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Answer Key for Sections 2-5



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Answer Key for Section 2 - Verbal Reasoning 15 Questions

1. D. — spirituals
2. B. — They had little working familiarity with such forms of American music as jazz, blues, and popular songs.
3. C. — A common viewpoint is presented and modified, and the modification is supported.

4. C. — insular

Answer in Context: In the 1950s, the country's inhabitants were **insular**: most of them knew very little about foreign countries.

5. A. — maturity

Answer in Context: 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 **maturity**.

6. Blank (i) A. — construe
Blank (ii) F. — collude in

Answer in Context: The narratives that vanquished peoples have created of their defeat have, according to Schivelbusch, fallen into several identifiable types. In one of these, the vanquished manage to **construe** the victor's triumph as the result of some spurious advantage, the victors being truly inferior where it counts. Often the winners **collude in** this interpretation, worrying about the cultural or moral costs of their triumph and so giving some credence to the losers' story.

7. Blank (i) B. — settled
Blank (ii) E. — ambiguity
Blank (iii) G. — similarly equivocal

Answer in Context: I've long anticipated this retrospective of the artist's work, hoping that it would make **settled** judgments about him possible, but greater familiarity with his paintings highlights their inherent **ambiguity** and actually makes one's assessment **similarly equivocal**.

8. Blank (i) B. — create
Blank (ii) F. — logical

Answer in Context: Scientists are not the only persons who examine the world about them by the use of rational processes, although they sometimes **create** this impression by extending the definition of “scientist” to include anyone who is **logical** in his or her investigational practices.

9. C. — It presents a specific application of a general principle.
10. A. — outstrip
11. B. — It is a mistake to think that the natural world contains many areas of pristine wilderness.
12. D. — emphasize the extent to which the modification of nature by human culture preceded the industrial period
13. Sentence to be completed: Dreams are _____ in and of themselves, but, when combined with other data, they can tell us much about the dreamer.
Answer D. — inscrutable
Answer F. — uninformative

14. Sentence to be completed: The macromolecule RNA is common to all living beings, and DNA, which is found in all organisms except some bacteria, is almost as _____.

Answer D. — universal

Answer F. — ubiquitous

15. Sentence to be completed: Early critics of Emily Dickinson's poetry mistook for simplemindedness the surface of artlessness that in fact she constructed with such _____.

Answer B. — craft

Answer C. — cunning

This is the end of the Answer Key for The Graduate Record Examinations Practice Test #1, Section 2.

Answer Key for Section 3 - Verbal Reasoning

20 Questions

1. Sentence to be completed: In the long run, high-technology communications cannot _____ more traditional face-to-face family togetherness, in Ms. Aspinall's view.
Answer C. — supercede
Answer F. — supplant
2. Sentence to be completed: Even in this business, where _____ is part of everyday life, a talent for lying is not something usually found on one's resume.
Answer B. — mendacity
Answer C. — prevarication
3. Sentence to be completed: A restaurant's menu is generally reflected in its decor; however, despite this restaurant's _____ appearance it is pedestrian in the menu it offers.
Answer A. — elegant
Answer F. — chic
4. Sentence to be completed: International financial issues are typically _____ by the United States media because they are too technical to make snappy headlines and too inaccessible to people who lack a background in economics.
Answer A. — neglected
Answer B. — slighted
5. C. — The editorial policies of some early United States newspapers became a counterweight to proponents of traditional values.

6. A. — insincerely

7. Blank (i) C. — multifaceted
Blank (ii) F. — extraneous

Answer in Context: The **multifaceted** nature of classical tragedy in Athens belies the modern image of tragedy: in the modern view tragedy is austere and stripped down, its representations of ideological and emotional conflicts so superbly compressed that there's nothing **extraneous** for time to erode.

8. Blank (i) C. — ambivalence
Blank (ii) E. — successful
Blank (iii) H. — assuage

Answer in Context: Murray, whose show of recent paintings and drawings is her best in many years, has been eminent hereabouts for a quarter century, although often regarded with **ambivalence**, but the most **successful** of these paintings **assuage** all doubts.

9. B. — a doctrinaire

Answer in Context: Far from viewing Jefferson as a skeptical but enlightened intellectual, historians of the 1960s have portrayed him as **a doctrinaire** thinker, eager to fill the young with his political orthodoxy while censoring ideas he did not like.

10. C. — recapitulates

Answer in Context: Dramatic literature often **recapitulates** the history of a culture in that it takes as its subject matter the important events that have shaped and guided the culture.

11. E. — affirm the thematic coherence underlying
Raisin in the Sun
12. C. — The painter of this picture could not intend it to be funny; therefore, its humor must result from a lack of skill.
13. E. — But the play’s complex view of Black self-esteem and human solidarity as compatible is no more “contradictory” than Du Bois’ famous, well-considered ideal of ethnic self-awareness coexisting with human unity, or Fanon’s emphasis on an ideal internationalism that also accommodates national identities and roles.
14. A. — It reflects Hansberry’s reservations about the extent to which the American dream has been realized.
C. — It shows in the play’s thematic conflicts.
15. C. — Because of shortages in funding, the organizing committee of the choral festival required singers to purchase their own copies of the music performed at the festival.
16. Blank (i) C. — mimicking
Blank (ii) D. — transmitted to

Answer in Context: New technologies often begin by **mimicking** what has gone before, and they change the world later. Think how long it took power-using companies to recognize that with electricity they did not need to cluster their machinery around the power source, as in the days of steam. Instead, power could be **transmitted to** their processes. In that sense, many of today’s computer networks are still in the steam age. Their full potential remains unrealized.

17. Blank (i) C. — defiant
Blank (ii) D. — disregard for

Answer in Context: Of course anyone who has ever perused an unmodernized text of Captain Clark's journals knows that the Captain was one of the most **defiant** spellers ever to write in English, but despite this **disregard for** orthographical rules, Clark is never unclear.

18. A. — There have been some open jobs for which no qualified FasCorp employee applied.
19. A. — The pull theory is not universally accepted by scientists.
B. — The pull theory depends on one of water's physical properties.
20. E. — the mechanism underlying water's tensile strength

This is the end of the Answer Key for The Graduate Record Examinations Practice Test #1, Section 3.

Answer Key for Section 4 - Quantitative Reasoning

15 Questions

1. A: Quantity A is greater.
2. B: Quantity B is greater.
3. D: The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.
4. A: Quantity A is greater.
5. D: The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.
6. B: $\frac{3}{2}$
7. The answer to question 7 consists of four of the answer choices.
A: 12°
B: 15°
C: 45°
D: 50°
8. A: 10
9. D: 15

10. A: 299

11. In question 11 you were asked to enter either an integer or a decimal number. The answer to question 11 is 3,600.

12. A: 8

13. The answer to question 13 consists of one of the answer choices.

B: More than half of the titles distributed by M are also distributed by L .

14. A: $c + d$

15. D: $\frac{2}{5}$

This is the end of the Answer Key for The Graduate Record Examinations Practice Test #1, Section 4.

Answer Key for Section 5 - Quantitative Reasoning
20 Questions

1. A: Quantity A is greater.
2. D: The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.
3. D: The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.
4. B: Quantity B is greater.
5. A: Quantity A is greater.
6. C: The two quantities are equal.
7. A: Quantity A is greater.
8. D: $jk + j$
9. In question 9 you were asked to enter a fraction. The answer to question 9 is $\frac{1}{4}$.

10. The answer to question 10 consists of four of the answer choices.

B: \$43,350

C: \$47,256

D: \$51,996

E: \$53,808

11. E: $s^2 - p^2$

12. B: $m - 1$

13. B: 110,000

14. B: 67%

15. A: 16%

16. D: 252

17. B: $33\frac{1}{3}\%$

18. A: 12

19. D: 4,400

20. The answer to question 20 consists of five of the answer choices.

B: 3.0

C: 3.5

D: 4.0

E: 4.5

F: 5.0

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