VERBAL REASONING

PRACTICE TEST

PRACTICE QUESTIONS
The front page of this booklet provides practice examples to show you what the questions on the real test are like. Your test administrator or teacher will now take you through these.

Practice Example 1

Which of the following is most similar in meaning to sad:

A: happy
B: tears
C: unhappy
D: cry
E: None of these

Practice Example 2

SMELL is to NOSE, as SOUND is to:

A: ear
B: eye
C: music
D: trumpet
E: None of these

Practice Example 3

Find the two statements that together prove that:

Kelly has brown hair

1: Kelly has long hair.
2: Rachael has brown hair.
3: Rachael is ten years old.
4: Kelly’s hair is the same colour as Rachael’s.
5: Rachael has short hair.

A: 1 & 2
B: 2 & 4
C: 1 & 5
D: 2 & 3
E: 1 & 4

When you are told to begin you will have 30 minutes to do as many questions as you can. If you don’t know the answer to a question, make a guess or come back to it later. You don’t lose marks if you get something wrong. It may be difficult to finish all the questions in the time allowed, so don’t spend too long on any one question. Try to answer as many questions as you can. If you change your mind about an answer, please erase your original answer using an eraser and colour your new answer in on the answer sheet.
Question 1
Which of the following is most similar in meaning to particular:

A: special  B: simple  C: careful  D: specific  E: obvious

Question 2
All of the words in the box below are alike in some way.

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<td>meticulous</td>
<td>particular</td>
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Which of the following options could not be in the box?

A: careful  B: thorough  C: detailed  D: perfectionistic  E: hasty

Question 3
In a foreign language

MISD KUMP GOTH means MERRY CHRISTMAS DAD.
GOTH WUIM FREK KUMP means DAD IS MERRY TODAY.
KOMP WUIM FREK KUMP means MUM IS MERRY TODAY.

Which word means CHRISTMAS?

A: MISD  B: GOTH  C: KUMP  D: WUIM  E: FREK

Question 4
Find the two statements that together prove that: Sandy is a country music singer.

1: Sandy sings in a band.
2: Sandy likes country music the best.
3: Difficult music such as country and classical require a strongly trained voice.
4: Sandy’s band plays country songs.
5: Sandy has attended singing lessons for many years.

A: 1 & 3  B: 2 & 5  C: 3 & 5  D: 1 & 4  E: 3 & 4

Question 5
AIRCRAFT is to TRANSPORT as NEWSPAPER is to:

A: typing  B: publishing  C: editor  D: newsroom  E: media

Question 6
Jordan’s cat is bigger than Amy’s cat, but is smaller than Jenna’s cat. Fiona’s cat is the same size as Wendy’s cat, which is bigger than Amy’s cat, but smaller than Jordan’s.

If bigger cats are faster, but smaller cats are more obedient, which of the following lists the fastest and most obedient cat?

A: Fiona & Jenna  B: Amy & Jordan  C: Wendy & Jenna  D: Jenna & Amy  E: None
Question 7
In ancient Egypt, pyramid workers would say “gengro yatju” when wishing other pyramid workers “good building”. Upon the pyramid workers’ return, the children would ask “Ern yatju gengro?”, which meant “Was building good”? The pyramid workers would either reply “Ern gengro” (“Was good building”) or “Ern gangro yatju”.

If gangro symbolises the opposite of gengro, what does “Ern gangro pohim” mean?

A: was bad building  B: was hard building  C: was fun building
D: was cold building  E: was happy building

Question 8
Which of the following words has a similar meaning to outgoing:

A: extroverted  B: contained  C: outside  D: exit  E: introverted

Question 9
Four of the following words are alike in some way.

Which is the odd word out?

A: petrified  B: fearful  C: terrified  D: daring  E: scared

Question 10
All of the words in the box below are alike in some way.

felony  offense
sin  wrongdoing

Which of the following options could not go in the box?

A: crime  B: immoral  C: misdemeanor  D: prison  E: misconduct

Question 11
BIRDS are to FLY as HORSE is to:

A: speed  B: grass  C: legs  D: paddock  E: trot

Question 12
Find the two statements that together prove that:

The football player wearing a blue jersey was in the team that won the Grand Final.

1: The football player on the losing side wore purple.
2: John is a football player and he wears a red jersey.
3: John’s football team was runners up in the Grand Final.
4: The football team which John’s team played in the Grand Final wore blue jerseys.
5: John’s shorts are also white.

A: 1 & 3  B: 3 & 4  C: 2 & 4  D: 3 & 5  E: 1 & 5
Question 13
Assume that all mils are hils, some hils are jils, and some tils are rils.
Therefore it makes sense that:
A: all mils are jils
B: some hils are mils
C: all tils are hils
D: some jils are hils
E: some mils are hils

Question 14
Assume that some huys are knis, all jiks are sud$s$, and some aws are huys.
Therefore it makes sense that:
A: some knis may also be aws
B: all huys are knis
C: all jiks are aws
D: some sud$s$ are knis
E: all jiks are huys

Question 15
MOTION is to RUN as EMOTION is to:
A: furious
B: feeling
C: heart
D: emotional
E: emotive

Question 16
Phil is a personal trainer. He has clients booked in for Monday through Friday next week. He is seeing Claire two days before Mary. Sam is booked in two days before Bec, who is one day after Mary and one day before Amanda. Finally, Pauline is scheduled in four days after Claire.
If Claire is coming in on Monday, who has Phil double booked?
A: Claire & Bec
B: Bec & Sam
C: Claire & Mary
D: Mary & Sam
E: Amanda & Pauline

Question 17
Five trucks travel the primary route every day. Truck A arrives back at the depot before truck C. Truck E is after truck B who is 2 after truck D and 3 after truck A. Truck D arrives before truck C but after truck A.
Which truck is the last to arrive back at the depot?
A: truck A
B: truck B
C: truck C
D: truck D
E: truck E

Question 18
Find the two statements that together prove that:
Emily attends acrobatic classes.
1: Emily’s school teaches gymnastics and acrobatics.
2: Laura has acrobatic lessons with Jeremy.
3: Emily’s friend Jeremy attends gymnastics and acrobatics classes.
4: Jeremy and Emily are in the same classes.
5: Jeremy’s sister Laura attends gymnastics classes with Emily.
A: 1 & 2
B: 2 & 3
C: 3 & 4
D: 2 & 5
E: 1 & 5
Question 19
Which of the following is most similar in meaning to **obtain**:

A: busy  
B: interrogate  
C: serious question  
D: acquittal  
E: acquire

Question 20
Assume that:

- All HIFS are PIFS
- Some SIFS are RIFS
- All ZIFS are SIFS
- All PIFS are ZIFS

**Which of the following do we know is correct?**

A: All ZIFS are RIFS  
B: Some HIFS are ZIFS  
C: All RIFS are SIFS  
D: All HIFS are RIFS  
E: Some ZIFS are PIFS

Question 21
Assume that some **pings** are **lings**, all **hings** are **fings**, and some **tings** are **pings**.

**Therefore it makes sense that:**

A: some lings may also be tings  
B: all pings are lings  
C: all hings are tings  
D: some fings are lings  
E: all hings are pings

Question 22
Four of the following words are alike in some way.

**Which is the odd word out?**

A: conventional  
B: peculiar  
C: conservative  
D: typical  
E: traditional

Question 23
Which of the following words is most similar in meaning to **perplexing**:

A: curious  
B: ambiguous  
C: complex  
D: incomprehensible  
E: confucious

Question 24
All of the words in the box below are alike in some way.

- feeling  
- altruistic  
- human  
- volunteer

**Which of the following options could not go in the box?**

A: malevolent  
B: selfless  
C: humanitarian  
D: unselfish  
E: generous
Question 25
In a hospital maternity ward there are only five babies. Baby 1 is heavier, with red hair. Baby 2 is male and thin, with the same colour hair as Baby 3, who is blonde and wears a bonnet. Baby 4 is one of the three female babies and Baby 5 wears sunglasses and is heavier. All babies wear bonnets and at least one of the females wears sunglasses.

A thin, red-haired baby wearing a bonnet is the oldest of the group. Who can it be?

A: Baby 1  B: Baby 2  C: Baby 3  D: Baby 4  E: Baby 5

Question 26

FIXED is to VARIABLE as SOLID is to:

A: glass  B: malleable  C: hard  D: rotate  E: None of these

Question 27
Assume that some paks are saks, all naks are paks, and some zaks are kaks.

Therefore it makes sense that:

A: no paks are naks  B: all paks are naks  C: some kaks are naks  D: some naks may be saks  E: all paks are kaks

Question 28
Which of the following words has a similar meaning to terminate:

A: use-by  B: cease  C: uncontinue  D: maintain  E: discount

Question 29

ALOOF is to SOCIABLE as ORDINARY is to:

A: quiet  B: hidden  C: splendid  D: addition  E: same

Question 30
All of the words in the box below are alike in some way.

entourage  associates

followers  supporters

Which of the following options could also be in the box?

A: employer  B: staff  C: enemies  D: competition  E: hierarchy

Question 31
Which of the following words has a similar meaning to pardon:

A: exit  B: leave  C: change  D: unfavourable  E: exonerate
Question 32
On another planet martians would say “enb litpa penta” when saying to their animals “good animal behaviour”. When they got home from work they would ask “Ift enb penta?”, which means “was your behaviour good?”. The animals would reply either, “Ift penta enb!” (“I showed good behaviour!”) or, “Ift penta anb!”

*If anb symbolises the opposite of enb, what does “Ift penta anb.” mean?*


Question 33
Assume that all kibs are bics, some bics are vics, and some tics are dupes.

*Therefore it makes sense that:*

A: all kibs are vics  B: some bics are kibs  C: all tics are bics  D: all vics are kibs  E: some kibs are bics

Question 34
Which of the following is not similar in meaning to blunder:

A: inaccuracy  B: gaffe  C: mistake  D: error  E: detour

Question 35
All of the words in the box below are alike in some way.

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*Which of the following options could not go in the box?*

A: unprepared  B: practice  C: impromptu  D: spontaneous  E: improvised

Question 36
*PAEDIATRICIAN* is to *CHILDREN* as *PODIATRIST* is to:

A: heart  B: feet  C: adult  D: bones  E: None of these

Question 37
Which of the following words has a similar meaning to arrest:

A: apprehend  B: appreciate  C: chase  D: enforce  E: sleep

Question 38
Five planes leave the airport at the same time. Plane B arrives at the destination before planes A & D, but after plane C. Plane E arrives before plane D but after plane A.

*Which plane is the last to arrive at the destination?*

A: plane A  B: plane B  C: plane C  D: plane D  E: plane E

Question 39
Which of the following words is *OPPOSITE* in meaning to commotion:

A: bustle  B: serene  C: movement  D: locomotion  E: miniature
Question 40
All of the words in the box below are alike in some way.

| clothes | garb | outfit |

Which of the following options could not go in the box?

A: apparel  B: jumper  C: attire  D: clothing  E: uniform

Question 41
In ancient Rome they spoke early Roman, which is different to the words they use now. For example: hypt juna bolla was used in place of today is Friday; juna bolla toho means Friday is tomorrow, and toho juna bolla rum means tomorrow is Friday and it will rain.

What is the early Roman word for ‘today’?

A: juna  B: rum  C: bolla  D: toho  E: hypt

Question 42
Four of the following words are alike in some way.

Which is the odd word out?

A: needle  B: thread  C: wool  D: knit  E: thimble

Question 43
Four of the following words are alike in some way.

Which is the odd word out?

A: cold  B: humid  C: mild  D: frosty  E: sleet

Question 44
All of the words in the box below are alike in some way.

| impersonal | unfriendly | unapproachable | cold |

Which of the following options could not go in the box?

A: affable  B: aloof  C: unfeeling  D: detached  E: distant

Question 45

NOVICE is to EXPERIENCED as APPRENTICE is to:

A: many vices  B: senior citizen  C: oldie  D: exotic  E: veteran
Question 46
Which of the following words is most similar in meaning to **reputable**:

A: established  B: build  C: create  D: antique  E: fresh

Question 47

**DRIVE** is to **Licence** as **Breathe** is to:

A: oxygen  B: atmosphere  C: windpipe  D: inhale  E: None of these

Question 48

Five mothers are comparing their babies’ weights. Bert is heavier than Annie, but lighter than Judy. Sally is also heavier than Annie, but not as heavy as Bert. Rob turns out to be just a little heavier than both Bert and Judy.

**Who is the second heaviest?**

A: Bert  B: Sally  C: Annie  D: Judy  E: Rob

Question 49

**Education** is to **classroom** as **groceries** are to:

A: milk  B: fruit  C: supermarket  D: list  E: None of these

Question 50

Which of the following words is most similar in meaning to **slog**:

A: drudgery  B: dig  C: machinery  D: dread  E: doom

Question 51

Four of the following words are alike in some way.

**Which is the odd word out?**

A: misconception  B: predicament  C: quandary  D: dilemma  E: pickle

Question 52

**Glass** is to **impenetrable** as **clay** is to:

A: deplorable  B: malleable  C: kiln  D: plate  E: None of these

Question 53

Assume that:

- All JUNS are TIFS
- Some UMIS are HUNS
- All DAES are HYNs
- All TIFS are DAES

**Which of the following is correct?**

A: All DAES are HYNs
B: Some JUNS are DAES
C: All HUNS are HYNs
D: All JUNS are HYNs
E: Some JUNS are DAES
Question 54
Sue-Ann drives 2km east of her home to meet her friend Ellen. From here the two friends drive 5km south to meet with Brad. From this point the three friends drive 9km north, 2km west and finally 9km south where they complete their daily drive.

Who is the closest to their home?
A: Sue-Ann  B: Ellen  C: Sue-Ann & Ellen  D: Brad  E: None of these

Question 55

VOWS are to CHURCH as OATH is to:
A: crime  B: courtroom  C: lawyer  D: judge  E: None of these

Question 56

Four of the following words are alike in some way.
Which is the odd word out?
A: adjudicate  B: referee  C: umpire  D: rules  E: judge

Question 57

HEART is to AORTA as BRAIN is to:
A: think  B: blood  C: vein  D: cerebellum  E: alveoli

Question 58

Four of the following words are alike in some way.
Which is the odd word out?
A: murmur  B: roar  C: whisper  D: masticate  E: holler

Question 59

INTRICATE is to BASIC as POSTPONE is to:
A: stop  B: simple  C: continue  D: halt  E: larger

Question 60

In an Aviary there are a certain number of birds. Four birds wear ankle bands and five wear wing tags. Of the three yellow birds in the Aviary, each bird only has either an ankle band or wing tag. Both red birds in the Aviary have wing tags.

What is the minimum possible number of birds in the Aviary?
A: 5  B: 6  C: 7  D: 8  E: 9 or more

WELL DONE. THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.
IF YOU STILL HAVE TIME LEFT, PLEASE CHECK OVER YOUR ANSWERS.