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Purpose of this set of sample questions is to familiarize the test taker with the question types that appear on the actual test.

## Sentence Completion

### Directions:

Each sentence completion question below has one or two blanks. Each blank shows that something has been omitted. Under each sentence completion question five words are given as choice. Choose the one correct word for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentences as a whole.

- The fact that the \_\_\_\_\_ of confrontation is no longer as popular as it once was \_\_\_\_\_ progress in race relations.
  - insidiousness - reiterates
  - practice - inculcates
  - glimmer - foreshadows
  - technique - presages
  - reticence - indicates
- A child should not be \_\_\_\_\_ as being either very shy or over \_\_\_\_\_ aggressive.
  - categorized
  - instructed
  - intoned
  - distracted
  - refrained
- In his usual \_\_\_\_\_ manner, he had insured himself against this type of loss.
  - pensive
  - providential
  - indifferent
  - circumspect
  - caustic
- We never believed that he would resort to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to achieve his goal; we always regarded him as a \_\_\_\_\_ man.
  - charm - insincere
  - necromancy - pietistic
  - logic - honorable
  - prestidigitation - articulate
  - subterfuge - honest
- The Sociologist responded to the charge that her new theory was \_\_\_\_\_ by pointing out that it did not in fact contradict accepted sociological principles.
  - unproven
  - banal
  - superficial
  - complex
  - heretical
- Despite assorted effusion to the contrary, there is no necessary link between scientific skill and humanism, and quite possibly, there may be something of a \_\_\_\_\_ between them.
  - dichotomy
  - congruity
  - reciprocity
  - fusion
  - generosity
- The most technologically advanced societies have been responsible for the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ indeed savagery seems to be indirect proposition to -
  - inventions - know-how
  - wars - viciousness
  - triumphs - civilizations
  - atrocities - development
  - catastrophes - ill-will
- Ironically, the party leaders encountered no greater - their efforts to build as Progressive Party than the \_\_\_\_\_ of the progressive already elected to the legislature.
  - obstacle to - resistance
  - support for - advocacy
  - praise for - reputation
  - threat to - promise
  - benefit - success
- The simplicity of the theory \_\_\_\_\_ its main attraction - is also its \_\_\_\_\_ for only by - the assumptions of the theory is it possible to explain the most recent observations made by researchers.
  - glory - rejecting
  - liability - accepting

- C. undoing - supplementing  
D. downfall - considering  
E. virtue - qualifying
10. **When the news of his \_\_\_\_\_ with the enemy become known, he was hanged in \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. collusion - effigy  
B. conversation's - earnest  
C. involvement - martyrdom  
D. complacency - retaliation  
E. bickering - response
11. **That the Third Battalion's fifty percent casualty rate transformed its assault on Hill 306 from a brilliant stratagem into a debacle does not \_\_\_\_\_ eyewitness reports of its commander's extra \_\_\_\_\_ ordinary - in deploying his forces.**
- A. invalidate - brutality  
B. gainsay - cleverness  
C. underscore - ineptitude  
D. justify - rapidity  
E. corroborate - determination
12. **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. reassured - justifications  
C. restricted - parallels  
D. sustained - substitutes  
E. hampered - equivalents
13. **In eighth-century Japan, people who \_\_\_\_\_ wasteland were rewarded with official ranks as part of an effort to overcome the shortage of \_\_\_\_\_ fields.**
- A. cultivated - domestic  
B. located - desirable  
C. conserved - forested  
D. reclaimed - arable  
E. irrigated - accessible.
14. **Clearly refuting skeptics, researchers have \_\_\_\_\_ not only that gravitational radiation exists but that it also does exactly what the theory \_\_\_\_\_ it should do.**
- A. assumed - deducted  
B. estimated - accepted  
C. supposed - asserted  
D. doubted - warranted  
E. demonstrated - predicted.
- 4 15. **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. deprived - polarity  
B. full - circumstantialities  
C. bereft - theatricality  
D. devoid - neutrality  
E. composed - adversity.
16. **Sponsors of the bill were \_\_\_\_\_ because there was no opposition to it within the legislative, until after the measure had been signed into law.**
- A. well-intentioned  
B. persistent  
C. detained  
D. unreliable  
E. relieved.
17. **Ecology, like economics, concerns itself with the movement of valuable \_\_\_\_\_ through a complex network of producers and consumers.**
- A. nutrients  
B. dividends  
C. communications  
D. artifacts  
E. commodities.
18. **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. proclamation - codified  
B. coercion - repudiated  
C. participation - moderated  
D. intimidation - issued  
E. demonstration - deliberated.
19. **It would be difficult for one so \_\_\_\_\_ to be led to believe that all men are equal and that we must disregard race, color and creed.**
- A. tolerant  
B. democratic  
C. broadminded  
D. emotional  
E. intolerant.
20. **Many philosophers agree that the verbal aggression of profanity in certain radical newspapers is not \_\_\_\_\_ or childish, but an assault on \_\_\_\_\_ essential to the revolutionary's purpose.**
- A. insolent - sociability  
B. trivial - decorum  
C. belligerent - fallibility  
D. serious - propriety  
E. deliberate - affectation.

21. The \_\_\_\_\_ tones of the flute succeeded in \_\_\_\_\_ his tense nerves.
- rhapsodic - minimizing
  - blatant - enhancing
  - horrendous - calming
  - vibrant - portraying
  - mellifluous - soothing.
22. 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.
- lost - forget
  - implicit - extend
  - impaired - sacrifice
  - ambiguous - apply
  - assumed - examine.
23. Parts of seventeenth-century Chinese pleasure gardens were not necessarily intended to look \_\_\_\_\_ they were designed expressly to evoke the agreeable melancholy resulting from a sense of the \_\_\_\_\_ of natural beauty and human glory.
- great - immutability
  - joyful - mortality
  - conventional - wildness
  - cheerful - transistorizes
  - colorful - abstractness.
24. 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.
- pedantry - reinstating
  - enthusiasm - symbolizing
  - skepticism - deciphering
  - antipathy - involving
  - discernment - evaluating.
25. 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.
- outgrowth
  - arbiter
  - correlate
  - determinant
  - mitigate
26. Clearly refuting skeptics, researches have \_\_\_\_\_ not only that gravitational radiation exists but that it also does exactly what the theory \_\_\_\_\_ it should do.
- supposed - asserted
  - doubted - warranted
  - assumed - deduced
  - demonstrated - predicted
  - estimated - accepted
27. It is a great \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to transfer useful genes with as little extra gene material as possible, because the donor's genome may contain, in addition to desirable genes, many genes with \_\_\_\_\_ effects.
- Disappointment - superfluous
  - Convenience - exquisite
  - Advantage - deleterious
  - Accomplishment - profound
  - Misfortune - unpredictable.
28. While admitting that the risks incurred by use of the insecticide were not \_\_\_\_\_ the manufacturer's spokesperson argued that effective \_\_\_\_\_ were simply not available.
- indeterminable - safeguards
  - unusual - alternatives
  - inconsequential - substitutes
  - proven - antidotes
  - increasing - procedures.
29. Human reaction to the realm of thought is often as strong as that to sensible presences; our higher moral life is based on the fact that - sensations actually present may have a weaker influence on our action than do ideas of - facts.
- emotional - impersonal
  - familiar : symbolic
  - disturbing - ordinary
  - material - remote
  - definitive - controversial.
30. 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.
- variety
  - stability
  - deviations
  - invigorations
  - reproduction.
31. It would be difficult for one so \_\_\_\_\_ to be led to believe that all men are equal and that we must disregard race, color and creed.
- intolerant

- B. democratic  
C. emotional  
D. patient  
E. broadminded.
32. An occasional \_\_\_\_\_ remark spoiled the \_\_\_\_\_ that made the paper memorable.  
A. colloquial  
B. trite - clichés  
C. urbane - sophisticated  
D. hackneyed - originality  
E. jovial - fun.
33. 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. cleverness : eager  
B. condescension : disinclined  
C. sentimentality : reluctant  
D. mediocrity : desperate  
E. histrionics : unlikely
34. 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. conversion - annexation  
B. apparition - amalgam  
C. stratagem - appropriation  
D. paradigm - construct  
E. example - synthesis
35. 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. archetypal  
B. perennially  
C. disturbingly  
D. uniquely  
E. cautiously
36. Even though in today's Soviet Union 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. adversaries of - inclination  
B. traditionalists among - incentive  
C. practitioners among - opportunity  
D. leaders of - latitude  
E. dissidents within - obligation
37. Unlike the Shakespearean plays, The "closet dramas" of the nineteenth century were meant to be \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. seen - acted  
B. read - acted  
C. produced - acted  
D. quiet - loud  
E. sophisticated - urbane
38. The little - known but rapidly expanding use of computers in mapmaking is technologically similar to the more \_\_\_\_\_ uses in designing everything from bolts to satellites.  
A. ingenuous  
B. recent  
C. secure  
D. publicized  
E. successful
39. Although his outnumbered troops fought bravely, the general felt he had no choice but to \_\_\_\_\_ defeat and \_\_\_\_\_ a retreat.  
A. oversee - reject  
B. acknowledge - order  
C. hasten - suggest  
D. seek - try  
E. overcome - request
40. No hero of ancient or modern times can surpass the Indian with his lofty contempt of death and the \_\_\_\_\_ with which he sustained the cruelest confliction.  
A. guide  
B. assent  
C. reverence  
D. fortitude  
E. concern
41. The hostess attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ a romantic atmosphere that would bring the two young people together in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. expand - fealty  
B. present - collusion  
C. simulate - conflict  
D. introduce - cacophony  
E. contrive - matrimony
42. Employers who retire people who are willing and able to continue working should realize that \_\_\_\_\_ age is not an effective \_\_\_\_\_ in determining whether an individual is capable of working.  
A. intellectual - criterion  
B. Chronological - criterion

- C. Physical - barrier  
D. deteriorating - value  
E. chronological - factor
43. **As the sun rose, the morning mists were borne away on the \_\_\_\_\_ like strands of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
A. whirlwind - flotsam  
B. wind - cactus  
C. morass - tundra  
D. zephyr - gossamer  
E. holocaust - taffeta
44. **The gypsy girl, decked out in \_\_\_\_\_ finery, and with her disheveled hair streaming over shoulders, was indeed a \_\_\_\_\_ sight.**  
A. verdant - wistful  
B. sartorial - flagrant  
C. specious - poignant  
D. tawdry - bizarre  
E. opulent - debonair
45. **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. disabled - quarantine  
B. decimated - abeyance  
C. terrorized - contention  
D. ravaged - secret  
E. coupled - quiescence
46. **The painting was larger than it appeared to be, for hanging in a darkened recess of the chapel, it was \_\_\_\_\_ by the perspective.**  
A. embellished  
B. improved  
C. jeopardized  
D. aggrandized  
E. diminished
47. **We have in America \_\_\_\_\_ speech that is neither American, Oxford English, nor English but a \_\_\_\_\_ of all three.**  
A. motley - miracle  
B. nasal - blend  
C. feigned - patchwork  
D. mangled - medley  
E. hybrid - combination
48. **Old beliefs die hard, even when jobs become \_\_\_\_\_ the long - standing fear that unemployment could return at a moment's notice \_\_\_\_\_.**  
A. protected - subsided  
B. vacant - perished
- C. available - receded  
D. plentiful - persisted  
E. easier - charged
49. **Not only the \_\_\_\_\_ are fooled by propagandas we can all be misled if we are not \_\_\_\_\_.**  
A. people - mature  
B. ignorant - cynical  
C. masses - cautious  
D. uncultured - concerned  
E. gullible - wary

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\_\_\_\_\_merciful by nature, he was \_\_\_\_\_ toward the murderer.

- A. although - unmoving
- B. while - unjust
- C. truly - indicative
- D. though - kind
- E. albeit - implacable

Ans :E