

SAT Verbal Practice – Set 1
Time to answer all questions – 14 minutes
15 questions

Directions:

Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five words or sets of words labelled A through E. Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. The _____ behavior of the union employees became even more obvious when they all raised slogans against the authorities when they came to the scene.
A. lacklustre
B. spurious
C. wicked
D. recalcitrant
E. cohesive
2. The _____ attire of the ramp models was considered _____ by the censors.
A. gaudy. . .old-fashioned
B. ostentatious. . .repugnant
C. overly revealing. . .acceptable
D. uniform. . .haughty
E. color of. . .errant
3. It is absolutely _____ that the individual assigned to defuse a bomb be extremely _____.
A. required. . .dumb
B. alright. . .nervous
C. necessary. . .excited
D. warranted. . .tired
E. critical. . .dexterous
4. She was not normally invited to serve as a critic because she had a _____ toward _____.
A. opinion. . .astrology
B. liking. . .cherries
C. proclivity. . .castigation
D. tendency. . .wayward
E. philosophy. . .everything
5. The problem with scoring well on too many ACT practice tests is the tendency towards _____.
A. vanity
B. complacency
C. burn-out
D. boredom
E. celerity

Directions:

Choose the pair of words that best express a relationship similar to that of the original pair.

6. SUBTERFUGE : DECEIVE
 - A) smoke : burn
 - B) allegory : recant
 - C) pedant : walk
 - D) cloak : conceal
 - E) prosecutor : judge

7. ABIDING : EPHEMERAL
 - A) mawkish : stoic
 - B) spineless : timorous
 - C) frightened : petrified
 - D) listless : jejune
 - E) speechless : deaf

8. EXPULSION : SCHOOL
 - A) ostracism : society
 - B) reluctance : hesitation
 - C) rebuttal : debate
 - D) gravity : orbit
 - E) exeunt : drama

9. MARTINET : DISCIPLINE
 - A) libertine : freedom
 - B) fundamentalist : religion
 - C) ballerina : nutrition
 - D) cynic : optimism
 - E) sculptor : clay

10. ABOLITION : SLAVERY
 - A) choreography : dance
 - B) anarchism : government
 - C) vegetarianism : food
 - D) capitalism : money
 - E) conservation : trees

Directions:

Each of the following sentences contains either a single error or no error at all. No sentence contains more than one error. The error, if there is one, is underlined and lettered. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined part that must be changed to make the sentence correct. If the sentence is correct, select choice E. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English.

11. We have no choice but to appoint Mary: she is the best of the two candidates, and there is no prospect of finding more applicants. No error.
 - A. but
 - B. Mary:
 - C. best
 - D. is
 - E. No error

12. If you were to work at least four hours a day on the project, we would complete it in a shorter time, and with less problems. No error.
 - A. were
 - B. would
 - C. shorter
 - D. less
 - E. No error

13. The new library is undoubtedly well stocked and functional, but no one can say that its atmosphere is anything like the old one. No error.
 - A. undoubtedly
 - B. but
 - C. its
 - D. the old one
 - E. No error

14. Because they played by the rules, the members of the team were given a standing ovation even though it did not win the match. No error.
 - A. Because
 - B. by
 - C. were given
 - D. it
 - E. No error

15. Neither of my brothers do anything to make life better for our parents who are both suffering from arthritis. No error.
 - A. do
 - B. our
 - C. who
 - D. from
 - E. No error

Answers:

1. D
2. B
3. E
4. C
5. B
6. D
7. A
8. A
9. B
10. B
11. C
12. D
13. D
14. D
15. A