

GRE DIAGNOSTIC VOCABULARY TEST

DIRECTIONS: In the following, choose the best synonym for each given word. If you do not know the meaning of the word:

- 1) look for meaningful word parts,
 - 2) think of a context in which you have heard the word used, and
 - 3) intuitively give the word a negative or positive connotation.
1. AUSTERE A) fanatical B) severe C) apparent D) careful E) biblical
 2. EXCULPATE A) divorce B) accuse C) wash D) absolve E) praise
 3. DILETTANTE A) dabbler B) snob C) martyr D) expert E) dancer
 4. ABROGATE A) shorten B) permit C) revoke D) enclose E) cherish
 5. COVERT A) covered B) motorized C) special D) unfriendly E) rocky
 6. BENEVOLENT A) flighty B) charitable C) violent D) appropriate E) naughty
 7. NADIR A) highest point B) midpoint C) lowest point D) pointless E) birth
 8. TICKLE A) evangelize B) produce C) joke D) begin E) excite
 9. BELLICOSE A) cautious B) stout C) close by D) warlike E) bell-shaped
 10. STEALTH A) secret mission B) crime C) well-being D) strong bind E) accusation
 11. TURGID A) clear B) muddy C) swollen D) flexible E) larger
 12. GARRULOUS A) grateful B) talkative C) friendly D) obnoxious E) quarrelsome
 13. HIATUS A) joint B) peak C) break D) honor E) aftermath
 14. INDIGENT A) native B) angry C) digestible D) helpful E) needy
 15. FLAG A) stimulate B) fail C) graduate D) wane E) prosper
 16. PALLIATE A) whiten B) worsen C) lessen D) carry E) drop
 17. ESCHEW A) avoid B) murder C) pulverize D) establish E) attack
 18. MYRIAD A) heavenly body B) reflective mind C) nautical instrument
D) countless number E) shimmering light
 19. CREDULOUS A) honorable B) gullible C) unsure D) dogmatic E) facile
 20. TRENCHANT A) depressed B) hiding C) smelly D) keen E) stupid
 21. MELLIFLUOUS A) heavily laden B) long winded C) sweetly flowing D) twisted
 22. ELEGY A) personal tribute B) funeral song C) legendary story D) happy reunion
 23. OPULENT A) repugnant B) royal C) affluent D) blind E) valuable
 24. BELIE A) misrepresent B) accurately report C) go to trial D) befriend

ANSWER KEY

1. B	9. D	17. A
2. D	10. A	18. D
3. A	11. C	19. B
4. C	12. B	20. D
5. A	13. C	21. C
6. B	14. E	22. B
7. C	15. D	23. C
8. E	16. C	24. A

SCORING

20-24 Excellent

15-19 Good - some review recommended

Below 15 Help is on the way!