



# Test Prep

**GRE**

**Graduate Record Examination Test: Verbal,  
Quantitative, Analytical Writing**

**QUESTION & ANSWERS**

### Question: 1

SANDAL : FOOTPRINT

- A. sock : carpet
- B. river : gorge
- C. galosh : puddle
- D. cleat : turf
- E. boat : wake

**Answer: E**

### Explanation/Reference:

This is a "symptom or sign" analogy. A SANDAL leaves behind it a FOOTPRINT that traces the sandal's path; similarly, a boat leaves behind it a wake that traces the boat's path.

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### Question: 2

CURSIVE :

- A. spoken
- B. clumsy
- C. disjointed
- D. straight
- E. unadorned

**Answer: C**

### Explanation/Reference:

CURSIVE refers to a flowing, continuous style of printing or writing. Disjointed means "disconnected or separated".

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### Question: 3

AGILE : DANCER

- A. delicious : fruit
- B. diligent : worker

- C. barren : desert
- D. tall : building
- E. dangerous : criminal

**Answer: B**

**Explanation/Reference:**

This is an “ideal characteristic” analogy. An effective, or ideal, DANCER is AGILE (nimble), although agility is not a defining characteristic of a dancer. Similarly, an effective, or ideal, worker is diligent (not lazy), although diligence is not a defining characteristic of a worker.

**Question: 4**

HOSPITABLE : COURTESY

- A. morbid : cheerfulness
- B. vindictive : spite
- C. leisurely : haste
- D. infamous : honor
- E. despondent : glee

**Answer: B**

**Question: 5**

INNOVATION : PRECEDENT

- A. inception : reality
- B. invention : production
- C. conservation : simplicity
- D. renovation : antiquity
- E. illusion : veracity

**Answer: E**

## Explanation/Reference:

This is a “contrary meaning” analogy. An INNOVATION is a new idea that lacks PRECEDENT (an earlier instance or example). Similarly, an illusion by definition lacks veracity (truthfulness). Choice (D) is the second best choice: to renovate is to renew or improve something older, such as an antique. However, something renovated can still be antique.

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### Question: 6

FLU : MALADY

- A. finale : overture
- B. felony : misdemeanor
- C. fun : farce
- D. flea : parasite
- E. fire : hearth

**Answer: D**

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### Question: 7

FUGITIVE : FLEE

- A. parasite : foster
- B. braggart : boast
- C. sage : stifle
- D. bystander : procure
- E. firebrand : quibble

**Answer: B**

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### Question: 8

LAUGHTER : AMUSEMENT

- A. leisure : recreation