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All but

This construction means very nearly, almost.

The castaway had all but given up on escaping the desert island, when he looked up and saw a helicopter.

A perfect GRE score will all but guarantee admission into some institute of higher learning.

At once X and Y

This is a funny construction. It is intended to show that two totally different qualities are present at the same time or in the same thing.

His life story was at once sad and inspiring—he had come from the most impoverished background, yet he found away to become wealthy.

At once pioneering and derivative, her research draws on others’ work while expanding the theoretical domain.

By no means

This word pops up often in Text Completions and Sentence Equivalence questions. It is GRE’s way of saying ‘not at all.’

He was by no means partial to her cause, yet he heard her out before railing against her beliefs.

The Internet by no means augurs the end of face-to-face interactions but simply provides another medium for communication.

Indeed

‘Indeed ‘is used to add emphasis to a preceding statement.

Chris has lost three foosball games in a row. Indeed it has been three months since he has won two consecutive games.

The old GRE is one of the most challenging standardized tests. Indeed, few people ever attained a perfect score.

Notwithstanding

This is a fancy way—and a cumbersome one—of saying ‘despite.’

Notwithstanding his laudable effort, he was unable to ever bowl more than 100.

The rebel group, notwithstanding earnest entreaties from the international community, continued to hold the besieged city. Indeed, it sacrificed its own members to do so.

all but: almost

anything but: not

nothing but: 只有(only, just)

but for: 要不是(except for, were it not for)

but for someone or something

if it were not for someone or something.

But for the railing, I'd have fallen down the stairs.

But for the children, Mrs. Smith would have left her husband years ago.

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aplomb: 沉着

‘Not forthcoming’ means not imminent or about to happen

unjustifiably: 不合理地

gross negligence: 重大过失

divine: 预言

quarantine: 隔离

promise: 保证

cede 与 relinquish: mean to surrender territory

tangential means not directly related to the topic

altercation: 争执

The keywords, 'quickly devolved...public altercations', that the couple began fighting in public.

spasmodically: 断续性地

sporadically means occurring at irregular intervals.

capriciously means whimsically: 善变地

spuriously: 伪造地

penurious: 贫穷的

lineage: 家系

contemporary: 同一时期的人, 同时代的

reconcile: 和解

dither: 犹豫(hesitate)

forwardness: 鲁莽forwardness is somebody who is bold in a social sense

obstinacy means stubbornness

unenlightened 与 uninformed 近义: 无知的

ail: 使苦恼

inclusion: 包括 means the including of something

conclusion: 结尾,结束

retraction: 收回retraction is a taking back of something

precis, synopsis: 摘要

innumerable , legion : 大量的

coffer: 金库

setback: 挫折

spurned means rejected, snubbed

erratic: 不稳定的 means highly unpredictable.

untiring: 不知疲倦的

heckler: 起哄者

epitome: 缩影

scheme, machinate: 诡计

forthright,candid means honest

dote: 溺爱

snide: 暗讽的 snide means insulting, usually in an indirect way

derogative: 贬损的 derogative means insulting

celerity 与swift 近义词: 快速

her research draws on others’ work: draw on 借鉴

rebel: 造反

genuine: 真诚的

disarm: 使熄怒

protest: 反抗

marginalize: 使边缘化 marginalize means to treat someone as inferior

inferior: 次品,下级的

plucky 有勇气的 which means not easily daunted

graft 与 venality 近义词: 贪污corruption

stigmatization: 耻辱 stigmatization implies that something has a damaged reputation

'Not merely curious...' shows that we need something more extreme than 'curious.'

needlessly : 不必要的

meddlesome: 爱管闲事的

prying: 爱打听的；窥探的

cavalier 与 blase 近义词: 漫不经心的

foliage: 植物

imperil: 使陷入危险 endanger

dismiss 与 discharge 近义词: 解雇, 让...离开

incentive: 动机

dicey 与 precarious: means dangerous and unpredictable

Bewildered and nonplussed synonyms for confused 困惑的

ingratiating: 逢迎的

flattery,fawn 谄媚

desperately: 拼命地; 绝望地

equitable 与 evenhanded 近义词: 公平的(fair)

embodiment: 化身

heretofore: 在此以前(time shift)

unassuming 与 modest 近义词: 谦逊的

oppressive: 暴虐的

oppressive regimes: 专制政权

wrath: 愤怒

informed: 有学识的

politic 与 prudent 近义词: 精明的(wise)

dispense with: 摒弃

nary: 连...也没有(no)

inarticulate: 不善言辞的 to be inarticulate is to be unable to speak clearly

inadvertently 与 unwittingly 近义词: 不经意的

dupe: 欺骗

urban: 城市的

rustic, pastoral: 乡村的(countryside)

backdrop: 背景

ineffably: 难以言寓地 Ineffably means indescribably

extant: 现存的

extent: 程度,范围

extend: 扩展

visage: 容貌

beamed means to show great pleasure

tight-lipped (the meaning of reticent)

for the time being: 暂且

vitriol: 尖酸刻薄的

confound: 击败, 混淆

confound expectations: 让那些希望破灭

hygiene: 卫生学

counterintuitive: 违反直觉的

scrub: 擦洗

introverted: 内向的

staid: 古板的 staid is boring and dull(与colorful反义词)

belie: The word ‘belie’, which means to give a misleading impression(有shift的含义)

The hill was marked with a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that belied the abject poverty huddled at its base.

The word ‘belie’, which means to give a misleading impression of, contrasts the blank with ‘the abject poverty.’

splendor,grandeur,grandeur: 富丽堂皇的

temerity: 鲁莽的

chic means elegant and fashionable

crude: 粗糙的

innate: 先天的, 固有的

malleable means moldable

bleak 与 grim 近义词: means acking any hope or cheer

sentimental: 多愁善感的(nostalgia 怀旧)

Yielding to increased pressure from the international community:屈服于国际社会的压力增加