

# 1 月 4 日 GRE 考试回顾

## 阅读部分

### Passage 8

An alarming number of Mediterranean monk seals, an endangered species, have recently died. Postmortem analysis showed the presence of an as yet unidentified virus, as well as evidence of a known bacterial toxin. Seawater samples from the area where the seals died did contain unusually high concentrations of the toxic bacterium. Therefore, although both viruses and bacterial toxins can kill seals, it is more likely that these deaths were the result of the bacterial toxin.

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### Passage 17

Early naturalists believed two species of beaver lived in North America: dam beavers and bank beavers. The bank species was thought to resemble the muskrat in behavior, living in burrows or lodges and unable to build dams. In fact, dams are primarily a strategy for dealing with annual variations in water levels. If water levels fall in summer, as they do in most of North America, then beaver lodge entrances may be exposed. With stabilized water levels, their homes are much safer. Along deep rivers, where bank beavers are found, this problem seldom arises. But these beavers do know how to build dams, and do so if the need arises, as may occur if they are forced to relocate after felling and consuming all nearby trees.

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### Passage 20

In 1995 the Galileo spacecraft captured data about Jupiter's atmosphere—namely, the absence of most of the predicted atmospheric water—that challenged prevailing theories about Jupiter's structure. The unexpectedness of this finding fits a larger pattern in which theories about planetary composition and dynamics have failed to predict the realities discovered through space exploration. Instead of normal planets whose composition could be predicted by theory, the planets populating our solar system are unique individuals whose chemical and tectonic identities were created through numerous contingent events.

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### Passage 105

Writing about nineteenth-century women's travel writing, Lila Harper notes that the four women she discussed used their own names, in contrast with the nineteenth-century female novelists

who either published anonymously or used male pseudonyms. The novelists doubtless realized that they were breaking boundaries, whereas three of the four daring, solitary travelers espoused traditional values, eschewing radicalism and women's movements.

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### **Passage 123**

Biologists know that some marine algae can create clouds by producing the gas dimethylsulphide (DMS), which reacts with oxygen in air above the sea to form solid particles. These particles provide a surface on which water vapor can condense to form clouds. Lovelock contends that this process is part of global climatic-control system. According to Lovelock, Earth acts like a superorganism, with all its biological and physical systems cooperating to keep it healthy.

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### **Passage 127**

Most seismologists assume that following a major earthquake and its aftershocks, the fault (a break in Earth's crust where pressure can trigger an earthquake) will remain quiet until stresses have time to rebuild, typically over hundreds or thousands of years. Recent evidence of subtle interactions between earthquakes may overturn this assumption, however. According to the stress-triggering hypothesis, faults are unexpectedly responsive to subtle stresses they acquire as neighboring faults shift.

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### **Passage 133**

Some historians question the widely held belief that continually improving education led to gradual African American empowerment in the southern United States from the late nineteenth century through the mid-twentieth century. They note that the development of Black educational institutions in the segregated South was never rapid or steady: disparities between Black and White schools sometimes grew in the early decades of the twentieth century. And African Americans' educational gains did not bring commensurate economic gains.

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### **Passage 135**

The revival of mural painting that has occurred in San Francisco since the 1970s, especially among the Chicano population of the city's Mission District, has marked differences from its social realist forerunner in Mexico and the United States some 40 years earlier. Rather than being government sponsored and limited to murals on government buildings, the contemporary mural movement sprang from the people themselves, with murals appearing on community buildings and throughout college campuses.

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**Passage 186**

Growing grapes in greenhouses containing air enriched with carbon dioxide increases crop yields, an effect that is enhanced when the growing temperature is also raised several degrees. Although enclosed cultivation is impractical in vineyards, increases in yields from grape cultivation in the open can be expected because emissions from the burning of fossil fuels will almost certainly lead to an increase in the carbon dioxide content of atmospheric air over the next century.

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填空部分

- 17-2. The modest but functional new wing finally gives the museum the \_\_\_\_\_ to serve its visitors properly, including multiple entrances to eliminate the lines that used to snake around the building.
- A. visibility
  - B. wherewithal
  - C. reputation
  - D. solemnity
  - E. panache

20-3. Historian Barbara Alpern Engel's task in writing a book about women in Russia must have been a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ one, because the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the Russian empire's peoples meant that Russian women could never be treated as a homogeneous group.

A. motivating	D. unity among
B. boring	E. disinterest in
C. daunting	F. diversity of

34-6. Despite the occasional (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of their venues, the culture of corporate conferences is a deeply (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ conference, each day consisted of nearly nine hours of continuous lectures and panels enlivened by pleasantries or anything that could be construed as a joke. The only (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ sensory deprivation of the sessions came from the handsome color slides favored by the corporate presenters.

A. seclusion	D. sycophantic	G. allusion to
B. opulence	E. ascetic	H. ramification of

C. enormity	F. mercenary	I. respite from
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36-8. Despite a tendency to be overtly \_\_\_\_\_, her poetry does not consist solely of pious sentiments: it often sparks the imagination and provides lively entertainment.

- A. preachy
- B. querulous
- C. insincere
- D. sanctimonious
- E. plaintive
- F. disingenuous

69-10. Despite its best efforts to stimulate sales, the bookselling business remains far from \_\_\_\_\_, for it has high fixed costs in wages and rent, and falling prices make these ever harder to spur.

- A. effective
- B. healthy
- C. innovative
- D. robust
- E. stingy
- F. parsimonious

76-6. Most capuchin monkey conflict involves such a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ repertoire of gestural and vocal signals that it is difficult for researchers to tease apart the meanings of the individual signals. This (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ is (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ by the fact that many signals seem to shift in meaning according to the context in which they are produced and the developmental stage of the individuals producing them.

A. precise	D. problem	G. augmented
B. rich	E. opportunity	H. ameliorated
C. straightforward	F. oversight	I. anticipated

76-7. Since the data we have analyzed are so \_\_\_\_\_, it would be hazardous to draw a definite conclusion.

- A. copious
- B. overwhelming
- C. abundant
- D. meager
- E. paltry
- F. uncertain

79-3. Britain's Queen Victoria, however (i) \_\_\_\_\_ she had been at the beginning of her reign, was politically much more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by the end of her time on the throne, as she

resigned herself to the emergence of an increasingly powerful electorate that prevented her from stubbornly insisting on getting her own way in matters of state.

A. naïve	D. powerful
B. personable	E. arbitrary
C. obdurate	F. malleable

80-6. Vaccine denial has all the hallmarks of a belief system that is not (i) \_\_\_\_\_. The notion that childhood vaccines are driving autism rates has been (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by multiple epidemiological studies. Yet the true believers are (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, critiquing each new study that challenges their views, and rallying to the defense of disgraced researchers whose work was retracted.

A. amenable to refutation	D. resuscitated	G. indignant
B. susceptible to fashion	E. documented	H. persistent
C. open to criticism	F. upended	I. phlegmatic

87-2. For many in the room, the idea of coming to the assistance of a rival was more than unpleasant: it was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. unpropitious
- B. anomalous
- C. anathematic
- D. redundant
- E. meretricious

88-8. Sports stars are often \_\_\_\_\_ figures, regarded as representative of the city or country for which they compete.

- A. totemic
- B. iconoclastic
- C. protean
- D. idealized
- E. irreverent
- F. emblematic

97-4. Because the writer emphasizes the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of certain engineers whose contributions have been overlooked, her history of technology will not, like many of its predecessors, be a survey (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the most celebrated achievements in the field.

A. mediocrity	D. comprising
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B. importance	E. underestimating
C. anonymity	F. downplaying