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Introduction

Welcome to *1,001 GRE Practice Questions For Dummies*. Don't take the Dummies thing personally — you're obviously no dummy. You made it through high school with high enough grades and test scores to get into college. You then graduated to join the elite group of approximately 30 percent of U.S. citizens who hold bachelor's degrees, and some of you even have master's degrees. And now you're about to take your education further.

Between you and your goal is the GRE: a test designed solely to challenge your ability to remember everything you've forgotten since high school — material you haven't touched in years. To clear this hurdle, you need some practice along with pointers of how best to answer the questions. This book provides that and more: It goes beyond providing relevant practice questions by showing simple and effective ways to solve the seemingly challenging GRE problems.

What You'll Find

The GRE practice problems in this book are divided into six chapters: three verbal, two math, and one writing. Questions are grouped by topic. If there's a topic that you struggle with, you'll find a group of similar questions to practice and hone your skills. This book serves as an effective stand-alone refresher of GRE basics, or as an excellent companion to *GRE For Dummies*, 8th Edition, written by yours truly (with invaluable help from Joe Kraynak) and published by Wiley. Either way, this book helps you identify subject areas you need to work on so that you can practice them until you're a pro, and thus prepare yourself for test day.

If you get a problem wrong, don't just read the answer explanation and move on. Instead, come back to the problem and solve it again, this time avoiding the mistake that you made the first time. This is how you improve your skills and learn to solve the problems correctly and easily.

Whatever you do, stay positive. The challenging problems in this book aren't meant to discourage you. Rather, they're meant to show you how to solve them so that you can practice and master them.

How the Questions Are Organized

The test is divided into three main parts: verbal, math, and writing.

Verbal

The verbal questions in this book cover the following topics:

- ✓ **Sentence completion:** These questions have sentences with one, two, or three words missing, and you have to select the word or words that logically complete the sentence.
- ✓ **Reading comprehension:** The GRE gives you a reading passage along with two to five questions based on the passage. The questions challenge your ability to discern the purpose of the passage and the significance of the details.
- ✓ **Argument analysis:** The GRE provides a short argument in the form of a passage and then asks you to select an answer that would either strengthen or weaken the argument. You may also have to define the roles of bolded sentences or select a sentence that serves a specific purpose.

Math

The math questions in this book cover the following topics:

- ✓ **Arithmetic:** These questions are based on core arithmetic concepts, including prime numbers, absolute value, decimals, fractions, and ratios. Don't be fooled by the simple nature: these questions can be as challenging as any that you find on the GRE.
- ✓ **Geometry:** Geometry covers basic shapes, such as triangles, circles, and squares. These questions also go into basic 3-D shapes, including cylinders and boxes, but no prisms, spheres, or cones. The GRE sticks to its limited scope of math concepts.
- ✓ **Argument analysis:** The GRE provides a short argument in the form of a passage and then asks you to select an answer that would either strengthen or weaken the argument. You may also have to define the roles of bolded sentences or select a sentence that serves a specific purpose.
- ✓ **Algebra:** These questions are extensions of arithmetic, going into exponents, square roots, and numeric sequences. They also explore variations of solving for x and linear equations having x and y .
- ✓ **Word problems:** No set of word problems is complete without the two trains coming from Chattanooga. These questions cover those, along with weighted averages, probability, Venn diagrams, permutations, and combinations.
- ✓ **Graphs and data interpretation:** The GRE problems feature variations of median, range, and standard deviation concepts. It also asks challenging tables and graphs questions where, like the reading comprehension, you are given a set of graphs along with three questions based on those graphs.
- ✓ **Comparing quantities:** About 8 of the 20 math questions in each section rehash the topics mentioned previously, but they're in the format where you compare Quantity A to Quantity B and determine whether one is greater, they're the same, or the relationship can't be determined.

Writing

You are tasked with writing two different essays on the GRE, and these pages provide plenty of practice:

- ✓ **Analyze an issue essay:** For your first essay, the GRE gives you an issue statement and asks you to declare and support your position on that issue. The GRE asks for *your opinion*, so be sure to state what you think — as long as you can support it.
- ✓ **Analyze an argument essay:** For your second essay, the GRE gives you an argument that is typically flawed or incomplete. Your job is to analyze the argument and its reasoning and evidence and describe why the argument is either faulty or sound, and what information or evidence is needed to validate the argument.

Beyond the Book

Your purchase of this book gives you so much more than just several hundred problems you can work on to improve your understanding of the topics on the GRE. It also comes with a free, one-year subscription to hundreds of practice questions online. Not only can you access this digital content anytime you want, on whichever device is available to you, but you can also track your progress and view personalized reports that show you which concepts you need to study the most.

What you'll find

The online practice that comes free with this book offers you the same questions and answers that are available here along with hundreds more. And online, they're in a multiple-choice format. What's great about this format is that it allows you to zero in on the details that can make or break your solution. Sometimes one (or more) of the incorrect answer options is the result of a calculation error. When you catch yourself making such a common error, you'll know not to take the same approach with similar problems on a graded test, when the right answers really count.

Of course, the real beauty of the online problems is the ability to customize your practice. In other words, you get to choose the types of problems and the number of problems you want to tackle. The online program tracks how many questions you answer correctly versus incorrectly so you can get an immediate sense of which topics need more of your attention.

This product also comes with an online Cheat Sheet that helps you increase your odds of performing well on the GRE. Check out the free Cheat Sheet at www.dummies.com/cheatsheet/1001GRE. (No access code required. You can benefit from this info before you even register.)

How to register

To gain access to practice online, all you have to do is register. Just follow these simple steps:

1. **Register your book or ebook at Dummies.com to get your PIN. Go to www.dummies.com/go/getaccess.**
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Now you're ready to go! You can come back to the practice material as often as you want — simply log on with the username and password you created during your initial login. No need to enter the access code a second time.

Your registration is good for one year from the day you activate your PIN.

Where to Go for Additional Help

The solutions to the practice problems in this book are meant to walk you through how to get the right answers; they're not meant to teach the material. If certain concepts are unfamiliar to you, you can find help at www.dummies.com. Just type "GRE" into the search box to turn up a wealth of GRE-related information.

If you need more detailed instruction, check out the previously referenced *GRE For Dummies*.

Part I

The Questions



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In this part . . .

Become familiar with the ways the GRE asks you to read sentences and paragraphs, and brush up on the vocab that you're likely to see. You also get to work on hundreds of math problems so that you recognize the common GRE traps and tricks. Finally, you get some practice writing the essays.

- ✓ *Sentence Completion (Chapter 1)*
- ✓ *Reading Comprehension (Chapter 2)*
- ✓ *Argument Analysis (Chapter 3)*
- ✓ *Arithmetic (Chapters 4 and 5)*
- ✓ *Geometry (Chapters 4 and 5)*
- ✓ *Algebra (Chapters 4 and 5)*
- ✓ *Word Problems (Chapter 4)*
- ✓ *Graphs and Data Interpretation (Chapters 4 and 5)*
- ✓ *Quantitative Comparisons (Chapter 5)*
- ✓ *Analyze an Issue Essay (Chapter 6)*
- ✓ *Analyze an Argument Essay (Chapter 6)*

Chapter 1

Sentence Completion

Sentence Completion refers to Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence questions. Text Completion questions have one, two, or three words missing, and you choose one word for each blank. Sentence Equivalence questions have one word missing, and you choose two words for the blank.

Half the challenge is interpreting the sentence, and the other half is sorting through the vocabulary. With practice, you learn to easily interpret the sentence, and with exposure, you recognize the commonly-used GRE vocabulary words.

The Problems You'll Work On

When working through the questions in this chapter, be prepared to

- ✓ Look for clues in the sentence to determine its meaning.
- ✓ Recognize irony, figures of speech, and formal diction.
- ✓ Use transition words (“but, however, therefore”) to get the gist of the phrases.
- ✓ Break the sentence into smaller pieces.
- ✓ Check one word blank at a time to eliminate answer choices.

What to Watch Out For

The meaning of the sentence is not always clear, and the vocabulary can be tricky, so watch out for trap word-choice answers that

- ✓ Appear to fit the sentence but don't support its meaning
- ✓ Support the meaning of the sentence but aren't used properly
- ✓ Appear to have one meaning but actually mean something else, such as “condone,” which means “approve”

For questions 1–90, each of the following sentences has a blank indicating that a word or phrase is omitted. Choose the two answer choices that best complete the sentence and result in two sentences most alike in meaning.

1. The crowd applauded the dancer, despite her odd ways, finding brilliance in the _____ of her movements.
[A] offensiveness
[B] anomaly
[C] irregularity
[D] mastery
[E] grotesquery
[F] banality
2. I read every political blog I found to _____ as many facts about the state of the world as I could before my interview with the foreign service.
[A] accrete
[B] eradicate
[C] garner
[D] jettison
[E] comprise
[F] accumulate
3. The dedication highlighted Dr. Carter's Nobel Prize in mathematics as the _____ of his career, which hardly acknowledges the honor of such a distinction.
[A] zenith
[B] apex
[C] plateau
[D] median
[E] pedestal
[F] foundation
4. Tracy thought James was a perfect match for her in every way except for his _____ taste in food, with her palette not as adventurous as his.
[A] humdrum
[B] dazzling
[C] eclectic
[D] lackluster
[E] diverse
[F] inspired
5. Mr. Horton turned beet red after Ricky failed to show the proper _____ at Kim's graduation.
[A] unruliness
[B] tranquility
[C] majesty
[D] violence
[E] decorum
[F] tact
6. Considering how outlandish the pop star's wardrobe is when she is on stage, her gown at the music awards was very _____.
[A] extraordinary
[B] banal
[C] predictable
[D] derivative
[E] conventional
[F] unique

7. As much as Carl wanted to buy the mountain bike, he felt that it wasn't a _____ decision.
- [A] trustworthy
 - [B] risky
 - [C] pragmatic
 - [D] corrupt
 - [E] precarious
 - [F] rational
8. Downhill skiers are some of the most _____ in the Olympics, reaching speeds of up to 80 miles per hour.
- [A] coy
 - [B] plucky
 - [C] tentative
 - [D] egotistical
 - [E] fearless
 - [F] haughty
9. John thought that he and Kim had made amends after the disagreement last week, but based on the way she continued to _____ at him, it was clear John was wrong.
- [A] beam
 - [B] glower
 - [C] contort
 - [D] smirk
 - [E] scowl
 - [F] mope
10. The fact that Nichelle made it into Harvard was _____, considering that she had such a low GPA.
- [A] enlightening
 - [B] furtive
 - [C] incoherent
 - [D] enigmatic
 - [E] explicable
 - [F] mysterious
11. The bistro was known for its lobster bisque, so when the kitchen ran out, the cooks had to come up with a suitable replacement dish to _____ the angry diners.
- [A] annoy
 - [B] placate
 - [C] remedy
 - [D] provoke
 - [E] improve
 - [F] appease
12. The cheating scandal would likely _____ the football team's reputation for a long time.
- [A] extol
 - [B] heighten
 - [C] sully
 - [D] belittle
 - [E] tarnish
 - [F] boost

13. The scene in the stadium was becoming increasingly _____ as the fans grew angrier about calls made against the home team.
- [A] explosive
 - [B] vulnerable
 - [C] tenuous
 - [D] volatile
 - [E] steady
 - [F] weak
14. Tommy's _____ manners were far below Sarah's parents' high-class lifestyle.
- [A] polished
 - [B] plebeian
 - [C] abrasive
 - [D] naughty
 - [E] refined
 - [F] coarse
15. Karen refuses to _____ for a raise.
- [A] crave
 - [B] pray
 - [C] inquire
 - [D] grovel
 - [E] request
 - [F] plead
16. The Jones family acts like it doesn't seek attention, but then it does something wholly _____, such as when Mrs. Jones wore a mink coat to the little league football game.
- [A] modest
 - [B] salient
 - [C] trivial
 - [D] prominent
 - [E] unobtrusive
 - [F] palpable
17. The students loved the teacher's _____ style of teaching because they never knew what the lesson would be like on any given day.
- [A] humdrum
 - [B] knowable
 - [C] trite
 - [D] whimsical
 - [E] capricious
 - [F] innovative
18. Jackie had been saving her frequent flyer miles for ten years, and her patience paid off when she was able to book the _____ suite in Las Vegas fit for a king. There was even a chandelier in the bathroom.
- [A] unique
 - [B] moderate
 - [C] palatial
 - [D] pedestrian
 - [E] lavish
 - [F] unparalleled
19. The _____ of the intervention trial was more than the researchers had hoped for, with results far beyond what they had hypothesized.
- [A] ineptitude
 - [B] efficacy
 - [C] shortcoming
 - [D] tolerability
 - [E] effectiveness
 - [F] acceptability

20. Karen was shocked hearing her dad tell friends how proud he was of her, as all he ever did was make _____ comments.
- [A] profane
 - [B] caustic
 - [C] sarcastic
 - [D] encouraging
 - [E] blasphemous
 - [F] supportive
21. Rather than discuss the issues at hand, the speaker _____ all day about how right he was and how wrong everyone else was.
- [A] pondered
 - [B] opined
 - [C] consulted
 - [D] preached
 - [E] deliberated
 - [F] reflected
22. Jason took Carol to dinner and a movie, which she felt was a _____ activity and not impressive at all.
- [A] tasteless
 - [B] imaginative
 - [C] dreary
 - [D] thrilling
 - [E] prosaic
 - [F] pedestrian
23. Having the play produced was the _____ of Charlotte's college career, with the rest of the experience passing by without anything else significant occurring.
- [A] standard
 - [B] makeup
 - [C] quality
 - [D] acme
 - [E] pinnacle
 - [F] peculiarity
24. The success of the hit comedy *Seinfeld* was mainly due to the _____ dialogue between the characters, with each being capable of cleverly delivering humorous lines.
- [A] droll
 - [B] witty
 - [C] obvious
 - [D] dense
 - [E] obtuse
 - [F] classic
25. By _____ the immoral behaviors of celebrity professional athletes, society is sending a negative message to our youth.
- [A] punishing
 - [B] praising
 - [C] condoning
 - [D] lauding
 - [E] rebuking
 - [F] pardoning
26. Trying to get a picture of white storks in migration is tricky because of their _____ travel patterns.
- [A] erratic
 - [B] transparent
 - [C] obvious
 - [D] intermittent
 - [E] foreseeable
 - [F] unimagined

27. Although Johnny Depp is best known as a major Hollywood celebrity, he is also well known for his _____ personality, frequently socializing in the communities where he is shooting films.
- [A] confident
 - [B] gregarious
 - [C] introverted
 - [D] extroverted
 - [E] pompous
 - [F] reluctant
28. The Congressional Medal of Honor is given to exceptionally _____ soldiers who place themselves in the most terrifying situations to save the lives of others.
- [A] proficient
 - [B] resolute
 - [C] established
 - [D] intrepid
 - [E] gallant
 - [F] clever
29. Being confident in your ideas is a good characteristic for a boss, but if you possess a _____ attitude, you hinder your ability to learn from others and improve yourself or the business.
- [A] lenient
 - [B] doctrinaire
 - [C] dogmatic
 - [D] prejudiced
 - [E] generous
 - [F] partisan
30. By providing tax incentives for small business startups, the president _____ economic growth and reduced unemployment.
- [A] engendered
 - [B] obstructed
 - [C] allowed
 - [D] inhibited
 - [E] certified
 - [F] stimulated
31. Google is considered to be the _____ of a positive workplace environment, with ample vacation time and nap pods for every employee.
- [A] deficiency
 - [B] surplus
 - [C] paragon
 - [D] exemplar
 - [E] shortcoming
 - [F] intemperance
32. Because Jordan quickly noticed his wallet was missing, the damage to his bank account was _____, with most of his money remaining untouched.
- [A] microscopic
 - [B] nominal
 - [C] immense
 - [D] significant
 - [E] petite
 - [F] negligible

33. As the semester progressed, the attendance in Professor Landsburg's class diminished due to his _____ character, as the professor often shed tears while reciting poetry.
- [A] composed
 - [B] maudlin
 - [C] mawkish
 - [D] affectionate
 - [E] impassive
 - [F] neurotic
34. St. Mary's Catholic School has been teaching students for more than 100 years, and it takes great pride in the _____ that guide(s) it, in that each day starts and ends the same way, and any student who does not act accordingly is subject to expulsion.
- [A] agendas
 - [B] mores
 - [C] authority
 - [D] strategies
 - [E] norms
 - [F] formulas
35. The coaches agreed to _____ to determine the outcome of the game after the last play was too close for the referees to call.
- [A] analyze
 - [B] dispute
 - [C] concur
 - [D] parley
 - [E] squabble
 - [F] confer
36. Poor grades are _____ among the basketball team players because of all the classes they miss for games.
- [A] endemic
 - [B] native
 - [C] measly
 - [D] sparse
 - [E] exclusive
 - [F] rife
37. The hiker showed _____ by rationing his water for the long hike.
- [A] prudence
 - [B] destiny
 - [C] providence
 - [D] retrospection
 - [E] fortune
 - [F] hindsight
38. The barn cat created _____ with the farmer by keeping mice out of the horse feed, for which the farmer gave it food and water and let it sleep in the barn.
- [A] sovereignty
 - [B] symbiosis
 - [C] enslavement
 - [D] freedom
 - [E] mutualism
 - [F] addiction
39. J. D. Salinger was famous for the way in which he moved into a remote cabin and lived a _____ life; therefore, there are few accounts of his personal life.
- [A] hermetic
 - [B] forsaken
 - [C] lonely
 - [D] derelict
 - [E] deserted
 - [F] reclusive

40. The only reason Henry passed English this fall semester was that his professor was extremely _____, believing every story for why assignments were never finished.
- [A] seasoned
 - [B] credulous
 - [C] gullible
 - [D] immature
 - [E] inept
 - [F] cunning
41. Davis was naïve to think that Ms. Miller would change her _____ behavior, as she was in the middle of a con when he met her.
- [A] stony
 - [B] honorable
 - [C] wily
 - [D] sincere
 - [E] unemotional
 - [F] crafty
42. The sheriff almost fired the deputy for committing such a _____ act, when the deputy ran from the building after discovering the bomb.
- [A] craven
 - [B] feeble
 - [C] valiant
 - [D] heroic
 - [E] pitiable
 - [F] pusillanimous
43. Emily Post is a famous author whose name has become synonymous with _____ after writing a number of books teaching young women how to be respectable ladies in society.
- [A] insolence
 - [B] sympathy
 - [C] audacity
 - [D] propriety
 - [E] sensitivity
 - [F] etiquette
44. Steve Martin made many movies during his career, but despite his serious and dramatic roles, he will be remembered best for his _____ characters in his early comedies.
- [A] irresponsible
 - [B] puerile
 - [C] infantile
 - [D] mature
 - [E] petty
 - [F] wise
45. The comedian was not well liked by the audience, which felt that his _____ jokes were offensive.
- [A] heartfelt
 - [B] duplicitous
 - [C] dishonest
 - [D] sardonic
 - [E] hypocritical
 - [F] mordant

- 46.** Bill's dad had to pay the neighbor \$150 to _____ the disturbance, and Bill wasn't allowed to play drums in the backyard anymore.
- [A] exacerbate
 - [B] redress
 - [C] alleviate
 - [D] recuperate
 - [E] remedy
 - [F] enrich
- 47.** The voters were _____ as they stood in line, primarily because the latest polls had shown that their representative was way ahead of his opponent in the elections.
- [A] cynical
 - [B] sanguine
 - [C] suspicious
 - [D] insistent
 - [E] adamant
 - [F] optimistic
- 48.** The _____ appetite of the Great White Shark causes it to consume almost 500 pounds of food a day, but it can survive for two weeks without eating.
- [A] replete
 - [B] temperate
 - [C] satiated
 - [D] implacable
 - [E] unappeasable
 - [F] abounding
- 49.** Jenny had a style that fit the punk scene, but the preppy kids at school treated her like she was a(n) _____ and barely spoke to her.
- [A] pariah
 - [B] offscouring
 - [C] colleague
 - [D] interloper
 - [E] counterpart
 - [F] expatriate
- 50.** Though initially successful, the art dealer had to close his gallery after word got out that he was a _____, having never seriously studied or worked with fine art to any significant extent.
- [A] proletarian
 - [B] authority
 - [C] specialist
 - [D] dilettante
 - [E] curmudgeon
 - [F] amateur
- 51.** The directors chose Lisa to _____ her former supervisor after they caught the supervisor printing Christmas cards with the company's equipment.
- [A] promote
 - [B] invite
 - [C] terminate
 - [D] coordinate
 - [E] supplant
 - [F] displace

52. No one invites Monty to parties, because he drinks too much and becomes _____, arguing and picking fights.
- [A] surly
 - [B] churlish
 - [C] insubordinate
 - [D] civil
 - [E] polished
 - [F] defiant
53. After the _____ actions of President Nixon involving the Watergate Hotel, the country was shocked and disillusioned, and his impeachment seemed imminent.
- [A] fearsome
 - [B] unconscionable
 - [C] obscure
 - [D] bravura
 - [E] scandalous
 - [F] brilliant
54. The members of the jury couldn't come to a decision because of the defendant's moving testimony, with those believing the _____ of it voting to acquit.
- [A] fraudulence
 - [B] equivocation
 - [C] veracity
 - [D] duplicity
 - [E] directness
 - [F] authenticity
55. The bank cut Tim off after his _____ use of credit cards exceeded the account limits.
- [A] prodigal
 - [B] oblivious
 - [C] heedless
 - [D] selfless
 - [E] philanthropic
 - [F] extravagant
56. The stock market crash of 2008 led to the _____ of most banking activities, including mortgage loans and lending services, due to the levels of bankruptcy and the instability of fund balances.
- [A] upsurge
 - [B] diminution
 - [C] abeyance
 - [D] suspension
 - [E] improvement
 - [F] escalation
57. Although the volcano Haleakala on the island of Maui is usually _____, it has erupted in a lava flow three times during the last 900 years.
- [A] functional
 - [B] destroyed
 - [C] lively
 - [D] fallow
 - [E] immobile
 - [F] dormant
58. The school board was completely unprepared for the _____ by the cafeteria staff, which locked the doors and refused to accept delivery from the food vendor.
- [A] riots
 - [B] insurrection
 - [C] complaints
 - [D] unrest
 - [E] uprising
 - [F] reconciliation

59. The playwright wrote a(n) _____ that depicted his mother as a neurotic control freak who rummages his drawers when he's not home, though he later said that he had exaggerated.
- [A] cartoon
 - [B] tribute
 - [C] lampoon
 - [D] homage
 - [E] satire
 - [F] analysis
60. Training for the marathon while working 60 hours a week left Charlie feeling _____.
- [A] frenzied
 - [B] enervated
 - [C] reinvigorated
 - [D] languid
 - [E] supported
 - [F] prohibited
61. Robin didn't agree with what her competitor said during the debate, but she couldn't help but feel sorry for him after the vicious _____ he received from the judge following his statement.
- [A] docility
 - [B] commendation
 - [C] reticence
 - [D] vituperation
 - [E] condescension
 - [F] opprobrium
62. The _____ explanation Jeannine gave for being late only made her parents more suspicious of her whereabouts; she should have been brief.
- [A] oblique
 - [B] persnickety
 - [C] earnest
 - [D] circuitous
 - [E] punctilious
 - [F] frivolous
63. Henry David Thoreau wrote *Walden* while living in a remote cabin in the woods, and although his philosophy and insights about getting back to nature are quite wise, most of modern society, with all the available indulgences, does not have what it takes to live that type of _____ life.
- [A] monastic
 - [B] zealous
 - [C] equitable
 - [D] clement
 - [E] austere
 - [F] altruistic
64. Cherry tells the truth in such a way that people are taken aback by her _____ remarks.
- [A] sincere
 - [B] amicable
 - [C] hypocritical
 - [D] deceitful
 - [E] ingenuous
 - [F] candid

65. In the horror movie *Carrie*, bullying hits a(n) _____ when the main character is doused in blood at the prom and is humiliated in front of the entire school.
- [A] infamy
 - [B] crest
 - [C] distinction
 - [D] peak
 - [E] nadir
 - [F] depth
66. Nelson Mandela was held in great _____ by citizens and leaders of the world for his prudence in the fight for equal rights in South Africa, and as a result, more than 4,500 people attended his funeral.
- [A] revulsion
 - [B] deference
 - [C] disdain
 - [D] regard
 - [E] infatuation
 - [F] allure
67. Finishing the book on time wouldn't have been so _____ if the publisher hadn't moved the deadline up by three weeks, causing Jane undue duress.
- [A] convoluted
 - [B] facile
 - [C] onerous
 - [D] extraneous
 - [E] arduous
 - [F] paltry
68. Dale's friends were concerned about him because he'd become _____ since he was left at the altar, staring at the television in his basement day in and day out.
- [A] derisory
 - [B] phlegmatic
 - [C] vigorous
 - [D] apathetic
 - [E] slothful
 - [F] pathetic
69. Although the teacher's _____ abilities come in handy, they can also trap him, as he doesn't always want to be responsible for every problem.
- [A] assiduous
 - [B] perspicacious
 - [C] sagacious
 - [D] pensive
 - [E] erudite
 - [F] introspective
70. Debating the professor was a challenge, as he was such a(n) _____ that he would use the smallest detail of any point to invalidate the entire argument.
- [A] pedant
 - [B] connoisseur
 - [C] obfuscator
 - [D] contender
 - [E] hair-splitter
 - [F] specialist

71. The outrage over the verdict was immense from the crowd, which could not believe that the jury had decided the crime was nothing more than _____ when so many people had been hurt.
- [A] reputable
 - [B] wicked
 - [C] nefarious
 - [D] a peccadillo
 - [E] a misdemeanor
 - [F] culpable
72. The admissions committee was quick to narrow the field to only the most remarkable candidates, rejecting any application that was _____ in tone or content.
- [A] quotidian
 - [B] unexceptional
 - [C] prestigious
 - [D] outlandish
 - [E] phenomenal
 - [F] inconsequential
73. Vera was so offended at her date's chauvinism that she stood up, delivered a _____ remark, and threw her drink in his face before storming off.
- [A] straggling
 - [B] loutish
 - [C] pithy
 - [D] urbane
 - [E] sententious
 - [F] chivalrous
74. King Henry VIII was able to divorce his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, by forcing the clergy of the Catholic church to _____ its power and then claiming the role of supreme head of the church himself.
- [A] congregate
 - [B] abdicate
 - [C] assent
 - [D] diverge
 - [E] renounce
 - [F] disperse
75. Matt shows off that he's a _____ whenever he can, as he spoke French to the cab driver and Portuguese to the hotel concierge, both of whom were American.
- [A] polyglot
 - [B] genius
 - [C] linguist
 - [D] bilingual
 - [E] leader
 - [F] mastermind
76. The planners avoided the big picture by obsessing over _____ details.
- [A] wooly
 - [B] ambiguous
 - [C] incongruous
 - [D] tangential
 - [E] peripheral
 - [F] divergent

- 77.** Mr. Wentworth made his fortune as a(n) _____ businessman; when a farmer was in financial trouble, he would help out for a share of the profits.
- [A] politic
 - [B] astute
 - [C] parsimonious
 - [D] munificent
 - [E] miserly
 - [F] charitable
- 78.** The family searched for even the slightest _____ of something nostalgic from the tornado wreckage, but everything was gone.
- [A] paucity
 - [B] vestige
 - [C] indication
 - [D] plethora
 - [E] trace
 - [F] glut
- 79.** Shelly's _____ belief that she was going to sell her first novel and become a millionaire kept her from considering any other reality.
- [A] recalcitrant
 - [B] quixotic
 - [C] idealistic
 - [D] obliging
 - [E] emphatic
 - [F] malleable
- 80.** A sense of _____ helps one act according to what is right and with respect for others and the truth.
- [A] clemency
 - [B] impiety
 - [C] commiseration
 - [D] malevolence
 - [E] probity
 - [F] integrity
- 81.** It takes some degree of _____ to publish a daily personal blog because not everyone is able to talk about himself prolifically.
- [A] ambivalence
 - [B] narcissism
 - [C] eloquence
 - [D] moderation
 - [E] hypocrisy
 - [F] conceit
- 82.** Everyone who had the _____ to invest in Apple when it was cheap, in the '80s, is a millionaire now.
- [A] circumspection
 - [B] prescience
 - [C] foresight
 - [D] negligence
 - [E] gumption
 - [F] imprudence