

GMAT Verbal Practice Test

26. One of the possible results of the further depletion of the ozone in the atmosphere would be a sharp increase in the demand for sunscreens. Many of the ingredients in sunscreens are natural, and the demand for these products will require strict conservation laws. This will represent the victory for those who desire greater protection for the environment.

Which one of the following best states the conclusion in the passage above?

- A. Industries that produce ozone-depleting chemicals should be encouraged to continue doing so.
- B. Regulation of ozone-depleting chemicals should be handled on a federal level.
- C. The natural ingredients in sunscreen products should be replaced by synthetic substitutes.
- D. The effects of ozone depletion on the environment are not categorically negative.
- E. The few positive effects of ozone depletion are far outweighed by the myriad negative effects.

27. The American division of the Acme running shoe company should begin marketing running shoes with double-thick soles. Acme's Swedish division is selling a large number of these items, and is enjoying its most profitable quarter ever.

Which of the following is an assumption made by the author of the argument above?

- A. Acme's Brazilian division is also selling a large number of running shoes with double-thick soles.
- B. Swedes and Americans have similar tastes in music.
- C. Acme is the only running shoe company that manufactures double-thick soles.
- D. The running shoe market in America tends to follow the same trends as does the market in Sweden.
- E. Acme has experienced financial troubles in the last three quarters.

28. Currently about 70 percent of all urban households recycle some portion of their garbage, 25 percent more than did ten years ago. This increase can be attributed , in part , to the fact that a larger portion of the population is now under the age of 47.

Of the following, which can be most properly inferred from the passage above?

- A. Of those who currently recycle, at least 70 percent recycle less than 25 percent of what is potentially recyclable.
- B. Younger people are generally more conscientious about waste disposal than are older people.

- C. People under the age of 47 are more likely to recycle than are their older counterparts.
 - D. The overall population has risen by at least 25 percent in the past ten years.
 - E. People currently over the age of 47 recycled more often ten years ago.
29. State colleges have lower tuitions than do private colleges because many of their operating costs are covered by federal and state funds.

Which of the following inferences is best supported by the statement made above?

- A. Private colleges have higher operating costs than do state colleges.
 - B. Many more people matriculate at state colleges than do at private colleges.
 - C. Tuition fees and operating costs are directly related.
 - D. the cost of attending state college is always more than the cost of attending private college.
 - E. If private colleges are to lower their tuitions , they must receive outside support.
30. Many people feel that hard work deserves a reward. However, this is not true. Hard work should be its own reward, because such work intrinsically gives the worker satisfaction when it is performed satisfactorily.

The author of the argument draws his or her conclusion by

- A. Claiming than what is commonly believed is false for that very reason.
 - B. Pointing out the inconsistencies in a counterargument.
 - C. Challenging the definition of the word "reward" as something extrinsic to a task.
 - D. Repeating a premise that was previously stated.
 - E. Allowing a counterclaim to weaken his or her argument.
- 31 . If we reduce the salaries of our employees, then profits will increase by 35 percent. Because we must increase our profits, it is clear that employee salaries must be reduced.

Which of the following most closely parallels the reasoning used in the argument above?

- A. If I eat less food, I will lose weight. Since I started skipping breakfast, I have lost ten pounds.
- B. If I work four more hours each week, I will earn enough money to afford a new hobby. Because I would like a new hobby, I will collect coins.
- C. If god does not exist, then there is no basis for morality. Because some actions are morally wrong, God must exist.
- D. If there is an economic recession, then salaries will be reduced. Because salaries are not decreasing, there is not an economic

recession.

E. If there were more commercials, the number of television watchers would decline. Because the number of television watchers should be reduced, the number of commercials should be increased.

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

32. As we traveled the back roads of Arkansas, each of us were equipped with a canteen, a knife, and a compass.

A. Each of us were equipped

B. Equipping ourselves

C. Every one of were equipped

D. Each of us was equipped

E. Equipped as we are

33. The best labor negotiators are the ones that have the ability of settling even the most irreconcilable stalemates.

A. The ones that have the ability of settling even

B. Them that are able even to settle

C. Those who have the ability to settle even

D. Those that are able to even settle

E. The ones who have the ability of even settling

34. Many small companies expand their client bases not so much by aggressive marketing as by networking and word of mouth.

A. So much by aggressive marketing as by

B. As much with marketing aggressively as with

C. Much by aggressive marketing that instead by

D. So aggressively with marketing but with

E. In marketing aggressively but rather in