



● Word Pair Analogies Answer Key *(high-advanced level GRE)*

Worksheet 1

1) B
A characteristic of **alabaster** is to be **white**.

2) E
The function of **masonry** is to **construct**.

3) C
A characteristic of a **fluctuation** is to be **irregular**.

4) B
Something that is **disparate** is very **distinct**.

5) D
A **count** is part of the **nobility**.

6) A
Something that is **latent** lacks **manifestation**.

7) C
By definition, **reticent** is the opposite of **talkative**.

8) B
To **castigate** is to **criticize** severely.
To **brutalize** is to **bully** severely.

Worksheet 2

1) E
Something that is **explicit** lacks **ambiguity**.

2) E
A characteristic of a **citadel** is to be **fortified**.

3) B
Innocuous is the opposite of **dangerous**.

4) A
An **installment** is part of a **serial**.

5) A
A **masquerade** is a type of **party**.

6) D
A characteristic of a **sycophant** is to be **servile**.

7) D
The purpose of a **blandishment** is to **coax**.
The purpose of a **eulogy** is to **praise**.

8) B
Pragmatism is a type of **philosophy**.
Envy is a type of **sin**.

Worksheet 3

1) B

A **foreground** is part of a **landscape**.

2) A

The function of a **monument** is to **venerate**.

3) E

Something that is **adulterated** lacks **purity**.

4) B

By definition, **fervid** is the opposite of **dispassionate**.

5) C

A characteristic of a **daredevil** is to be **audacious**.

6) B

By definition, **laconic** is synonymous with **concise**.
By definition, **ephemeral** is synonymous with **fleeting**.

7) C

By definition, to **lie** is synonymous with to **prevaricate**.
By definition, to **waver** is synonymous with to **falter**.

8) C

The function of a **concession** is to **placate**.
The function of a **catalyst** is to **precipitate**.

Worksheet 4

1) B

The function of a **bomb** is to be **detonated**.

2) A

Someone who is **boorish** lacks **propriety**.

3) C

A **victim** is the opposite of an **assailant**.

4) C

A characteristic of **torture** is to be **cruel**.

5) C

By definition, to **assuage** is synonymous with to **mollify**.
By definition, to **desiccate** is synonymous with to **dehydrate**.

6) B

Something that is **unforgettable** is very **memorable**.
Something that is **pleasing** is very **breathhtaking**.

7) C

Antipathy is a lack of **approval**.
Incredulity is a lack of **faith**.

8) E

A **bailiff** works at a **courthouse**.
A **major-domo** works at an **estate**.

Worksheet 5

1) A

A characteristic of **metaphor** is to be **symbolic**.

2) E

The function of a **vaccination** is to prevent **infection**.

3) C

A characteristic of a **saint** is to be **benevolent**.

4) D

Someone who is **bumptious** is very **conceited**.

Someone who is **zealous** is very **devoted**.

5) E

A **clause** is part of a **sentence**.

A **lens** is part of a **projector**.

6) A

A **renegade** is someone who lacks **allegiance**.

An **atheist** is someone who lacks **faith**.

7) C

By definition, **sanguine** is the opposite of **sickly**.

By definition, **altruistic** is the opposite of **egoistic**.

8) E

A **tripod** holds up a **camera**.

An **easel** holds up a **canvas**.

Worksheet 6

1) D

A **pestle** is used to **grind**.

2) A

A characteristic of **lava** is to be **molten**.

3) E

A **lithograph** is a type of **print**.

A **virus** is a type of **pathogen**.

4) B

Dermal is an adjective referring to **skin**.

Aquatic is an adjective referring to **water**.

5) C

Something that is **atrocious** is very **bad**.

Something that is **mellifluous** is very **smooth**.

6) E

A characteristic of a **caricature** is **exaggeration**.

A characteristic of an **epigram** is **brevity**.

7) D

By definition, **tenable** is the opposite of **indefensible**.

By definition, **theoretical** is the opposite of **concrete**.

8) D

Someone who is **inchoate** lacks **experience**.

Someone who is **irreverent** lacks **respect**.

Worksheet 7

1) B

A **denouement** is part of a **plot**.

2) E

An **inventory** quantifiably measures **stock**.
A **census** quantifiably measures **population**.

3) A

A characteristic of an **estimate** is to be **approximate**.
A characteristic of a **narcissist** is to be **egoistic**.

4) C

Cardiac is an adjective referring to the **heart**.
Arboreal is an adjective referring to **trees**.

5) C

By definition, **inevitable** is the opposite of **preventable**.
By definition, **plausible** is the opposite of **impossible**.

6) E

A characteristic of a **charlatan** is to be **disingenuous**.
A characteristic of a **mendicant** is to be **indigent**.

7) A

Something that is **fraudulent** lacks **authenticity**.
Something that is **complex** lacks **simplicity**.

8) B

To **polish** something is to make it **shiny**.
To **insulate** something is to make it **warm**.

Worksheet 8

1) D

The function of a **subterfuge** is to **deceive**.
The function of a **cloak** is to **conceal**.

2) A

The opposite of **abiding** is **ephemeral**.
The opposite of **mawkish** is **stoic**.

3) A

Expulsion is exclusion from **school**.
Ostracism is exclusion from **society**.

4) B

A characteristic of a **martinet** is to be strict about **discipline**.
A characteristic of a **fundamentalist** is to be strict about **religion**.

5) B

The goal of **abolition** is to end **slavery**.
The goal of **anarchism** is to end **government**.

6) E

Someone who is **obdurate** is very **stubborn**.
Someone who is **lethargic** is very **sluggish**.

7) B

By definition, to **defame** is the opposite of to **venerate**.
By definition, to **dismay** is the opposite of to **embolden**.

8) A

That which is **irrepressible** cannot be **controlled**.
That which is **impermeable** cannot be **penetrated**.

Worksheet 9

1) E

By definition, to **flatter** is the opposite of to **rebuff**.

By definition, to **entice** is the opposite of to **repulse**.

2) A

By definition, **bombastic** is synonymous with **turgid**.

By definition, **whimsical** is synonymous with **capricious**.

3) A

A characteristic of a **lecher** is to be **salacious**.

A characteristic of a **conjecture** is to be **supposed**.

4) B

A characteristic of a **codger** is to be **eccentric**.

A characteristic of a **hero** is to be **admirable**.

5) E

Legerdemain is a type of **deception**.

Alcoholism is a type of **addiction**.

6) B

Something that is **immaculate** is very **clean**.

Something that is **austere** is very **unadorned**.

7) A

A characteristic of a **dilettante** is to **dabble**.

A characteristic of a **heretic** is to **blaspheme**.

8) B

A **hallucinogen** is a type of **drug**.

A **nightmare** is a type of **dream**.

Worksheet 10

1) A

A characteristic of a **farce** is to be **ridiculous**.

A characteristic of a **swallow** is to be **migratory**.

2) C

Asphyxia is a lack of **air**.

Anemia is a lack of **iron**.

3) B

A characteristic of someone who is **Epicurean** is to **indulge**.

A characteristic of someone who is **vindictive** is to **revenge**.

4) A

By definition, **immune** is the opposite of **susceptible**.

By definition, **corpulent** is the opposite of **thin**.

5) A

A **demulcent** is a type of **unguent**.

A **concertina** is a type of **instrument**.

6) E

Something that is **abominable** is very **disagreeable**.

Something that is **precipitous** is very **steep**.

7) D

A characteristic of an **outlier** is to be **uncommon**.

A characteristic of an **overdose** is to be **lethal**.

8) D

To **beseech** is to **request** intensely.

To **scrutinize** is to **observe** intensely.