examples
- (D) precedents
- (E) surrogates

**95. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.4**

Social tensions among adult factions can be \_\_\_\_\_ by politics, but adolescents and children have no such \_\_\_\_\_ for resolving their conflict with the exclusive world of adults.

- (A) intensified ... attitude
- (B) complicated ... relief
- (C) frustrated ... justification
- (D) adjusted ... mechanism
- (E) revealed ... opportunity

**96. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.5**

The state is a network of exchanged benefits and beliefs, \_\_\_\_\_ between rulers and citizens based on those laws and procedures that are \_\_\_\_\_ to the maintenance of community.

- (A) a compromise ... inimical
- (B) an interdependence ... subsidiary
- (C) a counterpoint ... incidental
- (D) an equivalence ... prerequisite
- (E) a reciprocity ... conducive

**97. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.6**

Far from viewing Jefferson as a skeptical but enlightened intellectual, historians of the 1960's portrayed him as \_\_\_\_\_ thinker, eager to fill the young with his political orthodoxy while censoring ideas he did not like.

- (A) an adventurous
- (B) a doctrinaire
- (C) an eclectic
- (D) a judicious
- (E) a cynical

**98. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.7**

To have true disciples, a thinker must not be too \_\_\_\_\_: any effective intellectual leader depends on the ability of other people to \_\_\_\_\_ thought processes that did not originate with them.

- (A) popular ... dismiss
- (B) methodical ... interpret
- (C) idiosyncratic ... reenact
- (D) self-confident ... revitalize
- (E) pragmatic ... discourage

ADEDE BC

**99. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.1**

Even though formidable winters are the norm in the Dakotas, many people were unprepared for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the blizzard of 1888.

- (A) inevitability
- B) ferocity
- (C) importance
- (D) probability
- (E) mildness

**100. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.2**

As the first streamlined car, the Airflow represented a \_\_\_\_\_ in automotive development, and although its sales were \_\_\_\_\_, it had an immense influence on automobile design.

- (A) milestone ... disappointing
- (B) breakthrough ... significant
- (C) regression ... unimportant
- (D) misjudgment ... calculable
- (E) revolution ... tolerable

**101. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.3**

While nurturing parents can compensate for adversity, cold or inconsistent parents may \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- (A) exacerbate
- (B) neutralize
- (C) eradicate
- (D) ameliorate
- (E) relieve

**102. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.4**

The architects of New York's early skyscrapers, hinting here at a twelfth-century cathedral, there at a fifteenth-century palace, sought to legitimize the city's social strivings by \_\_\_\_\_ a history the city did not truly \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) revealing ... deserve
- (B) displaying ... desire
- (C) evoking ... possess
- (D) preserving ... experience
- (E) flouting ... believe

**103. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.5**

Actual events in the history of life on Earth are accidental in that any outcome embodies just one \_\_\_\_\_ among millions; yet each out-come can be \_\_\_\_\_ interpreted.

- (A) coincidence ... randomly
- (B) relationship ... predictably
- (C) fact ... readily
- (D) happening ... uniquely
- (E) possibility ... rationally

**104. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.6**

Although some of her fellow scientists \_\_\_\_\_ the unorthodox laboratory methodology that others found innovative, unanimous praise greeted her experimental results: at once pioneering and \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) ignored ... untrustworthy
- (B) complimented ... foreseeable
- (C) welcomed ... mundane
- (D) decried ... unexceptionable
- (E) attacked ... inconclusive

**105. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.7**

Early critics of Emily Dickinson's poetry mistook for simplemindedness the surface of artlessness that in fact she constructed with such \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) astonishment
- (B) vexation
- (C) allusion
- (D) innocence
- (E) cunning

BAACE DE

**106. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.1**

This project is the first step in a long-range plan of research whose \_\_\_\_\_ goal, still many years off, is the creation of a new prototype.

- (A) cooperative
- (B) reasoned
- (C) original
- (D) ultimate
- (E) intentional

**107. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.2**

Eric was frustrated because, although he was adept at making lies sound \_\_\_\_\_, when telling the truth, he \_\_\_\_\_ the power to make himself believed.

- (A) plausible ... lacked
- (B) convincing ... held
- (C) honest ... found
- (D) true ... acquired
- (E) logical ... claimed

**108. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.3**

In certain forms of discourse such as the parable, the central point of a message can be effectively communicated even though this point is not \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) preferred
- (B) explicit
- (C) inferable
- (D) discerned
- (E) illustrated

**109. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.4**

Always circumspect, she was reluctant to make judgments, but once arriving at a conclusion, she was \_\_\_\_\_ in its defense.

- (A) nonplussed
- (B) obsequious
- (C) intransigent
- (D) deferential
- (E) negligent

**110. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.5**

The techniques now available to livestock breeders will continue to be \_\_\_\_\_, but will probably be \_\_\_\_\_ by new ones under development.

- (A) fruitful ... reversed
- (B) refined ... upgraded
- (C) inconvenient ... reassessed
- (D) used ... supplemented
- (E) harmless ... improved

**111. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.6**

Any population increase beyond a certain level necessitates greater \_\_\_\_\_ vegetable foods; thus, the ability of a society to choose meat over cereals always arises, in part, from \_\_\_\_\_ the number of people.

- (A) reliance on ... replenishing
- (B) production of ... estimating
- (C) spending on ... concealing
- (D) recourse to ... limiting
- (E) attention to ... varying

**112. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.7**

Ethologists are convinced that many animals survive through learning—but learning that is \_\_\_\_\_ their genetic programming, learning as thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ as the most instinctive of behavioral responses.

- (A) superseded by ... primitive
- (B) compatible with ... transient
- (C) complementary to ... familiar
- (D) derived from ... inventive
- (E) dictated by ... stereotyped

DABCD DE

**113. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.1**

Though some of the information the author reveals about Russian life might surprise Americans, her major themes are \_\_\_\_\_ enough.

- (A) familiar
- (B) thorough
- (C) vital
- (D) original
- (E) interesting

**114. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.2**

In the early twentieth century, the discovery of radium \_\_\_\_\_ the popular imagination; not only was its discoverer, Marie Curie, idolized, but its market value \_\_\_\_\_ that of the rarest gemstone.

- (A) stormed ... sank to
- (B) horrified ... approached
- (C) taxed ... was equal to
- (D) enflamed ... exceeded
- (E) escaped ... was comparable to

**115. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.3**

The president's secretary and his chief aide adored him, and both wrote obsessively \_\_\_\_\_ personal memoirs about him; unfortunately, however, \_\_\_\_\_ does not make for true intimacy.

- (A) fatuous ... frankness
- (B) devoted ... idolatry
- (C) garrulous ... confidentiality
- (D) candid ... discretion
- (E) rancorous ... criticism

**116. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.4**

Despite claims that his philosophy can be traced to \_\_\_\_\_ source, the philosophy in fact draws liberally on several traditions and methodologies and so could justifiably be termed \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) a particular ... consistent
- (B) a schematic ... multifaceted
- (C) a dominant ... cogent
- (D) an authoritative ... derivative
- (E) a single ... eclectic

**117. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.5**

Du Bois' foreign trips were the highlight, not the \_\_\_\_\_, of his travels; he was habitually on the go across and around the United States.

- (A) idiosyncrasy
- (B) result
- (C) precursor
- (D) culmination
- (E) totality

**118. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.6**

Business forecasts usually prove reasonably accurate when the assumption that the future will be much like the past is \_\_\_\_\_; in times of major \_\_\_\_\_ in the business environment, however, forecasts can be dangerously wrong.

- (A) specified ... discontinuities
- (B) questioned ... surges
- (C) contradicted ... improvements
- (D) entertained ... risks
- (E) satisfied ... shifts

**119. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.7**

It is almost always desirable to increase the yield of a crop if \_\_\_\_\_ increases are not also necessary in energy, labor, and other inputs of crop production.

- (A) predetermined
- (B) commensurate
- (C) compatible
- (D) measured
- (E) equivocal

ADBEE EB

**120. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.1**

Job failure means being fired from a job, being asked to resign, or leaving \_\_\_\_\_ to protect yourself because you had very strong evidence that one of the first two was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) voluntarily ... impending
- (B) abruptly ... significant
- (C) knowingly ... operative
- (D) understandably ... pertinent
- (E) eventually ... intentional

**121. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.2**

The tone of Jane Carlyle's letter is guarded, and her feelings are always \_\_\_\_\_ by the wit and pride that made \_\_\_\_\_ plea for sympathy impossible for her.

- (A) masked ... a direct
- (B) bolstered ... a needless
- (C) controlled ... a circumspect
- (D) enhanced ... an intentional
- (E) colored ... an untimely

**122. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.3**

French folktales almost always take place within the basic \_\_\_\_\_ that correspond to the \_\_\_\_\_ setting of peasant life: on the one hand, the household and village and on the other, the open road.

- (A) contexts ... hierarchical
- (B) structures ... personal
- (C) frameworks ... dual
- (D) chronologies ... generic
- (E) narratives ... ambivalent

**123. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.4**

Nurturing the Royal Ballet's artistic growth while preserving its institutional stability has been difficult, because the claims of the latter seem inescapably to \_\_\_\_\_ development; apparently, attaining artistic success is simpler than \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- (A) ensure ... promoting
- (B) inhibit ... perpetuating
- (C) undermine ... resurrecting
- (D) modify ... appreciating
- (E) supplement ... confining

**124. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.5**

Inspired interim responses to hitherto unknown problems, New Deal economic strategems became \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of bureaucratization, their flexibility and adaptability destroyed by their transformation into rigid policies.

- (A) politicized
- (B) consolidated
- (C) ossified
- (D) ungovernable
- (E) streamlined

**125. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.6**

Biologists \_\_\_\_\_ isolated oceanic islands like the Galapagos, because, in such small, laboratory-like settings, the rich hurly-burly of continental plant and animal communities is reduced to a scientifically \_\_\_\_\_ complexity.

- (A) explore ... diverse
- (B) desert ... manageable
- (C) exploit ... intimidating
- (D) reject ... intricate
- (E) prize ... tractable

**126. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.7**

The startling finding that variations in the rate of the Earth's rotation depend to an \_\_\_\_\_ degree on the weather has necessitated a complete \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's time-keeping methods.

- (A) unexpected ... overhaul
- (B) anticipated ... recalibration
- (C) indeterminate ... rejection
- (D) unobservable ... review
- (E) estimated ... acceptance

AACBC EA

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**127. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.1**

It was a war the queen and her more prudent counselors wished to \_\_\_\_\_ if they could and were determined in any event to \_\_\_\_\_ as long as possible.

- (A) provoke ... delay
- (B) denounce ... deny
- (C) instigate ... conceal
- (D) curtail ... promote
- (E) avoid ... postpone

**128. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.2**

Despite many decades of research on the gasification of coal, the data accumulated are not directly \_\_\_\_\_ to environmental questions; thus a new program of research specifically addressing such questions is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) analogous ... promising
- (B) transferable ... contradictory
- (C) antithetical ... unremarkable
- (D) applicable ... warranted
- (E) pertinent ... unnecessary

**129. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.3**

Unlike other creatures, who are shaped largely by their \_\_\_\_\_ environment, human beings are products of a culture accumulated over centuries, yet one that is constantly being \_\_\_\_\_ by massive infusions of new information from everywhere.

- (A) harsh ... unconfirmed
- (B) surrounding ... upheld
- (C) immediate ... transformed
- (D) natural... mechanized
- (E) limited. superseded

**130. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.4**

Edith Wharton sought in her memoir to present herself as having achieved a harmonious wholeness by having \_\_\_\_\_ the conflicting elements of her life.

- (A) affirmed
- (B) highlighted
- (C) reconciled
- (D) confined
- (E) identified

**131. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.5**

In their preface, the collection's editors plead that certain of the important articles they \_\_\_\_\_ were published too recently for inclusion, but in the case of many such articles, this \_\_\_\_\_ is not valid.

- (A) discussed ... replacement
- (B) omitted ... excuse
- (C) revised ... clarification
- (D) disparaged ... justification
- (E) ignored ... endorsement

**132. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.6**

The labor union and the company's management, despite their long history of unfailingly acerbic disagreement on nearly every issue, have nevertheless reached an unexpectedly \_\_\_\_\_, albeit still tentative, agreement on next year's contract.

- (A) swift
- (B) onerous
- (C) hesitant
- (D) reluctant
- (E) conclusive

**133. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.7**

In response to the follies of today's commercial and political worlds, the author does not \_\_\_\_\_ inflamed indignation, but rather \_\_\_\_\_ the detachment and smooth aphoristic prose of an eighteenth-century wit.

- (A) display ... rails at
- (B) rely on ... avoids
- (C) suppress ... clings to
- (D) express ... affects
- (E) resort to ... spurns

EDCCB AD

10-2

**134. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.1**

Vaillant, who has been particularly interested in the means by which people attain mental health, seems to be looking for \_\_\_\_\_ answers: a way to close the book on at least a few questions about human nature.

- (A) definitive
- (B) confused
- (C) temporary
- (D) personal
- (E) derivative

**135. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.2**

The well-trained engineer must understand fields as diverse as physics, economics, geology, and sociology; thus, an overly \_\_\_\_\_ engineering curriculum should be avoided.

- (A) narrow
- (B) innovative
- (C) competitive
- (D) rigorous
- (E) academic

**136. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.3**

Although supernovas are among the most \_\_\_\_\_ of cosmic events, these stellar explosions are often hard to \_\_\_\_\_, either because they are enormously far away or because they are dimmed by intervening dust and gas clouds.

- (A) remote ... observe
- (B) luminous ... detect
- (C) predictable ... foresee
- (D) ancient ... determine
- (E) violent ... disregard

**137. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.4**

During the widespread fuel shortage, the price of gasoline was so that suppliers were generally thought to be \_\_\_\_\_ the consumer.

- (A) reactive ... shielding
- (B) stable ... blackmailing
- (C) depressed ... cheating
- (D) prohibitive ... placating
- (E) excessive ... gouging

**138. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.5**

Art \_\_\_\_\_ science, but that does not mean that the artist must also be a scientist; an artist uses the fruits of science but need not \_\_\_\_\_ the theories from which they derive.

- (A) precedes ... anticipate
- (B) incorporates ... understand
- (C) transcends ... abandon
- (D) imitates ... repudiate
- (E) resembles ... contest

**139. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.6**

Imposing steep fines on employers for on-the-job injuries to workers could be an effective \_\_\_\_\_ to creating a safer workplace, especially in the case of employers with poor safety records.

- (A) antidote
- (B) alternative
- (C) addition
- (D) deterrent
- (E) incentive

**140. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.7**

Literature is inevitably a \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ medium for the simple reason that writers interpose their own vision between the reader and reality.

- (A) distorting ... a neutral
- (B) transparent ... an opaque
- (C) colorful ... a drab
- (D) flawless ... an inexact
- (E) flexible ... a rigid

AABEB EA

11-1

**141. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.1**

With its maverick approach to the subject, Shere Hite's book has been more widely debated than most; the media throughout the country have brought the author's \_\_\_\_\_ opinions to the public's attention.

- (A) controversial
- (B) authoritative
- (C) popular
- (D) conclusive
- (E) articulate

**142. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.2**

Though many medieval women possessed devotional books that had belonged to their mothers, formal written evidence of women bequeathing books to their daughters is scarce, which suggests that such bequests were \_\_\_\_\_ and required no \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) unselfish ... rationalization
- (B) tangential ... approval
- (C) customary ... documentation
- (D) covert ... discretion
- (E) spurious ... record

**143. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.3**

Although their initial anger had \_\_\_\_\_ somewhat, they continued to \_\_\_\_\_ the careless worker who had broken the machine.

- (A) blazed ... assail
- (B) diminished ... appease
- (C) abated ... berate
- (D) subsided ... condone
- (E) intensified ... torment

**144. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.4**

Borrowing a copyrighted book from a library amounts to a form of theft \_\_\_\_\_ by entrenched custom: the copyright owner's property, the book, is used repeatedly without \_\_\_\_\_ for such use.

- (A) engendered ... application
- (B) anticipated ... acknowledgement
- (C) sanctioned ... compensation
- (D) provoked ... adjustment
- (E) perpetrated ... permission

**145. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.5**

The notion that a parasite can alter the behavior of a host organism is not mere fiction; indeed, the phenomenon is not even \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) observable
- (B) real
- (C) comprehended
- (D) rare
- (E) imaginable

**146. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.6**

Although Shakespeare received little formal education, scholarship has in recent years \_\_\_\_\_ the view that he was \_\_\_\_\_ the work of classical authors.

- (A) substantiated ... unimpressed by
- (B) eroded ... obsessed by
- (C) supported ... oblivious to
- (D) questioned ... influenced by
- (E) undermined ... unfamiliar with

**147. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.7**

Darwin's method did not really \_\_\_\_\_ the idea of race as an important conceptual category; even the much more central idea of species was little more than a theoretical \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) require ... convenience
- (B) apply ... measurement
- (C) exclude ... practice
- (D) subsume ... validation
- (E) reject ... fact

ACCCD EA

11-2

**148. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.1**

The functions of the hands, eyes, and brain are so \_\_\_\_\_ that using the hands during early childhood helps to promote the child's entire \_\_\_\_\_ development.

- (A) intertwined ... perceptual
- (B) unalterable ... intellectual
- (C) enigmatic ... psychological
- (D) regulated ... adolescent
- (E) individualized ... social

**149. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.2**

Before 1500 North America was inhabited by more than 300 cultural groups, each with different customs, social structures, world views, and languages; such diversity \_\_\_\_\_ the existence of a single Native American culture.

- (A) complements
- (B) implies
- (C) reiterates
- (D) argues against
- (E) explains away

**150. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.3**

That dealers \_\_\_\_\_ enough to nurture a young modern painter's career rather than plunder it exist is not impossible, but the public's \_\_\_\_\_ appetite for modern art makes such dealers less and less likely.

- (A) chivalrous ... discriminating
- (B) magnanimous ... quirky
- (C) patient ... insatiable
- (D) cynical ... finicky
- (E) reckless ... zealous

**151. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.4**

In the absence of any \_\_\_\_\_ caused by danger, hardship, or even cultural difference, most utopian communities deteriorate into \_\_\_\_\_ but enervating backwaters.

- (A) turmoil ... frantic
- (B) mistrust ... naive
- (C) amelioration ... ignorant
- (D) decimation ... intrusive
- (E) stimulation ... placid

**152. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.5**

As Juanita argued, this new code of conduct is laughable; its principles are either \_\_\_\_\_, offering no wisdom but the obvious, or are so devoid of specific advice as to make almost any action \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) irresolute ... unlikely
- (B) corroborative ... redundant
- (C) platitudinous ... justifiable
- (D) homogeneous ... impartial
- (E) labyrinthine ... unacceptable

**153. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.6**

Histocompatibility antigens that attack foreign tissue in the body cannot have been \_\_\_\_\_ through evolution expressly to \_\_\_\_\_ organ transplantation; on the contrary, they have been found to facilitate many essential biological functions.

- (A) designed ... retain
- (B) produced ... aid
- (C) developed ... enhance
- (D) selected ... promote
- (E) conserved ... foil

**154. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.7**

Their air of cheerful self-sacrifice and endless complaisance won them undeserved praise, for their seeming gallantry was wholly motivated by a \_\_\_\_\_ wish to avoid conflict of any sort.

- (A) poignant
- (B) sincere
- (C) plaintive
- (D) laudable
- (E) craven

ADCEC EE

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**155. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.1**

By idiosyncratically refusing to dismiss an insubordinate member of his staff, the manager not only \_\_\_\_\_ established policy, but he also \_\_\_\_\_ his heretofore good chances for promotion.

- (A) instituted ... bettered
- (B) recognized ... protected
- (C) contravened ... jeopardized
- (D) reiterated ... computed
- (E) delimited ... restricted

**156. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.2**

Congress is having great difficulty developing a consensus on energy policy, primarily because the policy objectives of various members of Congress rest on such \_\_\_\_\_ assumptions.

- (A) commonplace
- (B) trivial
- (C) explicit
- (D) divergent
- (E) fundamental

**157. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.3**

The widespread public shock at the news of the guilty verdict was caused partly by \_\_\_\_\_ news stories that had \_\_\_\_\_ acquittal.

- (A) sensational ... condemned
- (B) buried ... urged
- (C) impartial ... mentioned
- (D) biased ... predicted
- (E) local ... denounced

**158. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.4**

The idealized paintings of nature produced in the eighteenth century are evidence that the medieval \_\_\_\_\_ natural settings had been \_\_\_\_\_ and that the outdoors now could be enjoyed without trepidation.

- (A) fear of ... exorcised
- (B) concerns about ... regained
- (C) affection for ... surmounted
- (D) disinterest in ... alleviated
- (E) enthusiasm for ... confronted

**159. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.5**

Some paleontologists debate whether the diversity of species has \_\_\_\_\_ since the Cambrian period, or whether imperfections in the fossil record only suggest greater diversity today, while in actuality there has been either \_\_\_\_\_ or decreased diversity.

- (A) changed ... escalation
- (B) increased ... stasis
- (C) expanded ... discontinuity
- (D) declined ... reduction
- (E) improved ... deviation

**160. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.6**

Manipulating laboratory tissue cultures with hormones is one thing; using hormones to treat human beings, however, is contingent on whether hormones that \_\_\_\_\_ in the laboratory can affect \_\_\_\_\_ organisms, and in predictable ways.

- (A) develop ... similar
- (B) succeed ... simple
- (C) fail ... cellular
- (D) work ... whole
- (E) reproduce ... unknown

**161. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.7**

The astronomer and feminist Maria Mitchell's own prodigious activity and the vigor of the Association for the Advancement of Women during the 1870's \_\_\_\_\_ any assertion that feminism was \_\_\_\_\_ in that period.

- (A) exclude ... thriving
- (B) contradict ... prospering
- (C) pervade ... remote
- (D) buttress ... dormant
- (E) belie ... quiescent

CDDAB DE

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**162. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.1**

Only by ignoring decades of mismanagement and inefficiency could investors conclude that a fresh infusion of cash would provide anything more than a \_\_\_\_\_ solution to the company's financial woes.

- (A) fair
- (B) temporary
- (C) genuine
- (D) realistic
- (E) complete

**163. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.2**

Although the discovery of antibiotics led to great advances in clinical practice, it did not represent a \_\_\_\_\_ bacterial illness, for there are some bacteria that cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ treated with antibiotics.

- (A) breakthrough in ... consistently
- (B) panacea for ... effectively
- (C) neglect of ... efficiently
- (D) reexamination of ... conventionally
- (E) resurgence of ... entirely

**164. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.3**

A misconception frequently held by novice writers is that sentence structure mirrors thought: the more convoluted the structure, the more \_\_\_\_\_ the ideas.

- (A) complicated
- (B) inconsequential
- (C) elementary
- (D) fanciful
- (E) blatant

**165. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.4**

Jones was unable to recognize the contradictions in his attitudes that were obvious to everyone else; even the hint of an untruth was \_\_\_\_\_ to him, but he \_\_\_\_\_ serious trouble by always cheating on his taxes.

- (A) acceptable ... risked
- (B) exciting ... averted
- (C) repugnant ... courted
- (D) anathema ... evaded
- (E) tempting ... hazarded

**166. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.5**

Even though the general's carefully qualified public statement could hardly be \_\_\_\_\_, some people took it.

- (A) respected ... liberties with
- (B) inoffensive ... umbrage at
- (C) faulted ... exception to
- (D) credited ... potshots at
- (E) dismissed ... interest in

**167. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.6**

Though feminist in its implications, Yvonne Rainer's 1974 film \_\_\_\_\_ the filmmaker's active involvement in feminist politics.

- (A) preserved
- (B) portrayed
- (C) encouraged
- (D) renewed
- (E) antedated

**168. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.7**

The chances that a species will \_\_\_\_\_ are reduced if any vital function is restricted to a single kind of organ; \_\_\_\_\_ by itself possesses an enormous survival advantage.

- (A) degenerate ... complexity
- (B) expire ... size
- (C) disappear ... variety
- (D) flourish ... symmetry
- (E) persist ... redundancy

BBACC EE

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**169. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.1**

The availability of oxygen is an essential \_\_\_\_\_ for animal life, while carbon dioxide is equally \_\_\_\_\_ for plant life.

- (A) choice ... optional
- (B) duplication ... selective
- (C) conversion ... exchangeable
- (D) condition ... necessary
- (E) luxury ... harmful

**170. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.2**

Prudery actually draws attention to the vice it is supposed to \_\_\_\_\_; the very act that forbids speech or prohibits sight \_\_\_\_\_ what is hidden.

- (A) condemn ... distorts
- (B) monitor ... signals
- (C) repress ... dramatizes
- (D) obviate ... fosters
- (E) divulge ... conceals

**171. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.3**

After thirty years of television, people have become “speed watchers”; consequently, if the camera lingers, the interest of the audience \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) broadens
- (B) begins
- (C) varies
- (D) flags
- (E) clears

**172. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.4**

Compared mathematically to smoking and driving, almost everything else seems relatively risk-free \_\_\_\_\_ almost nothing seems worth regulating.

- (A) yet
- (B) since
- (C) so
- (D) even though
- (E) as long as

**173. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.5**

Ironically, Carver's precision in sketching lives on the edge of despair ensures that his stories will sometimes be read too narrowly, much as Dickens' social-reformer role once caused his broader concerns to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) ignored
- (B) reinforced
- (C) contradicted
- (D) diminished
- (E) diversified

**174. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.6**

The demise of the rigorous academic curriculum in high school resulted, in part, from the progressive rhetoric that \_\_\_\_\_ the study of subjects previously thought \_\_\_\_\_ as part of school learning.

- (A) advocated ... necessary
- (B) enhanced ... indispensable
- (C) restricted ... impractical
- (D) undermined ... popular
- (E) sanctioned ... inappropriate

**175. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.7**

While some see in practical jokes a wish for mastery in miniature over a world that seems very \_\_\_\_\_, others believe that the jokes' purpose is to disrupt, by reducing all transactions to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) dubious ... confusion
- (B) disorderly ... symmetry
- (C) harmonious ... dissonance
- (D) unruly ... chaos
- (E) turbulent ... uniformity

DCDCA ED

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**176. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.1**

Aspartame, a new artificial sugar substitute, is only \_\_\_\_\_ replacement for saccharin because, unlike saccharin, it breaks down and loses its sweetening characteristics at high temperatures, making it \_\_\_\_\_ for baking.

- (A) an interim ... ideal
- (B) an apparent ... excellent
- (C) a potential .. versatile
- (D) a significant ... problematic
- (E) a partial ... unsuitable

**177. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.2**

Trapped thousands of years ago in Antarctic ice, recently discovered air bubbles are \_\_\_\_\_ time capsules filled with information for scientists who chart the history of the atmosphere.

- (A) inconsequential
- (B) broken
- (C) veritable
- (D) resplendent
- (E) impenetrable

**178. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.3**

In the days before the mass marketing of books, censorship was \_\_\_\_\_ source of \_\_\_\_\_, which helped the sale of the book and inspired Ralph Waldo Emerson to remark: "Every burned book enlightens the world".

- (A) a respected ... opinion
- (B) a constant ... guidance
- (C) a prime ... publicity
- (D) an unnoticed ... opposition
- (E) an unpromising ... criticism

**179. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.4**

It was not only the \_\_\_\_\_ geologists that \_\_\_\_\_ of earlier development of the revolutionary idea that the Earth's continents were moving plates; classical physicists, who could not then explain the mechanism, had declared continental movement impossible.

- (A) indecisiveness ... challenged
- (B) radicalism ... deterred
- (C) conservatism ... hindered
- (D) assumptions ... hastened
- (E) resistance ... mandated

**180. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.5**

Although often extremely critical of the medical profession as a whole, people are rarely willing to treat their personal doctors with equal \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) impetuosity
- (B) sarcasm
- (C) mockery
- (D) contempt
- (E) condescension

**181. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.6**

Aalto, like other modernists, believed that form follows function; consequently, his furniture designs asserted the \_\_\_\_\_ of human needs, and the furniture's form was \_\_\_\_\_ human use.

- (A) universality ... refined by
- (B) importance ... relegated to
- (C) rationale ... emphasized by
- (D) primacy ... determined by
- (E) variability ... reflected in

**182. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.7**

A \_\_\_\_\_ acceptance of contemporary forms of social behavior has misled a few into believing that values in conflict with the present age are for all practical purposes \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) casual ... reliable
- (B) superficial ... trenchant
- (C) complacent ... superseded
- (D) cautious ... redemptive
- (E) plaintive ... redundant

ECCCD DC

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**183. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.1**

Psychology has slowly evolved into an \_\_\_\_\_ scientific discipline that now functions autonomously with the same privileges and responsibilities as other sciences.

- (A) independent
- (B) unusual
- (C) outmoded
- (D) uncontrolled
- (E) inactive

**184. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.2**

A major goal of law, to deter potential criminals by punishing wrongdoers, is not served when the penalty is so seldom invoked that it \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_ threat.

- (A) tends ... serious
- (B) appears ... real
- (C) ceases ... credible
- (D) fails ... deceptive
- (E) seems ... coercive

**185. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.3**

When people are happy, they tend to give \_\_\_\_\_ interpretations of events they witness: the eye of the beholder is \_\_\_\_\_ by the emotions of the beholder.

- (A) charitable ... colored
- (B) elaborate ... disquieted
- (C) conscientious ... deceived
- (D) vague ... sharpened
- (E) coherent ... confused

**186. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.4**

Even those who disagreed with Carmen's views rarely faulted her for expressing them, for the positions she took were as \_\_\_\_\_ as they were controversial.

- (A) complicated
- (B) political
- (C) subjective
- (D) commonplace
- (E) thoughtful

**187. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.5**

New research on technology and public policy focuses on how seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ design features generally overlooked in most analyses of public works projects or industrial machinery, actually \_\_\_\_\_ social choices of profound significance.

- (A) insignificant ... mask
- (B) inexpensive ... produce
- (C) innovative ... represent
- (D) ingenious ... permit
- (E) inopportune ... hasten

**188. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.6**

Paradoxically, Robinson's excessive denials of the worth of early works of science fiction suggest that she has become quite \_\_\_\_\_ them.

- (A) reflective about
- (B) enamored of
- (C) skeptical of
- (D) encouraged by
- (E) offended by

**189. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.7**

Cezanne's delicate watercolor sketches often served as \_\_\_\_\_ or a subject, a way of gathering fuller knowledge before the artist's final engagement of the subject in an oil painting.

- (A) an abstraction
- (B) an enhancement
- (C) a synthesis
- (D) a reconnaissance
- (E) a transcription

ACA EA BD

**190. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.1**

Though it would be \_\_\_\_\_ to expect Barnard to have worked out all of the limitations of his experiment, he must be \_\_\_\_\_ for his neglect of quantitative analysis.

- (A) unjust ... pardoned
- (B) impudent ... dismissed
- (C) unrealistic ... criticized
- (D) pointless ... examined
- (E) inexcusable ... recognized

**191. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.2**

The hierarchy of medical occupations is in many ways a \_\_\_\_\_ system; its strata remain \_\_\_\_\_ and the practitioners in them have very little vertical mobility.

- (A) health ... skilled
- (B) delivery ... basic
- (C) regimental ... flexible
- (D) training ... inferior
- (E) caste ... intact

**192. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.3**

Noting the murder victim's flaccid musculature and pear-like figure, she deduced that the unfortunate fellow had earned his living in some \_\_\_\_\_ occupation.

- (A) treacherous
- (B) prestigious
- (C) ill-paying
- (D) illegitimate
- (E) sedentary

**193. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.4**

In Germany her startling powers as a novelist are widely \_\_\_\_\_, but she is almost unknown in the English speaking world because of the difficulties of \_\_\_\_\_ her eccentric prose.

- (A) ignored ... editing
- (B) admired ... translating
- (C) espoused ... revealing
- (D) obscured ... comprehending
- (E) dispersed ... transcribing

**194. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.5**

Liberty is not easy, but far better to be an \_\_\_\_\_ fox, hungry and threatened on its hill, than a \_\_\_\_\_ canary, safe and secure in its cage.

- (A) unfriendly ... fragile
- (B) aging ... young
- (C) angry ... content
- (D) imperious ... lethargic
- (E) unfettered ... well-fed

**195. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.6**

Remelting old metal cans rather than making primary aluminum from bauxite ore shipped from overseas saves producers millions of dollars in \_\_\_\_\_ and production costs.

- (A) distribution
- (B) salvage
- (C) storage
- (D) procurement
- (E) research

**196. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.7**

Johnson never \_\_\_\_\_ to ignore the standards of decent conduct mandated by company policy if \_\_\_\_\_ compliance with instructions from his superiors enabled him to do so, whatever the effects on his subordinates.

- (A) deigned ... tacit
- (B) attempted ... halfhearted
- (C) intended ... direct
- (D) scrupled ... literal
- (E) wished ... feigned

CEEBE DD

15-1

**197. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.1**

Despite the apparently bewildering complexity of this procedure, the underlying \_\_\_\_\_ is quite \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) simplicity ... calculated
- (B) principle ... elementary
- (C) confusion ... imaginary
- (D) purpose ... effective
- (E) theory ... modern

**198. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.2**

In television programming, a later viewing time often \_\_\_\_\_ a more \_\_\_\_\_ audience and, therefore, more challenging subjects and themes.

- (A) requires ... critical
- (B) evinces ... affluent
- (C) implies ... mature
- (D) eliminates ... realistic
- (E) invites ... general

**199. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.3**

The cultivation of the emotion of *natsukashii*, interpretable as “pleasant sorrow,” brings Japanese to Kyoto in the spring, not to \_\_\_\_\_ the cherry blossoms in full bloom but to \_\_\_\_\_ the fading, falling flowers.

- (A) mourn ... exclaim over
- (B) honor ... protect
- (C) describe ... rejoice over
- (D) arrange ... preserve
- (E) savor ... grieve over

**200. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.4**

Adam Smith’s *Wealth of Nations* (1776) is still worth reading, more to appreciate the current \_\_\_\_\_ of Smith’s valid contributions to economics than to see those contributions as the \_\_\_\_\_ of present-day economics.

- (A) disregard ... outgrowths
- (B) reaffirmation ... concerns
- (C) relevance ... precursors
- (D) acceptance ... byproducts
- (E) importance ... vestiges

**201. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.5**

At several points in his discussion, graves, in effect, \_\_\_\_\_ evidence when it does not support his argument, tailoring it to his needs.

- (A) addresses
- (B) creates
- (C) alters
- (D) suppresses
- (E) substitutes

**202. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.6**

Regardless of what \_\_\_\_\_ theories of politics may propound, there is nothing that requires daily politics to be clear, thorough, and consistent? Nothing, that is, that requires reality to conform to theory.

- (A) vague
- (B) assertive
- (C) casual
- (D) vicious
- (E) tidy

**203. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.7**

Exposure to sustained noise has been claimed to \_\_\_\_\_ blood pressure regulation in human beings and, particularly, to increase hypertension, even though some researchers have obtained inconclusive results that \_\_\_\_\_ the relationship.

- (A) sharpen ... conflate
- (B) increase ... diminish
- (C) aggravate ... buttress
- (D) disrupt ... neutralize
- (E) impair ... obscure

BCECC EE

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**204. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.1**

After a slow sales start early in the year, mobile homes have been gaining favor as \_\_\_\_\_ to increasingly expensive conventional housing.

- (A) reaction
- (B) an addition
- (C) an introduction
- (D) an alternative
- (E) a challenge

**205. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.2**

Just as such apparently basic things as rocks, clouds, and clams are, in fact, intricately structured entities, so the self, too, is not an “elementary particle,” but is \_\_\_\_\_ construction.

- (A) a complicated
- (B) a convoluted
- (C) a distorted
- (D) an amorphous
- (E) an illusory

**206. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.3**

Considering how long she had yearned to see Italy, her first reaction was curiously \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) meditative
- (B) tepid
- (C) categorical
- (D) unoriginal
- (E) insightful

**207. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.4**

The successful \_\_\_\_\_ of an archaeological site requires scientific knowledge as well as cultural \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) evolution ... awareness
- (B) revelation ... depth
- (C) reconstruction ... sensitivity
- (D) analysis ... aesthetics
- (E) synthesis ... understanding

**208. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.5**

As painted by Constable, the scene is not one of bucolic \_\_\_\_\_; rather it shows a striking emotional and intellectual \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) intensity ... boredom
- (B) complacency ... detachment
- (C) serenity ... tension
- (D) vitality ... excitement
- (E) nostalgia ... placidity

**209. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.6**

Our times seem especially \_\_\_\_\_ bad ideas, probably because in throwing off the shackles of tradition, we have ended up being quite \_\_\_\_\_ untested theories and untried remedies.

- (A) impervious ... tolerant of
- (B) hostile ... dependent on
- (C) hospitable ... vulnerable to
- (D) prone ... wary of
- (E) indifferent ... devoid of

**210. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.7**

Although he attempted repeatedly to \_\_\_\_\_ her of her conviction of his insincerity, he was not successful; she remained \_\_\_\_\_ in her judgment.

- (A) remind ... forceful
- (B) convince ... unfeigned
- (C) exorcise ... indulgent
- (D) disabuse ... adamant
- (E) free ... unsure

DABCC CD

16-1

**211. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.1**

Dreams are \_\_\_\_\_ in and of themselves, but when combined with other data, they can tell us much about the dreamer.

- (A) uninformative
- (B) startling
- (C) harmless
- (D) unregulated
- (E) uncontrollable

**212. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.2**

The Muses are \_\_\_\_\_ deities: they avenge themselves without mercy on those who weary of their charms.

- (A) rueful
- (B) ingenuous
- (C) solicitous
- (D) vindictive
- (E) dispassionate

**213. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.3**

Without the psychiatrist's promise of confidentiality, trust is \_\_\_\_\_ and the patient's communication limited; even though confidentiality can thus be seen to be precious in therapy, moral responsibility sometimes requires a willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- (A) implicit ... extend
- (B) ambiguous ... apply
- (C) prevented ... uphold
- (D) assumed ... examine
- (E) impaired ... sacrifice

**214. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.4**

Having fully embraced the belief that government by persuasion is preferable to government by \_\_\_\_\_, the leaders of the movement have recently \_\_\_\_\_ most of their previous statements supporting totalitarianism.

- (A) intimidation          issued
- (B) participation          moderated
- (C) proclamation          codified
- (D) demonstration          deliberated
- (E) coercion              repudiated

**215. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.5**

The powers and satisfactions of primeval people, though few and meager, were \_\_\_\_\_ their few and simple desires.

- (A) simultaneous with
- (B) commensurate with
- (C) substantiated by
- (D) circumscribed by
- (E) ruined by

**216. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.6**

Some scientists argue that carbon compounds play such a central role in life on Earth because of the possibility of \_\_\_\_\_ resulting from the carbon atom's ability to form an unending series of different molecules.

- (A) deviation
- (B) stability
- (C) reproduction
- (D) variety
- (E) invigoration

**217. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.7**

Whereas the art critic Vasari saw the painting entitled the Mona Lisa as an original and wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ feat, the reproduction of a natural object, the aesthetes saw it as \_\_\_\_\_ that required deciphering.

- (A) collaborative ... an aberration
- (B) historical ... a symbol
- (C) technical ... a hieroglyph
- (D) mechanical ... an imitation
- (E) visual ... an illusion

ADEEB DC

16-2

**218. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.1**

As late as 1891 a speaker assured his audience that since profitable farming was the result of natural ability rather than \_\_\_\_\_, an education in agriculture was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) instruction ... vital
- (B) effort ... difficult
- (C) learning ... useless
- (D) science ... intellectual
- (E) luck ... senseless

**219. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.2**

In spite of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of Scotland's terrain, its main roads are surprisingly free from severe \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) rocky ... weather
- (B) mountainous ... grades
- (C) uncharted ... flooding
- (D) unpredictable ... damage
- (E) landlocked ... slipperiness

**220. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.3**

Walpole's art collection was huge and fascinating, and his novel *The Castle of Otranto* was never out of print; none of this mattered to the Victorians, who \_\_\_\_\_ him as, at best, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) dismissed ... insignificant
- (B) judged ... worthwhile
- (C) revered ... talented
- (D) reviled ... meager
- (E) taunted ... dangerous

**221. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.4**

Since the author frequently \_\_\_\_\_ other scholars, his objection to disputes is not only irrelevant but also \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) supports ... overbearing
- (B) provokes ... frightening
- (C) quotes ... curious
- (D) ignores ... peevish
- (E) attacks ... surprising

**222. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.5**

Longdale and Stern discovered that mitochondria and chloroplasts \_\_\_\_\_ a long, identifiable sequence of DNA; such a coincidence could be \_\_\_\_\_ only by the transfer of DNA between the two systems.

- (A) manufacture ... accomplished
- (B) reveal ... repeated
- (C) exhibit ... determined
- (D) share ... explained
- (E) maintain ... contradicted

**223. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.6**

Until the current warming trend exceeds the range of normal climatic fluctuations, there will be, among scientists, considerable \_\_\_\_\_ the possibility that increasing levels of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> can cause long-term warming effects.

- (A) interest in
- (B) uncertainty about
- (C) enthusiasm for
- (D) worry about
- (E) experimentation on

**224. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.7**

Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the \_\_\_\_\_ of society, the conventionality of academe.

- (A) ethos
- (B) idealism
- (C) romance
- (D) paradoxes
- (E) commonplaces

CBAED BE

17-1

**225. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.1**

Created to serve as perfectly as possible their workaday \_\_\_\_\_, the wooden storage boxes made in America's Shaker communities are now \_\_\_\_\_ for their beauty.

- (A) environment ... accepted
- (B) owners ... employed
- (C) function ... valued
- (D) reality ... transformed
- (E) image ... seen

**226. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.2**

In order to \_\_\_\_\_ her theory that the reactions are \_\_\_\_\_, the scientist conducted many experiments, all of which showed that the heat of the first reaction is more than twice that of the second.

- (A) support ... different
- (B) comprehend ... constant
- (C) evaluate ... concentrated
- (D) capture ... valuable
- (E) demonstrate ... problematic

**227. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.3**

The sheer bulk of data from the mass media seems to overpower us and drive us to \_\_\_\_\_ accounts for an easily and readily digestible portion of news.

- (A) insular
- (B) investigative
- (C) synoptic
- (D) subjective
- (E) sensational

**228. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.4**

William James lacked the usual \_\_\_\_\_ death; writing to his dying father, he spoke without \_\_\_\_\_ about the old man's impending death.

- (A) longing for ... regret
- (B) awe of ... inhibition
- (C) curiosity about ... rancor
- (D) apprehension of ... eloquence
- (E) anticipation of ... commiseration

**229. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.5**

Current data suggest that, although \_\_\_\_\_ states between fear and aggression exist, fear and aggression are as distinct physiologically as they are psychologically.

- (A) simultaneous
- (B) serious
- (C) exceptional
- (D) partial
- (E) transitional

**230. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.6**

It is ironic that a critic of such overwhelming vanity now suffers from a measure of the oblivion to which he was forever \_\_\_\_\_ others, in the end, all his \_\_\_\_\_ has only worked against him.

- (A) dedicating ... self-procession
- (B) leading ... self-righteousness
- (C) consigning ... self-adulation
- (D) relegating ... self-sacrifice
- (E) condemning ... self-analysis

**231. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.7**

Famous among job seekers for its \_\_\_\_\_, the company, quite apart from generous salaries, bestowed on its executives annual bonuses and such \_\_\_\_\_ as low-interest home mortgages and company cars.

- (A) magnanimity ... reparations
- (B) inventiveness ... benefits
- (C) largesse ... perquisites
- (D) discernment ... prerogatives
- (E) altruism ... credits

CACBE CC

**232. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.1**

There are no solitary, free-living creatures; every form of life is \_\_\_\_\_ other forms.

- (A) segregated from
- (B) parallel to
- (C) dependent on
- (D) overshadowed by
- (E) mimicked by

**233. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.2**

The sale of Alaska was not so much an American coup as a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ for an imperial Russia that was short of cash and unable to \_\_\_\_\_ its own continental coastline.

- (A) negligence ... fortify
- (B) custom ... maintain
- (C) convenience ... stabilize
- (D) expediency ... defend
- (E) exigency ... reinforce

**234. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.3**

Despite assorted effusions to the contrary, there is no necessary link between scientific skill and humanism, and, quite possibly, there may be something of a \_\_\_\_\_ between them.

- (A) generality
- (B) fusion
- (C) congruity
- (D) dichotomy
- (E) reciprocity

**235. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.4**

A common argument claims that in folk art, the artist's subordination of technical mastery to intense feeling \_\_\_\_\_ the direct communication of emotion to the viewer.

- (A) facilitates
- (B) averts
- (C) neutralizes
- (D) implies
- (E) represses

**236. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.5**

While not completely nonplussed by the unusually caustic responses from members of the audience, the speaker was nonetheless visibly \_\_\_\_\_ by their lively criticism.

- (A) humiliated
- (B) discomfited
- (C) deluded
- (D) disgraced
- (E) tantalized

**237. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.6**

In eighth-century Japan, people who \_\_\_\_\_ wasteland were rewarded with official ranks as part of an effort to overcome the shortage of \_\_\_\_\_ fields.

- (A) conserved ... forested
- (B) reclaimed ... arable
- (C) cultivated ... domestic
- (D) irrigated ... accessible
- (E) located ... desirable

**238. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.7**

If duty is the natural \_\_\_\_\_ of one's \_\_\_\_\_ the course of future events, then people who are powerful have duty placed on them whether they like it or not.

- (A) correlate ... understanding of
- (B) outgrowth ... control over
- (C) determinant ... involvement in
- (D) mitigant ... preoccupation with
- (E) arbiter ... responsibility for

CDDAB BB

18-1

**239. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.1**

Physicists rejected the innovative experimental technique because, although it \_\_\_\_\_ some problems, it also produced new \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) clarified ... data
- (B) eased ... interpretations
- (C) resolved ... complications
- (D) caused ... hypotheses
- (E) revealed ... inconsistencies

**240. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.2**

During a period of protracted illness, the sick can become infirm, \_\_\_\_\_ both the strength to work and many of the specific skills they once possessed.

- (A) regaining
- (B) denying
- (C) pursuing
- (D) insuring
- (E) losing

**241. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.3**

The pressure of population on available resources is the key to understanding history; consequently, any historical writing that takes no cognizance of \_\_\_\_\_ facts is \_\_\_\_\_ flawed.

- (A) demographic ... intrinsically
- (B) ecological ... marginally
- (C) cultural ... substantively
- (D) psychological ... philosophically
- (E) political ... demonstratively

**242. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.4**

It is puzzling to observe that Jones's novel has recently been criticized for its \_\_\_\_\_ structure, since commentators have traditionally argued that its most obvious \_\_\_\_\_ is its relentlessly rigid, indeed schematic, framework.

- (A) attention to ... preoccupation
- (B) speculation about ... characteristic
- (C) parody of ... disparity
- (D) violation of ... contradiction
- (E) lack of ... flaw

**243. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.5**

It comes as no surprise that societies have codes of behavior; the character of the codes, on the other hand, can often be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) predictable
- (B) unexpected
- (C) admirable
- (D) explicit
- (E) confusing

**244. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.6**

The characterization of historical analysis as a form of fiction is not likely to be received \_\_\_\_\_ by either historians or literary critics, who agree that history and fiction deal with \_\_\_\_\_ orders of experience.

- (A) quietly ... significant
- (B) enthusiastically ... shifting
- (C) passively ... unusual
- (D) sympathetically ... distinct
- (E) contentiously ... realistic

**245. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.7**

For some time now, \_\_\_\_\_ has been presumed not to exist: the cynical conviction that everybody has an angle is considered wisdom.

- (A) rationality
- (B) flexibility
- (C) diffidence
- (D) disinterestedness
- (E) insincerity

CEAEB DD

**246. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.1**

The \_\_\_\_\_ of mass literacy coincided with the first industrial revolution; in turn, the new expansion in literacy, as well as cheaper printing, helped to nurture the \_\_\_\_\_ of popular literature.

- (A) building ... mistrust
- (B) reappearance ... display
- (C) receipt ... source
- (D) selection ... influence
- (E) emergence ... rise

**247. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.2**

Although ancient tools were \_\_\_\_\_ preserved, enough have survived to allow us to demonstrate an occasionally interrupted but generally \_\_\_\_\_ progress through prehistory.

- (A) partially ... noticeable
- (B) superficially ... necessary
- (C) unwittingly ... documented
- (D) rarely ... continual
- (E) needlessly ... incessant

**248. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.3**

In parts of the Arctic, the land grades into the land fast ice so \_\_\_\_\_ that you can walk off the coast and not know you are over the hidden sea.

- (A) permanently
- (B) imperceptibly
- (C) irregularly
- (D) precariously
- (E) slightly

**249. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.4**

Kagan maintains that an infant's reactions to its first stressful experiences are part of a natural process of development, not harbingers of childhood unhappiness or \_\_\_\_\_ signs of adolescent anxiety.

- (A) prophetic
- (B) normal
- (C) monotonous
- (D) virtual
- (E) typical

**250. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.5**

An investigation that is \_\_\_\_\_ can occasionally yield new facts, even notable ones, but typically the appearance of such facts is the result of a search in a definite direction.

- (A) timely
- (B) unguided
- (C) consistent
- (D) uncomplicated
- (E) subjective

**251. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.6**

Like many eighteenth-century scholars who lived by cultivating those in power, Winckelmann neglected to neutralize, by some \_\_\_\_\_ gesture of comradeship, the resentment his peers were bound to feel because of his \_\_\_\_\_ the high and mighty.

- (A) quixotic ... intrigue with
- (B) enigmatic ... familiarity with
- (C) propitiatory ... involvement with
- (D) salutary ... questioning of
- (E) unfeigned ... sympathy for

**252. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.7**

In a \_\_\_\_\_ society that worships efficiency, it is difficult for a sensitive and idealistic person to make the kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ decisions that alone spell success as it is defined by such a society.

- (A) bureaucratic ... edifying
- (B) pragmatic ... hardheaded
- (C) rational ... well-intentioned
- (D) competitive ... evenhanded
- (E) modern ... dysfunctional

EDBAB CB

19-1

**253. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.1**

Because they had expected the spacecraft Voyager 2 to be able to gather data only about the planets Jupiter and Saturn, scientists were \_\_\_\_\_ the wealth of information it sent back from Neptune twelve years after leaving Earth.

- (A) disappointed in
- (B) concerned about
- (C) confident in
- (D) elated by
- (E) anxious for

**254. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.2**

Wearing the latest fashions was exclusively the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wealthy until the 1850's, when mass production, aggressive entrepreneurs, and the availability of the sewing machine made them \_\_\_\_\_ the middle class.

- (A) aspiration ... disagreeable to
- (B) vexation ... superfluous for
- (C) bane ... profitable to
- (D) prerogative ... accessible to
- (E) obligation ... popular with

**255. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.3**

Linguists have now confirmed what experienced users of ASL—American Sign Language—have always implicitly known: ASL is a grammatically \_\_\_\_\_ language in that it is capable of expressing every possible syntactic relation.

- (A) limited
- (B) economical
- (C) complete
- (D) shifting
- (E) abstract

**256. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.4**

He was regarded by his followers, as something of \_\_\_\_\_, not only because of his insistence on strict discipline, but also because of his \_\_\_\_\_ adherence to formal details.

- (A) a martinet ... rigid
- (B) an authority ... sporadic
- (C) a tyrant ... reluctant
- (D) a fraud ... conscientious
- (E) an acolyte ... maniacal

**257. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.5**

The influence of the *Timaeus* among early philosophical thinkers was \_\_\_\_\_, if only because it was the sole dialogue \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe for almost 1,000 years.

- (A) pervasive ... available
- (B) inestimable ... suppressed
- (C) unnoteworthy ... abridged
- (D) underestimated ... studied
- (E) circumscribed ... translated

**258. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.6**

The Gibsons were little given to \_\_\_\_\_ in any form; not one of them was afraid of \_\_\_\_\_, of being and seeming unlike their neighbors.

- (A) humility ... absurdity
- (B) excellence ... mediocrity
- (C) anger ... confrontation
- (D) conformism ... singularity
- (E) ostentation ... eccentricity

**259. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.7**

Even after \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_ of popular sovereignty were included, major figures in the humanistic disciplines remained skeptical about the proposal to extend suffrage to the masses.

- (A) recommendations ... continuation
- (B) safeguards ... excesses
- (C) arguments ... introduction
- (D) provisions ... advantages
- (E) laws ... creation

DDCAA DB

19-2

**260. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.1**

A recent survey shows that, while ninety-four percent of companies conducting management-training programs open them to women, women are \_\_\_\_\_ only seventy-four percent of those programs.

- (A) protesting against
- (B) participating in
- (C) displeased by
- (D) allowed in
- (E) refused by

**261. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.2**

Thomas Paine, whose political writing was often flamboyant, was in private life a surprisingly \_\_\_\_\_ man: he lived in rented rooms, ate little, and wore drab clothes.

- (A) simple
- (B) controversial
- (C) sordid
- (D) comfortable
- (E) discourteous

**262. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.3**

Their \_\_\_\_\_ of loyalties is first to oneself, next to kin, then to fellow tribe members, and finally to compatriots.

- (A) merging
- (B) hierarchy
- (C) definition
- (D) judgment
- (E) cognizance

**263. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.4**

The belief that science destroys the arts appears to be supported by historical evidence that the arts have \_\_\_\_\_ only when the sciences have been \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) declined ... attacked
- (B) flourished ... neglected
- (C) matured ... unconcerned
- (D) succeeded ... developed
- (E) floundered ... constrained

**264. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.5**

The action and characters in a melodrama can be so immediately \_\_\_\_\_ that all observers can hiss the villain with an air of smug but enjoyable \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) spurned ... boredom
- (B) forgotten ... condescension
- (C) classified ... self-righteousness
- (D) plausible ... guilt
- (E) gripping ... skepticism

**265. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.6**

In the design of medical experiments, the need for \_\_\_\_\_ assignment of treatments to patients must be \_\_\_\_\_ the difficulty of persuading patients to participate in an experiment in which their treatment is decided by chance.

- (A) independent ... amended by
- (B) competent ... emphasized by
- (C) mechanical ... controlled by
- (D) swift ... associated with
- (E) random ... reconciled with

**266. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.7**

Though dealers insist that professional art dealers can make money in the art market, even an \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge is not enough: the art world is so fickle that stock-market prices are \_\_\_\_\_ by comparison.

- (A) amateur's ... sensible
- (B) expert's ... erratic
- (C) investor's ... booming
- (D) insider's ... predictable
- (E) artist's ... irrational

BABBC ED

20-1

**267. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.1**

Although economists have traditionally considered the district to be solely an agricultural one, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the inhabitants' occupations makes such a classification obsolete.

- (A) productivity
- (B) diversity
- (C) predictability
- (D) profitability
- (E) stability

**268. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.2**

The author of this book \_\_\_\_\_ overlooks or minimizes some of the problems and shortcomings in otherwise highly successful foreign industries in order to \_\_\_\_\_ the points on which they excel and on which we might try to emulate them.

- (A) accidentally ... exaggerate
- (B) purposely ... emphasize
- (C) occasionally ... counterbalance
- (D) intentionally ... confuse
- (E) cleverly ... compound

**269. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.3**

Crosby's colleagues have never learned, at least not in time to avoid embarrassing themselves, that her occasional \_\_\_\_\_ air of befuddlement \_\_\_\_\_ a display of her formidable intelligence.

- (A) genuine ... dominates
- (B) alert ... contradicts
- (C) acute ... precludes
- (D) bogus ... presages
- (E) painstaking ... succeeds

**270. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.4**

To ensure the development and exploitation of a new technology, there must be a constant \_\_\_\_\_ of several nevertheless distinct activities.

- (A) interplay
- (B) implementation
- (C) comprehending
- (D) improvement
- (E) exploration

**271. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.5**

Some customs travel well; often, however, behavior that is considered the epitome of \_\_\_\_\_ at home is perceived as impossibly rude or, at the least, harmlessly bizarre abroad.

- (A) novelty
- (B) eccentricity
- (C) urbanity
- (D) coarseness
- (E) tolerance

**272. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.6**

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the early Greek philosophers' attempts to explain the operations of the cosmos led certain later thinkers to inquire into the \_\_\_\_\_ of human reason.

- (A) difficulty ... origin
- (B) meaning ... supremacy
- (C) complexity... reality
- (D) equivocations ... subtlety
- (E) failures ... efficacy

**273. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.7**

Ever prey to vagrant impulses that impelled him to \_\_\_\_\_ his talents on a host of unworthy projects, his very \_\_\_\_\_ nonetheless enhanced his reputation, for the sheer energy of his extravagance dazzled observers.

- (A) undermine ... enthusiasm
- (B) isolate ... selectiveness
- (C) display ... affability
- (D) squander ... dissipation
- (E) implicate ... genius

BBDAC ED

20-2

**274. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.1**

Given the existence of so many factions in the field, it was unrealistic of Anna Freud to expect any \_\_\_\_\_ of opinion.

- (A) freedom
- (B) reassessment
- (C) uniformity
- (D) expression
- (E) formation

**275. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.2**

Although specific concerns may determine the intent of a research project, its results are often \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) unanticipated
- (B) beneficial
- (C) expensive
- (D) spectacular
- (E) specialized

**276. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.3**

To list Reilly's achievements in a fragmentary way is \_\_\_\_\_, for it distracts our attention from the \_\_\_\_\_ themes of her work.

- (A) unproductive ... disparate
- (B) misleading ... integrating
- (C) pragmatic ... comprehensive
- (D) logical ... important
- (E) inevitable ... unsettling

**277. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.4**

People frequently denigrate books about recent catastrophes as morally \_\_\_\_\_ attempts to profit, from misfortune, but in my view our desire for such books, together with the venerable tradition to which they belong, \_\_\_\_\_ them.

- (A) inopportune ... encourages
- (B) fortuitous ... fosters
- (C) treacherous ... safeguards
- (D) despicable ... legitimizes
- (E) corrupt ... generates

**278. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.5**

That many of the important laws of science were discovered during experiments designed to \_\_\_\_\_ other phenomena suggests that experimental results are the \_\_\_\_\_ of inevitable natural forces rather than of planning.

- (A) analyze ... foundations
- (B) disprove ... predecessors
- (C) alter ... adjuncts
- (D) illuminate ... consequence
- (E) verify ... essence

**279. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.6**

Although in eighteenth-century England an active cultural life accompanied the beginnings of middleclass consumerism, the \_\_\_\_\_ of literacy was \_\_\_\_\_ with the rise of such consumerism in the different areas of the country.

- (A) repudiation ... reconciled
- (B) renewal ... inconsistent
- (C) promotion ... combined
- (D) spread ... compatible
- (E) degree ... uncorrelated

**280. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.7**

The trainees were given copies of a finished manual to see whether they could themselves begin to \_\_\_\_\_ the inflexible, though tacit, rules for composing more of such instructional materials.

- (A) design
- (B) revise
- (C) disrupt
- (D) standardize
- (E) derive

CABDD EE

21-1

**281. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.1**

Many artists believe that successful imitation, far from being symptomatic of a lack of \_\_\_\_\_, is the first step in learning to be creative.

- (A) elegance
- (B) resolution
- (C) goodness
- (D) originality
- (E) sympathy

**282. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.2**

As serious as she is about the bullfight, she does not allow respect to \_\_\_\_\_ her sense of whimsy when painting it.

- (A) inspire
- (B) provoke
- (C) suppress
- (D) attack
- (E) satisfy

**283. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.3**

No one is \_\_\_\_\_ about Stephens; he inspires either uncritical adulation or profound \_\_\_\_\_ in those who work for him.

- (A) neutral ... antipathy
- (B) infuriated ... aversion
- (C) worried ... anxiety
- (D) enthusiastic ... veneration
- (E) apprehensive ... consternation

**284. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.4**

Before about 1960, virtually all accounts of evolution assumed most adaptation to be a product of selection at the level of population; recent studies of evolution, however, have found no \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ view of selection.

- (A) departures from ... controversial
- (B) basis for ... pervasive
- (C) bias toward ... unchallenged
- (D) precursors of ... innovative
- (E) criticisms of ... renowned

**285. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.5**

The new biological psychiatry does not deny the contributing role of psychological factors in mental illnesses, but posits that these factors may act as a catalyst on existing physiological conditions and \_\_\_\_\_ such illnesses.

- (A) disguise
- (B) impede
- (C) constrain
- (D) precipitate
- (E) consummate

**286. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.6**

During periods of social and cultural stability, many art academies are so firmly controlled by \_\_\_\_\_ that all real creative work must be done by the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) dogmatists ... disenfranchised
- (B) managers ... reactionaries
- (C) reformers ... dissatisfied
- (D) imposters ... academicians
- (E) specialists ... elite

**287. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.7**

The First World War began in a context of jargon and verbal delicacy and continued in a cloud of \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as language and literature, skillfully used, could make it.

- (A) circumlocution ... literal
- (B) cliché ... lucid
- (C) euphemism ... impenetrable
- (D) particularity ... deliberate
- (E) subjectivity ... enthralling

DCABD AC

21-2

**288. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.1**

Because no comprehensive \_\_\_\_\_ exist regarding personal reading practices, we do not know, for example, the greatest number of books read in an individual lifetime.

- (A) records
- (B) instincts
- (C) remedies
- (D) proposals
- (E) commercials

**289. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.2**

In our corporation there is a \_\_\_\_\_ between male and female \_\_\_\_\_ because 73 percent of the men and 34 percent of the women polled believe that our company provides equal compensation to men and women.

- (A) contrast ... stereotypes
- (B) difference ... perceptions
- (C) variation ... salaries
- (D) resemblance ... employees
- (E) similarity ... aspirations

**290. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.3**

The wonder of De Quincey is that although opium dominated his life, it never \_\_\_\_\_ him; indeed, he turned its use to \_\_\_\_\_ when he published the story of its influence in the London Magazine.

- (A) overcame ... altruism
- (B) intimidated ... triumph
- (C) distressed ... pleasure
- (D) conquered ... gain
- (E) released ... necessity

**291. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.4**

The reduction of noise has been \_\_\_\_\_ in terms of \_\_\_\_\_ its sources, but the alternative of canceling noise out by adding sound with the opposite wave pattern may be more useful in practice.

- (A) justified ... diffusing
- (B) accomplished ... tracking
- (C) conceived ... concealing
- (D) explained ... isolating
- (E) approached ... eliminating

**292. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.5**

While Parker is very outspoken on issues she cares about, she is not \_\_\_\_\_; she concedes the \_\_\_\_\_ of opposing arguments when they expose weaknesses inherent in her own.

- (A) fickle ... validity
- (B) arrogant ... restraint
- (C) fanatical ... strength
- (D) congenial ... incompatibility
- (E) unyielding ... speciousness

**293. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.6**

Hampshire's assertions, far from showing that we can \_\_\_\_\_ the ancient puzzles about objectivity, reveal the issue to be even more than we had thought.

- (A) adapt ... pressing
- (B) dismiss ... relevant
- (C) rediscover ... unconventional
- (D) admire ... elusive
- (E) appreciate ... interesting

**294. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.7**

Usually the first to spot data that were inconsistent with other findings, in this particular experiment she let a number of \_\_\_ results slip by.

- (A) inaccurate
- (B) verifiable
- (C) redundant
- (D) salient
- (E) anomalous

ABDEC BE

22-1

**295. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.1**

There is perhaps some truth in that waggish old definition of a scholar—a siren that calls attention to a fog without doing anything to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- (A) describe
- (B) cause
- (C) analyze
- (D) dispel
- (E) thicken

**296. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.2**

Cryogenic energy storage has the advantage of being suitable in any \_\_\_\_\_, regardless of geography or geology, factors that may \_\_\_\_\_ both underground gas storage and pumped hydroelectric storage.

- (A) location ... limit
- (B) climate ... deter
- (C) site ... forebode
- (D) proportion ... typify
- (E) surface ... hamper

**297. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.3**

The newborn human infant is not a passive figure, nor an active one, but what might be called an actively \_\_\_\_\_ one, eagerly attentive as it is to sights and sounds.

- (A) adaptive
- (B) selective
- (C) inquisitive
- (D) receptive
- (E) intuitive

**298. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.4**

Opponents of the expansion of the market economy, although in \_\_\_\_\_, continued to constitute \_\_\_\_\_ political force throughout the century.

- (A) error ... an inconsequential
- (B) retreat ... a powerful
- (C) disarray ... a disciplined
- (D) jeopardy ... an ineffective
- (E) command ... a viable

**299. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.5**

Nature's energy efficiency often \_\_\_ human technology: despite the intensity of the light fireflies produce, the amount of heat is negligible; only recently have humans developed chemical light-producing systems whose efficiency \_\_\_ the firefly's system.

- (A) engenders      manipulates
- (B) reflects        simulates
- (C) outstrips      rivals
- (D) inhibits        matches
- (E) determines    reproduces

**300. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.6**

Scholars' sense of the uniqueness of the central concept of "the state" at the time when political science became an academic field quite naturally led to striving for a correspondingly \_\_\_\_\_ mode of study.

- (A) thorough
- (B) distinctive
- (C) dependable
- (D) scientific
- (E) dynamic

**301. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.7**

Just as astrology was for centuries \_\_\_\_\_ faith, countering the strength of established churches, so today believing in astrology is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ the professional sciences.

- (A) an individual ... rebellion by
- (B) an accepted ... antagonism toward
- (C) an underground ... defiance against
- (D) a heretical ... support for
- (E) an unknown ... concern about

DADBC BC

22-2

**302. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.1**

Despite the fact that the two council members belonged to different political parties, they \_\_\_\_\_ the issue of how to finance the town debt.

- (A) complicated
- (B) avoided
- (C) attested to
- (D) reported on
- (E) agreed on

**303. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.2**

The breathing spell provided by the \_\_\_\_\_ arms shipments should give all the combatants a chance to reevaluate their positions.

- (A) plethora of
- (B) moratorium on
- (C) reciprocation of
- (D) concentration on
- (E) development of

**304. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.3**

The notion that cultural and biological influences \_\_\_\_\_ determine cross-cultural diversity is discredited by the fact that, in countless aspects of human existence, it is cultural programming that overwhelmingly accounts for cross-population variance.

- (A) jointly
- (B) completely
- (C) directly
- (D) equally
- (E) eventually

**305. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.4**

Because medieval women's public participation in spiritual life was not welcomed by the male establishment, a compensating \_\_\_\_\_ religious writings, inoffensive to the members of the establishment because of its \_\_\_\_\_, became important for many women.

- (A) involvement with ... privacy
- (B) attention to ... popularity
- (C) familiarity with ... scarcity
- (D) dissatisfaction with ... profundity
- (E) resistance to ... domesticity

**306. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.5**

This final essay, its prevailing kindliness \_\_\_\_\_ by occasional flashes of savage irony, bespeaks the \_\_\_\_\_ character of the author.

- (A) illuminated ... imperturbable
- (B) marred ... dichotomous
- (C) untainted ... vindictive
- (D) exemplified ... chivalrous
- (E) diluted ... ruthless

**307. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.6**

Although his attempts to appear psychotic were so \_\_\_\_\_ as to be almost \_\_\_\_\_, there is evidence that Ezra Pound was able to avoid standing trial for treason merely by faking symptoms of mental illness.

- (A) spontaneous ... amusing
- (B) contrived ... believable
- (C) clumsy ... ludicrous
- (D) stylized ... distressing
- (E) sporadic ... premeditated

**308. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.7**

The \_\_\_\_\_ questions that consistently structure the study of history must be distinguished from merely \_\_\_\_\_ questions, which have their day and then pass into oblivion.

- (A) recurrent ... practical
- (B) instinctive ... factual
- (C) ingrained ... discriminating
- (D) philosophical ... random
- (E) perennial ... ephemeral

EBDAB CE

23-1

**309. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.1**

The natural balance between prey and predator has been increasingly \_\_\_\_\_, most frequently by human intervention.

- (A) celebrated
- (B) predicted
- (C) observed
- (D) disturbed
- (E) questioned

**310. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.2**

There is some \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that the author of a book as sensitive and informed as Indian Artisans did not develop her interest in Native American art until adulthood, for she grew up in a region rich in American Indian culture.

- (A) irony in
- (B) satisfaction in
- (C) doubt about
- (D) concern about
- (E) presumptuousness in

**311. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.3**

Ecology, like economics, concerns itself with the movement of valuable \_\_\_\_\_ through a complex network of producers and consumers.

- (A) commodities
- (B) dividends
- (C) communications
- (D) nutrients
- (E) artifacts

**312. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.4**

Observable as a tendency of our culture is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ psychoanalysis: we no longer feel that it can solve our emotional problems.

- (A) divergence ... certainty about
- (B) confrontation ... enigmas in
- (C) withdrawal ... belief in
- (D) defense ... weaknesses in
- (E) failure ... rigor in

**313. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.5**

The struggle of the generations is one of the obvious constants of human affairs; therefore, it may be presumptuous to suggest that the rivalry between young and old in Western society during the current decade is \_\_\_\_\_ critical.

- (A) perennially
- (B) disturbingly
- (C) uniquely
- (D) archetypally
- (E) captiously

**314. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.6**

Rhetoric often seems to \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ reason in a heated debate, with both sides \_\_\_\_\_ in hyperbole.

- (A) cloud ... subsiding
- (B) prevail ... yielding
- (C) triumph ... engaging
- (D) reverberate ... clamoring
- (E) trample ... tangling

**315. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.7**

Melodramas, which presented stark oppositions between innocence and criminality, virtue and corruption, good and evil, were popular precisely because they offered the audience a world \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) bereft ... theatricality
- (B) composed ... adversity
- (C) full ... circumstantiality
- (D) deprived ... polarity
- (E) devoid ... neutrality

DAACC CE

23-2

**316. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.1**

In the current research program, new varieties of apple trees are evaluated under different agricultural \_\_\_\_\_ for tree size, bloom density, fruit size, \_\_\_\_\_ to various soils, and resistance to pests and disease.

- (A) circumstances ... proximity
- (B) regulations ... conformity
- (C) conditions ... adaptability
- (D) auspices ... susceptibility
- (E) configurations ... propensity

**317. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.2**

At first, I found her gravity rather intimidating; but, as I saw more of her, I found that \_\_\_\_\_ was very near the surface.

- (A) seriousness
- (B) confidence
- (C) laughter
- (D) poise
- (E) determination

**318. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.3**

Even though in today's Soviet Union the \_\_\_\_\_ the Muslim clergy have been accorded power and privileges, the Muslim laity and the rank-and-file clergy still have little \_\_\_\_\_ to practice their religion.

- (A) practitioners among ... opportunity
- (B) dissidents within ... obligation
- (C) adversaries of ... inclination
- (D) leaders of ... latitude
- (E) traditionalists among ... incentive

**319. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.4**

The proponents of recombinant DNA research have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ federal regulation of their work; they hope that by making this compromise they can forestall proposed state and local controls that might be even stiffer.

- (A) protest
- (B) institute
- (C) deny
- (D) encourage
- (E) disregard

**320. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.5**

It is to the novelist's credit that all of presented realistically, without any \_\_\_\_\_ or playful supernatural tricks.

- (A) elucidation
- (B) discrimination
- (C) artlessness
- (D) authenticity
- (E) whimsy

**321. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.6**

Our new tools of systems analysis, powerful though they may be, lead to \_\_\_\_\_ theories, especially, and predictably, in economics and political science, where productive approaches have long been highly \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) pragmatic ... speculative
- (B) inelegant ... efficacious
- (C) explanatory ... intuitional
- (D) wrongheaded ... convergent
- (E) simplistic ... elusive

**322. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.7**

Nineteenth-century scholars, by examining earlier geometric Greek art, found that classical Greek art was not a magical \_\_\_\_\_ or a brilliant \_\_\_\_\_ blending Egyptian and Assyrian art, but was independently evolved by Greeks in Greece.

- (A) stratagem ... appropriation
- (B) exemplar ... synthesis
- (C) conversion ... annexation
- (D) paradigm ... construct
- (E) apparition ... amalgam

CCDDE EE

24-1

**323. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.1**

Clearly refuting sceptics, researchers have \_\_\_\_\_ not only that gravitational radiation exists but that it also does exactly what theory \_\_\_\_\_ it should do.

- (A) doubted ... warranted
- (B) estimated ... accepted
- (C) demonstrated ... predicted
- (D) assumed ... deduced
- (E) supposed ... asserted

**324. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.2**

Sponsors of the bill were \_\_\_\_\_ because there was no opposition to it within the legislature until after the measure had been signed into law.

- (A) unreliable
- (B) well-intentioned
- (C) persistent
- (D) relieved
- (E) detained

**325. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.3**

The paradoxical aspect of the myths about Demeter, when we consider the predominant image of her as a tranquil and serene goddess, is her \_\_\_\_\_ search for her daughter.

- (A) extended
- (B) agitated
- (C) comprehensive
- (D) motiveless
- (E) heartless

**326. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.4**

Yellow fever, the disease that killed 4,000 Philadelphians in 1793, and so \_\_\_\_\_ Memphis, Tennessee, that the city lost its charter, has reappeared after nearly two decades in \_\_\_\_\_ in the Western Hemisphere.

- (A) terrorized ... contention
- (B) ravaged ... secret
- (C) disabled ... quarantine
- (D) corrupted ... quiescence
- (E) decimated ... abeyance

**327. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.5**

Although \_\_\_\_\_, almost self-effacing in his private life, he displays in his plays and essays a strong \_\_\_\_\_ publicity and controversy.

- (A) conventional ... interest in
- (B) monotonous ... reliance on
- (C) shy ... aversion toward
- (D) retiring ... penchant for
- (E) evasive ... impatience with

**328. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.6**

Comparatively few rock musicians are willing to laugh at themselves, although a hint of \_\_\_\_\_ can boost sales of video clips very nicely.

- (A) self-deprecation
- (B) congeniality
- (C) cynicism
- (D) embarrassment
- (E) self-doubt

**329. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.7**

Parts of seventeenth-century Chinese pleasure gardens were not necessarily intended to look \_\_\_\_\_; they were designed expressly to evoke the melancholy resulting from a sense of the \_\_\_\_\_ of natural beauty and human glory.

- (A) beautiful ... immutability
- (B) cheerful ... transitoriness
- (C) colorful ... abstractness
- (D) luxuriant ... simplicity
- (E) conventional ... wildness

CDBED AB

**330. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.1**

Since it is now \_\_\_\_\_ to build the complex central processing unit of a computer on a single silicon chip using photolithography and chemical etching, it seems plausible that other miniature structures might be fabricated in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.

- (A) unprecedented ... undiscovered
- (B) difficult ... related
- (C) permitted ... unique
- (D) mandatory ... congruent
- (E) routine ... similar

**331. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.2**

Given the evidence of Egyptian and Babylonian \_\_\_\_\_ later Greek civilization, it would be incorrect to view the work of Greek scientists as an entirely independent creation.

- (A) disdain for
- (B) imitation of
- (C) ambivalence about
- (D) deference to
- (E) influence on

**332. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.3**

Laws do not ensure social order since laws can always be \_\_\_\_\_, which makes them \_\_\_\_\_ unless the authorities have the will and the power to detect and punish wrongdoing.

- (A) contested ... provisional
- (B) circumvented ... antiquated
- (C) repealed ... vulnerable
- (D) violated ... ineffective
- (E) modified ... unstable

**333. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.4**

Since she believed him to be both candid and trustworthy, she refused to consider the possibility that his statement had been \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) irrelevant
- (B) facetious
- (C) mistaken
- (D) critical
- (E) insincere

**334. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.5**

Ironically, the party leaders encountered no greater \_\_\_\_\_ their efforts to build a progressive party than the \_\_\_\_\_ of the progressives already elected to the legislature.

- (A) support for ... advocacy
- (B) threat to ... promise
- (C) benefit from ... success
- (D) obstacle to ... resistance
- (E) praise for ... reputation

**335. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.6**

It is strange how words shape our thoughts and trap us at the bottom of deeply \_\_\_\_\_ canyons of thinking, their imprisoning sides carved out by the \_\_\_\_\_ of past usage.

- (A) cleaved ... eruptions
- (B) rooted ... flood
- (C) incised ... river
- (D) ridged ... ocean
- (E) notched ... mountains

**336. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.7**

That his intransigence in making decisions \_\_\_\_\_ no open disagreement from any quarter was well known; thus, clever subordinates learned the art of \_\_\_\_\_ their opinions in casual remarks.

- (A) elicited ... quashing
- (B) engendered ... recasting
- (C) brooked ... intimating
- (D) embodied ... instigating
- (E) forbore ... emending

EEDED CC

25-1

**337. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.1**

Hydrogen is the \_\_\_\_\_ element of the universe in that it provides the building blocks from which the other elements are produced.

- (A) steadiest
- (B) expendable
- (C) lightest
- (D) final
- (E) fundamental

**338. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.2**

Few of us take the pains to study our cherished convictions; indeed, we almost have a natural \_\_\_\_\_ doing so.

- (A) aptitude for
- (B) repugnance to
- (C) interest in
- (D) ignorance of
- (E) reaction after

**339. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.3**

It is his dubious distinction to have proved what nobody would think of denying, that Romero at the age of sixty-four writes with all the characteristics of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) maturity
- (B) fiction
- (C) inventiveness
- (D) art
- (E) brilliance

**340. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.4**

The primary criterion for \_\_\_\_\_ a school is its recent performance: critics are \_\_\_\_\_ to extend credit for earlier victories.

- (A) evaluating ... prone
- (B) investigating ... hesitant
- (C) judging ... reluctant
- (D) improving ... eager
- (E) administering ... persuaded

**341. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.5**

Number theory is rich in problems of an especially \_\_\_\_\_ sort: they are tantalizingly simple to state but \_\_\_\_\_ difficult to solve.

- (A) cryptic ... deceptively
- (B) spurious ... equally
- (C) abstruse ... ostensibly
- (D) elegant ... rarely
- (E) vexing ... notoriously

**342. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.6**

In failing to see that the justice's pronouncement merely \_\_\_\_\_ previous decisions rather than actually establishing a precedent, the novice law clerk \_\_\_\_\_ the scope of the justice's judgment.

- (A) synthesized ... limited
- (B) overturned ... misunderstood
- (C) endorsed ... nullified
- (D) qualified ... overemphasized
- (E) recapitulated ... defined

**343. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.7**

When theories formerly considered to be \_\_\_\_\_ in their scientific objectivity are found instead to reflect a consistent observational and evaluative bias, then the presumed neutrality of science gives way to the recognition that categories of knowledge are human \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) disinterested ... constructions
- (B) callous ... errors
- (C) verifiable ... prejudices
- (D) convincing ... imperatives
- (E) unassailable ... fantasies

EBACE DA

**344. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.1**

Although the minuet appeared simple, its \_\_\_\_\_ steps had to be studied very carefully before they could be gracefully \_\_\_\_\_ in public.

- (A) progressive ... revealed
- (B) intricate ... executed
- (C) rudimentary ... allowed
- (D) minute ... discussed
- (E) entertaining ... stylized

**345. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.2**

The results of the experiments performed by Elizabeth Hazen and Rachel Brown were \_\_\_\_\_ not only because these results challenged old assumptions but also because they called the \_\_\_\_\_ methodology into question.

- (A) provocative ... prevailing
- (B) predictable ... contemporary
- (C) inconclusive ... traditional
- (D) intriguing ... projected
- (E) specious ... original

**346. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.3**

Despite the \_\_\_\_\_ of many of their colleagues, some scholars have begun to emphasize “pop culture” as a key for \_\_\_\_\_ the myths, hopes, and fears of contemporary society.

- (A) antipathy ... entangling
- (B) discernment ... evaluating
- (C) pedantry ... reinstating
- (D) skepticism ... deciphering
- (E) enthusiasm ... symbolizing

**347. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.4**

In the seventeenth century, direct flouting of a generally accepted system of values was regarded as \_\_\_\_\_, even as a sign of madness.

- (A) adventurous
- (B) frivolous
- (C) willful
- (D) impermissible
- (E) irrational

**348. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.5**

Queen Elizabeth I has quite correctly been called a \_\_\_\_\_ of the arts, because many young artists received her patronage.

- (A) connoisseur
- (B) critic
- (C) friend
- (D) scourge
- (E) judge

**349. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.6**

Because outlaws were denied \_\_\_\_\_ under medieval law, anyone could raise a hand against them with legal \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) propriety ... authority
- (B) protection ... impunity
- (C) collusion ... consent
- (D) rights ... collaboration
- (E) provisions ... validity

**350. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.7**

Rather than enhancing a country's security, the successful development of nuclear weapons could serve at first to increase that country's \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) boldness
- (B) influence
- (C) responsibility
- (D) moderation
- (E) vulnerability

BADEC BE

26-1

**351. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.1**

The Chinese, who began systematic astronomical and weather observations shortly after the ancient Egyptians, were assiduous record-keepers, and because of this, can claim humanity's longest continuous \_\_\_\_\_ of natural events.

- (A) defiance
- (B) documentation
- (C) maintenance
- (D) theory
- (E) domination

**352. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.2**

Because many of the minerals found on the clean floor are still \_\_\_\_\_ on land, where mining is relatively inexpensive, mining the ocean floor has yet to become a \_\_\_\_\_ enterprise.

- (A) scarce ... common
- (B) accessible ... marginal
- (C) unidentified ... subsidized
- (D) conserved ... public
- (E) plentiful ... profitable

**353. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.3**

The valedictory address, as it has developed in American colleges and universities over the years, has become a very strict form, a literary \_\_\_\_\_ that permits very little \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) text ... clarity
- (B) work ... tradition
- (C) genre ... deviation
- (D) oration ... grandiloquence
- (E) achievement ... rigidity

**354. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.4**

A human being is quite \_\_\_\_\_ creature, for the gloss of rationality that covers his or her fears and \_\_\_\_\_ is thin and often easily breached.

- (A) a logical ... problems
- (B) a frail ... insecurity
- (C) a valiant ... phobias
- (D) an ambitious ... morality
- (E) a ludicrous ... laughter

**355. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.5**

Although the passage of years has softened the initially hostile reaction to his poetry, even now only a few independent observers \_\_\_\_\_ his works.

- (A) praise
- (B) revile
- (C) scrutinize
- (D) criticize
- (E) neglect

**356. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.6**

Unlike philosophers who constructed theoretically ideal states, she built a theory based on \_\_\_\_\_; thus, although her constructs may have been inelegant, they were \_\_\_\_\_ sound.

- (A) reality ... aesthetically
- (B) intuition ... intellectually
- (C) surmise ... scientifically
- (D) experience ... empirically
- (E) conjecture ... factually

**357. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.7**

Once a duckling has identified a parent, then instinctive bond becomes a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ for additional learning since, by \_\_\_\_\_ the parent, the duckling can acquire further information that is not genetically transmitted.

- (A) impulse ... surpassing
- (B) referent ... recognizing
- (C) force ... acknowledging
- (D) inspiration ... emulating
- (E) channel ... mimicking

BECBA DE

26-2

**358. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.1**

Nearly two-thirds of the country's mushroom crop is produced by 160 growers in a single county, the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ growers anywhere.

- (A) cause of
- (B) agreement among
- (C) indication of
- (D) interaction between
- (E) concentration of

**359. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.2**

The disjunction between educational objectives that stress independence and individuality and those that emphasize obedience to rules and cooperation with others reflects a \_\_\_\_\_ that arises from the values on which these objectives are based.

- (A) conflict
- (B) redundancy
- (C) gain
- (D) predictability
- (E) wisdom

**360. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.3**

It is \_\_\_\_\_ for a government to fail to do whatever it can to eliminate a totally \_\_\_\_\_ disease.

- (A) folly ... innocuous
- (B) irresponsible ... preventable
- (C) crucial ... fatal
- (D) instinctive ... devastating
- (E) detrimental ... insignificant

**361. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.4**

Dramatic literature often \_\_\_\_\_ the history of a culture in that it takes as its subject matter the important events that have shaped and guided the culture.

- (A) confounds
- (B) repudiates
- (C) recapitulates
- (D) anticipates
- (E) polarizes

**362. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.5**

The legislators of 1563 realized the \_\_\_\_\_ of trying to regulate the flow of labor without securing its reasonable remuneration, and so the second part of the statute dealt with establishing wages.

- (A) intricacy
- (B) anxiety
- (C) futility
- (D) necessity
- (E) decadence

**363. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.6**

Scientists who are on the cutting edge of research must often violate common sense and make seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ assumptions because existing theories simply do not \_\_\_\_\_ newly observed phenomena.

- (A) radical ... confirm
- (B) vague ... incorporate
- (C) absurd ... explain
- (D) mistaken ... reveal
- (E) inexact ... corroborate

**364. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.7**

The \_\_\_\_\_ with which the French aristocracy greeted the middle-class Rousseau was all the more because he showed so little respect for them.

- (A) deference ... remarkable
- (B) suspicion ... uncanny
- (C) reserve ... unexpected
- (D) anger ... ironic
- (E) appreciation ... deserved

EABCC CA

27-1

**365. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.1**

Agronomists are increasingly worried about “desertification,” the phenomenon that is turning many of the world’s \_\_\_\_\_ fields and pastures into \_\_\_\_\_ wastelands, unable to support the people living on them.

- (A) fertile ... barren
- (B) productive ... blooming
- (C) arid ... thriving
- (D) poorest ... marginal
- (E) largest ... saturated

**366. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.2**

Old beliefs die hard: even when jobs became \_\_\_\_\_ the long-standing fear that unemployment could return at a moment’s notice \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) vacant ... perished
- (B) easier ... changed
- (C) plentiful ... persisted
- (D) protected ... subsided
- (E) available ... receded

**367. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.3**

Intellectual \_\_\_\_\_ and flight from boredom have caused him to rush pell-mell into situations that less spirits might hesitate to approach.

- (A) restlessness ... adventurous
- (B) agitation ... passive
- (C) resilience ... quiescent
- (D) tranquility ... versatile
- (E) curiosity ... lethargic

**368. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.4**

Science advances in \_\_\_\_\_ spiral in that each new conceptual scheme—the phenomena explained by its predecessors and adds to those explanations.

- (A) a discontinuous ... decries
- (B) a repetitive ... vitiates
- (C) a widening ... embraces
- (D) an anomalous ... captures
- (E) an explosive ... questions

**369. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.5**

Politeness is not a \_\_\_\_\_ attribute of human behavior, but rather a central virtue, one whose very existence is increasingly being \_\_\_\_\_ by the faddish requirement to “speak one’s mind.”

- (A) superficial ... threatened
- (B) pervasive ... undercut
- (C) worthless ... forestalled
- (D) precious ... repudiated
- (E) trivial ... affected

**370. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.6**

The painting was larger than it appeared to be, for, hanging in a darkened recess of the chapel; it was \_\_\_\_\_ by the perspective.

- (A) improved
- (B) aggrandized
- (C) embellished
- (D) jeopardized
- (E) diminished

**371. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.7**

Because folk art is neither completely rejected nor accepted as an art form by art historians, their final evaluations of it necessarily remain \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) arbitrary
- (B) estimable
- (C) orthodox
- (D) unspoken
- (E) equivocal

ACACA EE

**372. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.1**

Because it is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ all the business costs related to employee discontent, an accurate estimate of the magnitude of these costs is not easily calculated.

- (A) difficult ... measure
- (B) impossible ... justify
- (C) improper ... overlook
- (D) useless ... discover
- (E) necessary ... pinpoint

**373. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.2**

Consider the universal cannibalism of the sea, all of whose creatures \_\_\_\_\_ one another.

- (A) hide from
- (B) ferret out
- (C) prey on
- (D) glide among
- (E) compete against

**374. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.3**

How could words, confined as they individually are to certain \_\_\_\_\_ meanings specified in a dictionary, eventually come, when combined in groups, to create obscurity and actually to prevent thought from being \_\_\_\_\_?

- (A) indefinite ... articulated
- (B) conventional ... conceivable
- (C) unlikely ... classified
- (D) archaic ... expressed
- (E) precise ... communicable

**375. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.4**

Even though they tended to be \_\_\_\_\_ strangers, fifteenth-century Europeans did not automatically associate \_\_\_\_\_ and danger.

- (A) trusting of ... diversity
- (B) haughty with ... nonconformity
- (C) interested in ... enmity
- (D) antagonistic to ... rudeness
- (E) hostile to ... foreignness

**376. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.5**

The modern age is a permissive one in which things can be said explicitly, but the old tradition of \_\_\_\_\_ dies hard.

- (A) garrulousness
- (B) exaggeration
- (C) excoriation
- (D) bombast
- (E) euphemism

**377. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.6**

Although many findings of the Soviet and United States probes of Venus were complementary, the two sets of atmospheric results clearly could not be \_\_\_\_\_ without a major change of data or \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) obtained ... experimentation
- (B) completed ... position
- (C) matched ... implementation
- (D) reconciled ... interpretation
- (E) produced ... falsification

**378. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.7**

While it is assumed that the mechanization of work has a \_\_\_\_\_ effect on the lives of workers, there is evidence available to suggest that, on the contrary, mechanization has served to \_\_\_\_\_ some of the traditional roles of women.

- (A) salutary ... improve
- (B) dramatic ... undermine
- (C) benign ... revise
- (D) debilitating ... weaken
- (E) revolutionary ... reinforce

ACEEE DE