

GRE Verbal Practice Test 1

Text Completion

One element, which may not justify violence itself but which _____ its use, is the belief that death in a sacred cause is the proper end of life.

- A incriminates
- B valorizes
- C indicts
- D abrogates
- E rescinds

To some degree, no doubt, this rhetoric was a necessary _____ for a traumatized nation, but coming amidst a fierce and – in terms of international law – illegal assault on the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, it had sobering implications.

- A vassal
- B mien
- C decrepitude
- D palliative
- E claque

Many surgeons continue to advocate (i) _____ analgesic treatment despite the fact that clinical studies and meta-analyses have failed to demonstrate (ii) _____ that such treatment reduces postoperative pain more effectively than one started after surgery.

Blank (i)

- A ameliorative
- B incipient
- C preemptive

Blank (ii)

- D dispassionately
- E unequivocally
- F intractably

A country that has some success with (i) _____ Pyongyang's (ii) _____ but rapidly developing missile program, is probably safer than one that throws up its hands in despair.

Blank (i)

- A defanging
- B denigrating
- C divesting

Blank (ii)

- D mellifluous
- E voluble
- F fledgling

Albert Baldwin Wood, who invented the first screw pump in 1913, later designed a 14-foot pump. There was (i) _____: Disease rates fell because (ii) _____ floodwater could be pumped out faster before mosquitoes had a chance to breed there and (iii) _____.

Blank (i)

- A lagniappe
- B avarice
- C recidivism

Blank (ii)

- D fascistic
- E fetid
- F macabre

Blank (iii)

- G obviate
- H proliferate
- I dwindle

That _____ politicians might adopt Franklin's distinction between appearance and reality to become _____ confidence men did not seem to _____ George.

Blank (i)

- A incorrigible
- B peevish
- C wily

Blank (ii)

- D flagitious
- E inscrutable
- F dubious

Blank (iii)

- G occlude
- H tranquilize
- I discommode