

VERBAL REASONING PRACTICE TEST 1 (Suggested time: 50 minutes)

Questions 1-5

Which two of these words are composed of exactly the same letters?

Eg: FRIDGE      LARGE      FRAIL      GLIDE      GLARE

Answer: LARGE, GLARE

- 1. FASTER      FEASTS      SAFEST      REFERS      SOFTER  
.....      .....
- 2. LOWEST      WOLVES      VALUES      SLOWER      VOWELS  
.....      .....
- 3. MARINE      MAIMED      DEAMED      AIRMAN      REMAIN  
.....      .....
- 4. AIDES      DRAIN      IDEAS      STAIN      DARES  
.....      .....
- 5. TREBLE      TABLET      BATTLE      TRIBES      BEATER  
.....      .....

Questions 6-10

Find the letters that best complete the series:

Eg: TH, RI, PJ, [ . . . . . ], LL, JM

Answer: NK

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- 6. YB, WD, UF, [ . . . . . ], QJ, OL
- 7. XYZ, VW, [ . . . . . ], QR, NOP
- 8. KLN, PQS, [ . . . . . ], ZAC, EFH
- 9. G, II, LLL, [ . . . . . ], OO, RRR
- 10. AZ, YB, CX, [ . . . . . ], EV, UF

Questions 11-15

Unscramble the word in capitals so as to make sense of the sentence:

Eg: There were too many cars on the HWYHGAI.

Answer: HIGHWAY

- 11. I bought the vegetables at the OGRERC. ....
- 12. The OPAET has a crack in it. ....
- 13. I have only ETSNXI pence left. ....
- 14. I like BPYRRRESA jam best. ....
- 15. The receptionist asked whether I wanted another PINMATEOPNT. ....

Questions 16-20

Use the code to decipher the word.

Eg: The code for the word PILE is NGJC. What is the code for KEPT?

Answer: ICNR

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- 16. The code for the word FUND is HWPF. What is the code for MIND? ....
- 17. The code for the word BASE is AEBS. What is the code for JAIL? ....
- 18. The code for the word YEAR is ZGDV. What is the code for WELT? ....
- 19. The code for the word CAFE is XZUV. What is the code for FACE? ....
- 20. The code for the word WELT is BJQY. What is the code for MOTE? ....

Questions 21-26

Arrange these words on the grid so that all the words fit, either horizontally (from left to right) or vertically (from top to bottom). One letter has been given as a clue:

Eg: YACHT, CRYPT, LILAC, RISKY, RELIC, SILKY

Answer:

R	I	S	K	Y
E		I		A
L	I	L	A	C
I		K		H
C	R	Y	P	T

AREAS, ABYSS, STYLE, OASIS, DRAMA, DISCO

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Questions 27-30

Find the word that will make a compound word with each of the words in the row:

Eg: [.....] line      [.....] bag      [.....] port      [.....] tight

Answer: air

27. [.....] fall      [.....] hill      [.....] pour      [.....] stairs

28. [.....] worm      [.....] shelf      [.....] mark      [.....] keeper

29. [.....] master      [.....] land      [.....] dress      [.....] start

30. cup [.....]      black [.....]      white [.....]      surf [.....]

Questions 31-35

Below are three pairs of words. Complete the third pair in the same way as the first two pairs:

Eg: (BRACING, RANG) (SLOPING, LONG) (PRICING, . . . . . )  
Answer: RING

31. CHALET, HAT ASHORE, SHE CLIENT, ( . . . . . )
32. WRESTLER, REST SWIRLING, GIRL QUESTION, ( . . . . . )
33. CORRECT, CORE COMPELS, LOPE HAMSTER, ( . . . . . )
34. THROUGH, THUG PREPARE, PEAR SURNAME, ( . . . . . )
35. EVOLVE, VOLE BREAST, SEAT STATES, ( . . . . . )

Questions 36-40

In each row, find the number that best completes the series:

Eg: 91, 64, 93, [ . . . . . ], 95, 68, 97  
Answer: 66

36. 42, 15, 41, [ . . . . . ], 40, 17, 39
37. 22, 28, 31, [ . . . . . ], 40, 46
38. 968, 857, [ . . . . . ], 635, 524
39. 30, 120, 60, [ . . . . . ], 90, 60, 120, 30
40. 1, 2, 4, [ . . . . . ], 11, 16, 23

Questions 41-45

Find the missing number in the last group of numbers. This number must be related to those either side of it in the same way as the bracketed numbers in previous groups:

Eg: 54 [93] 39                      25 [107] 82                      53 [ . . . . . ] 61  
Answer: 114

41. 50 [5] 10                      48 [4] 12                      33 [ . . . . . ] 11

42. 64 [8] 8                      55 [5] 11                      1 [ . . . . . ] 1

43. 14 [7] 2                      24 [3] 8                      44 [ . . . . . ] 11

44. 8 [4] 2                      125 [25] 5                      27 [ . . . . . ] 3

45. 27 [10] 22                      33 [6] 30                      18 [ . . . . . ] 12

Questions 46-50

The capitalised word in the sentence has had THREE consecutive letters missing. These letters will make one correctly spelt word. Find this three-letter word:

Eg: Could you put the plates in the DISHHER please?  
Answer: WAS

46. Her face went bright red and she looked as if she were CHOG.                      .....

47. He was wearing a TAR kilt and jacket, and playing the bagpipes.                      .....

48. I work for a COMY that sells educational books.                      .....

49. The tanks were stationed at a MILIY base outside the city.                      .....

50. There was a truly PUT smell coming from the rubbish bin.                      .....

Questions 51-55

In each question, you are given two words. Move one letter from the first word into the second, to make two new words. The letter can be added anywhere in the second word, but the letters must not be rearranged:

Eg:     READY, DEN  
      Answer: READ, DENY

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|-----|----------------|-------|-------|
| 51. | SPEED, FASTING | ..... | ..... |
| 52. | TRAIL, DOVE    | ..... | ..... |
| 53. | WARD, OUR      | ..... | ..... |
| 54. | CLAMP, LEVER   | ..... | ..... |
| 55. | JUST, CARED    | ..... | ..... |

Questions 56-60

Find the two words, one from each bracketed set, that are closest in meaning:

Eg:     [GLOOMY, FORGOTTEN, POOR]     [DISJOINTED, DEJECTED, DUMPY]  
      Answer: GLOOMY, DEJECTED

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| 56. | [UNIVERSE, WORLD, EARTH]    | [SOIL, SAND, MUD]             | ..... | ..... |
| 57. | [CIRCLE, SQUARE, RECTANGLE] | [GOLD, JEWEL, RING]           | ..... | ..... |
| 58. | [REMOVE, SHUN, PART]        | [AVOID, DETECT, REVIEW]       | ..... | ..... |
| 59. | [FOLLOW, PROGRESS, EVOLVE]  | [DEVOLVE, ARRIVE, SUCCEED]    | ..... | ..... |
| 60. | [SANE, INSANE, INSANITY]    | [AMUSED, DERANGED, FRIVOLOUS] | ..... | ..... |

Questions 61-65

A four-letter word is hidden at the end of one word and the beginning of the next word in this sentence. Find that word:

Eg: A minister has a number of people to advise him.  
Answer: TOAD

- 61. I had no idea what to do or what to say to him. ....
- 62. He stood there for ages looking through the window. ....
- 63. Several answers on this page are simply wrong. ....
- 64. You'll find the dish in the bottom drawer. ....
- 65. He believed he had heard an angel singing. ....

Questions 66-70

Find the TWO words that are in some way different from the other three:

Eg: ELM TREE POPLAR ROSE BEECH  
Answer: TREE, ROSE

- 66. FLOWER, COFFEE, COCOA, PEA, BROAD .....
- 67. CALM, HAPPY, EAT, BUSY, FIND .....
- 68. BADLY, LOUDLY, GOOD, FAST, DIFFICULT .....
- 69. BIOGRAPHY, COMEDY, ROMANCE, SCIENCE FICTION, GLOSSARY .....
- 70. HUG, SPLASH, BUBBLE, BUZZ, SING .....

Questions 71-75

Write the two words which need to change places for the sentence to make sense:

Eg: The girls ran through the meadow, their breeze flying in the hair.

Answer: hair, breeze

- 71. I like the pot flowers in the clay colourful. ....
- 72. Calm boat are always best, when you have a small seas. ....
- 73. She by have been here should now. ....
- 74. Swimming throughout on remains the winter months. ....
- 75. He is wearing his new best very suit. ....

Questions 76-77

Choose the three words which best fit sentence, so that it makes sense:

Eg: You have to (find, go, arrive) down the (grass, sky, road) and then along the (school, dirt, path) to get to the swimming pool.

Answer: go, road, path

- 76. He waved (farewell, goodbye, hello) as soon as he saw us (ride, pull, walk) in at the edge of the (cliff, kerb, flowerbed).  
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- 77. The (thing, writing, universe) looks so small when I am not (eating, sitting, wearing) my (jeans, glasses, bathers).  
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Questions 78-80

Read the information and answer the questions:

I was 3 years old when my sister was born. My brother was 6 when my sister was born. My father was five times older than my brother when my sister was born.

- 78. When I am 20, my brother will be [ . . . . . ] years old.
- 79. When my sister is 20, I will be [ . . . . . ] years old.
- 80. When my brother is 20, my father will be [ . . . . . ] years old.

TOTAL MARKS \_\_\_\_\_ / 80  
(Multiply your mark by 1.25 for percentage mark.) ( \_\_\_\_\_ % )