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## GRE Test Preparation : GRE Verbal Analogies



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## GRE Test Prep : Verbal Analogies

### Description:

Which pair is closest in relationship to the given pair?

**Question 1:** HISTRIONIC : THEATER : :

**Options:** forensic : court  
olden : drama  
harmonic : orchestra  
halcyon : opera  
dramatic : stage

**Answer:** forensic : court

**Explanation:** Histrionic means "suitable for acting or the theater." Similarly, forensic means "suitable to debate or a court of law."

**Hint:** Histrionic means "suitable for acting or the theater."

**Question 2:** PRACTICAL : IDEALISTIC : :

**Options:** possible : quixotic  
unreal : fantastic  
human : angel  
academic : theoretical  
whimsical : factual

**Answer:** possible : quixotic

**Explanation:** Practical and idealistic are opposite in meaning. Possible and quixotic are also antonyms. In fact, quixotic means idealistic and practical means possible.

**Hint:** Practical and idealistic are opposite in meaning.

**Question 3:** THESAURUS : SYNONYMS : :

**Options:** encyclopedia : facts  
terminus : transport  
opposites : antonyms  
tangents : parallels  
book : chapters

**Answer:** encyclopedia : facts

**Explanation:** A thesaurus may be used to look up synonyms. Similarly, an encyclopedia may be used to look up facts.

**Hint:** A thesaurus may be used to look up synonyms.

**Question 4:** SHOAL : FISH : :

**Options:** gaggle : geese  
aerie : eagles

apiary : bees  
drake : ducks  
gobble : turkeys

**Answer:** gaggle : geese

**Explanation:** Shoal is the collective noun for fish. Similarly, gaggle is the collective noun for geese. Note that aerie (also spelt aery) is the nest that eagles build high up. Apiary is the place where bees are kept. Drake is the masculine of duck. Gobble refers to the gurgling sound that turkeys make.

**Hint:** Shoal is the collective noun for fish.

**Question 5:** COVEY : PARTRIDGES : :

**Options:** pride : lions  
cote : pigeons  
aviary : birds  
gander : geese  
twitter : swallows

**Answer:** pride : lions

**Explanation:** Covey is the collective noun for partridges. Similarly, pride is the collective noun for lions. Note that cote is the shelter for pigeons. Aviary is a large cage where birds are kept. Gander is the masculine of goose, and geese is the plural of goose. Twitter refers to the succession of sounds that birds like swallows utter.

**Hint:** Covey is the collective noun for partridges.

**Question 6:** URSINE : BEAR : :

**Options:** aquiline : eagle  
equine : endure  
asinine : yield  
vulpine : vulture  
porcine : porcupine

**Answer:** aquiline : eagle

**Explanation:** Just as ursine means "like a bear", aquiline means "like an eagle". Note that equine means "like a horse". Asinine means "like an ass", vulpine means "like a fox", and porcine means "like a pig."

**Hint:** Ursine means "like a bear."

**Question 7:** BURROW : RABBIT : :

**Options:** nest : thrush  
shed : cow  
cage : bird  
shell : snail  
desert : camel

**Answer:** nest : thrush

**Explanation:** A burrow is a dwelling (hole) made by a rabbit. Similarly, a nest is a shelter made by a thrush (bird).

**Hint:** A burrow is a dwelling (hole) made by a rabbit.

**Question 8:** EMPLOYEE : WAGES : :

**Options:** entrepreneur : profits  
worker : jobs  
scholar : books  
composer : symphony

negotiator : conflicts

**Answer:** entrepreneur : profits

**Explanation:** An employee works for wages. Similarly, an entrepreneur works for profits.

**Hint:** An employee works for wages.

**Question 9:** BRITTLE : BREAK : :

**Options:** flexible : bend  
pliable : compress  
ductile : divide  
fertile : crush  
futile : separate

**Answer:** flexible : bend

**Explanation:** A thing that is brittle is apt to break, and a thing that is flexible is apt to bend.

**Hint:** A thing that is brittle is apt to break.

**Question 10:** EXTRICATE : FREE : :

**Options:** hone : sharp  
abridge : long  
debilitate : strong  
acclaim : independent  
expedite : slow

**Answer:** hone : sharp

**Explanation:** When you extricate something, you make it free (from an entanglement or difficulty). When you hone something, you make it sharp.

**Hint:** When you extricate something, you make it free (from an entanglement or difficulty).

**Question 11:** SMELL : OLFACTORY : :

**Options:** taste : gustatory  
vision : astigmatic  
hearing : tympanic  
touch : parietal  
movement : voluntary

**Answer:** taste : gustatory

**Explanation:** Olfactory is the adjective that means "concerned with sense of smell."  
Gustatory is the adjective that means "concerned with sense of taste."

**Hint:** Olfactory is the adjective that means "concerned with sense of smell."

**Question 12:** NULLIFY : INVALID ::

**Options:** rectify : right  
exemplify : happy  
gratify : possible  
vilify : famous  
mollify : model

**Answer:** rectify : right

**Explanation:** Nullify by definition is "to make invalid or ineffective." Rectify by definition is "to make right or correct."

**Hint:** Nullify by definition is "to make invalid or ineffective."

