

GMAT Verbal Practice Test

This question presents a sentence, part of which or all of which is underlined. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of rephrasing the underlined part. The first of these repeats the original; the other four are different. If you think the original is best, choose option A, else pick one of the others

1. Neither my mother nor my father, both of whom are English professors, agree with my contention that James Joyce's novel *Ulysses* is overrated.

- A. Both of whom are English professors, agree with my contention that James Joyce's novel *Ulysses* is overrated.
- B. Both of whom are English professors, agrees with my contention that James Joyce's novel *Ulysses* is overrated.
- C. Both of whom are English professors, agree with my contention that *Ulysses*, a novel by James Joyce is overrated.
- D. Each of whom is an English professor, agree with my contention that James Joyce's novel *Ulysses* is overrated.
- E. English professors the both of them agrees with my contention that James Joyce's novel *Ulysses* is overrated.

2. A number of military personnel who served in Operation Desert Storm has encountered a series of unexplainable symptoms that were attributed to Gulf War syndrome.

- A. has encountered a series of unexplainable symptoms that were attributed to
- B. has unexplainably encountered a series of symptoms that have been attributed as
- C. have encountered a series of unexplained symptoms that have been attributed as
- D. have encountered a series of unexplainable symptoms that have been attributed to
- E. have encountered unexplainably a series of symptoms that were attributed as

3. Although Smith once championed the charity, he changed his mind after journalist linked its origin to a corrupt individual.

- A. once championed the charity
- B had once championed the charity
- C has once championed the charity
- D was a champion of the charity
- E championed the charity at one time

4. A swarm of desert honeybees, a phenomenon seen by few of the select scientists and entomologists, occur when a portion of the colony leave the current nest to find a new home.

- A. few of the select scientists and entomologists, occur when a portion of the colony leave
- B. a select few scientists and entomologists, only occurs when portions of the colony leaves
- C. very few selected scientists and entomologists, occur when portions of the colony leave
- D. only very few selected scientists and entomologists, occurs when a portion of the colony leaves
- E. only a select few scientists and entomologists, occurs when a portion of the colony leaves

5. During the State of the Union address every February the president announced the amount of the new programs the administration planned to create and the amounts of money it invested in each one.

- A. announced the amount of the new programs the administration planned to create and the amounts of money it invested in each one
- B. announced the amount of the new programs the administration had created and the amount of money that was invested in each one
- C. announces the number of the new programs the administration plans to create and the amount of money to be invested in each one
- D. announces the amount of the new programs created by the administration and the amount of money invested in them
- E. had announced the administration's plans for a number of new programs and the amounts of money that were to be invested in them

6. Of the numerous decisions facing the Supreme Court this term, the question of an individual's right to die is for certain the more perplexing.

- A. the question of an individual's right to die is for certain the more perplexing
- B. it seems certain that the more perplexing is the question of an individual's right to die
- C. the question of an individual's right to die is certainly the most perplexing
- D. it seems certain the question of an individual's right to die is the most perplexing
- E. the question of an individual's right to die is certainly the more perplexing

7. In response to losing a significant part of its market share to a competitor, the soft drink company has cut costs by withholding executive bonuses, changed their advertising agency, and have redesigned the company logo.

- A. changed their advertising agency, and have
- B. changing their advertising agency, as well as
- C. has changed its advertising agency, and

- D. and changed its advertising agency, and has
- E. changed its advertising agency, and

8. Now even directors of off- Broadway productions, desperate for actors who are talented, charismatic, and aspiring more to a solid career in the theater than to the lucrative rewards and stardom proffered by movie moguls and studios, are turning to independent casting directors for guidance in assembling their casts.

- A. are talented, charismatic, and aspiring
- B. are talented, who have charisma, and who are aspiring
- C. have talent and are charismatic and aspire
- D. are talented and have charisma, and whose aspirations are
- E. are talented and charismatic, and who aspire

9. The Supreme Court can effectively rule on a case in two ways, either by deciding to hear the case and handing down its judgment, or rather to simply refuse to hear the case at all.

- A. either by deciding to hear the case and handing down its judgment, or rather to simply refuse
- B. either by deciding to hear the case and handing down its judgment, or by simply refusing
- C. by either deciding to hear the case and hand down its judgment or to simply refuse
- D. to hear a case and to hand down its judgment, or to refuse simply
- E. either by deciding to hear the case and hand down its judgment, or the simple refuse

10. The establishment of land trusts in New England has been praised not because of its restricting overdevelopment but because it allows the inheritance by future generations of the property.

- A. not because of its restricting overdevelopment but because it allows the inheritance by future generations of
- B. because of not only is restricting overdevelopment and also allows the inheritance by future generations of
- C. because it does not only restrict overdevelopment, it also allows future generations for inheriting
- D. because of not only the restrictions on over development but also because future generations can inherit
- E. Not only because it restricts overdevelopment but also because it allows future generations to inherit

11. Some students of literary criticism consider the theories of Blaine to be a huge advance in modern critical thinking and question the need to study the discounted theories of Rauthe and Wilson.

- A. to be a huge advance in modern critical thinking and question

- B. as a huge advance in modern critical thinking and question
- C. as being a huge advance in modern critical thinking and questioned
- D. a huge advance in modern critical thinking and question
- E. are a huge advance in modern critical thinking and questioned