

# 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.

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### 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

*Please fill in your answer on the answer sheet provided.*

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### Practice Example 2

**SMELL** is to **NOSE**, as **SOUND** is to:

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

*Please fill in your answer on the answer sheet provided.*

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### Practice Example 3

Find the two statements that together prove:

**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

*Please fill in your answer on the answer sheet provided.*

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.

**PLEASE DO NOT TURN THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO.**

**Question 1**

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

- A: special                      B: simple                      C: careful                      D: specific                      E: obvious
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**Question 2**

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

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| vigilant   | precise    |
| meticulous | particular |

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

- A: careful                      B: thorough                      C: detailed                      D: perfectionistic                      E: hasty
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**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
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**Question 4**

Find the two statements that together prove:

**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
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**Question 5**

**AIRCRAFT** is to **TRANSPORT** as **NEWSPAPER** is to:

- A: typing                      B: publishing                      C: editor                      D: newsroom                      E: media
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**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
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**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 yatju” mean?**

- A: was bad building                      B: was hard building                      C: was fun building  
D: was cold building                      E: was happy building
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**Question 8**

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

- A: extraverted                      B: contained                      C: outside                      D: exit                      E: introverted
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**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
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**Question 10**

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

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>felony</b> | <b>offense</b>    |
| <b>sin</b>    | <b>wrongdoing</b> |

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

- A: crime                      B: immoral                      C: misdemeanour                      D: prison                      E: misconduct
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**Question 11**

**BIRDS** are to **FLY** as **HORSE** is to:

- A: speed                      B: grass                      C: legs                      D: paddock                      E: trot
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**Question 12**

Find the two statements that together prove:

***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 and his team were runners up in the Grand Final.
- 4: A football player in a blue jersey beat John’s team in the Grand Final.
- 5: John’s shorts are also white.

- A: 1 & 3                      B: 3 & 4                      C: 2 & 4                      D: 3 & 5                      E: 1 & 5
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**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: all hils are mils
  - C: all tils are hils
  - D: some jils are hils
  - E: some mils are hils
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**Question 14**

Assume that some **huys** are **knis**, all **jiks** are **suds**, 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 suds are knis
  - E: all jiks are huys
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**Question 15**

**MOTION** is to **RUN** as **EMOTION** is to:

- A: furious
  - B: feeling
  - C: heart
  - D: emotional
  - E: emotive
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**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
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**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
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**Question 18**

Find the two statements that together prove:

**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
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**Question 19**

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

- A: busy                      B: interrogate                      C: serious question                      D: acquittal                      E: acquire
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**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
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**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
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**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
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**Question 23**

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

- A: curious                      B: ambiguous                      C: complex                      D: incomprehensible                      E: confucious
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**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
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**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
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**Question 26**

**FIXED** is to **VARIABLE** as **SOLID** is to:

- A: glass                      B: malleable                      C: hard                      D: rotate                      E: None of these
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**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
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**Question 28**

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

- A: use-by                      B: cease                      C: uncontinue                      D: maintain                      E: discount
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**Question 29**

**ALOOF** is to **SOCIABLE** as **ORDINARY** is to:

- A: quiet                      B: hidden                      C: splendid                      D: addition                      E: same
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**Question 30**

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

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>entourage</b> | <b>associates</b> |
| <b>followers</b> | <b>supporters</b> |

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

- A: employer                      B: staff                      C: enemies                      D: competition                      E: hierarchy
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**Question 31**

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

- A: exit                      B: leave                      C: change                      D: unfavourable                      E: exonerate
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**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 “lft enb penta?”, which means “was your behaviour good?”. The animals would reply either, “lft penta enb!” (“I showed good behaviour!”) or, “lft penta anb!”

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

- A: I showed bad behaviour      B: I showed difficult behaviour      C: I showed fun behaviour  
D: I showed good behaviour      E: I showed happy behaviour
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**Question 33**

Assume that all **kibs** are **bics**, some **bics** are **vics**, and some **tics** are **dups**.

**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
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**Question 34**

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

- A: inaccuracy      B: gaffe      C: mistake      D: error      E: detour
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**Question 35**

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

|            |        |        |           |
|------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| unarranged | ad lib | ad hoc | impulsive |
|------------|--------|--------|-----------|

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

- A: unprepared      B: practice      C: impromptu      D: spontaneous      E: improvised
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**Question 36**

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

- A: heart      B: feet      C: adult      D: bones      E: None of these
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**Question 37**

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

- A: apprehend      B: appreciate      C: chase      D: enforce      E: sleep
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**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
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**Question 39**

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

- A: bustle      B: serene      C: movement      D: locomotion      E: miniature
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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**Question 45**

**NOVICE** is to **EXPERIENCED** as **APPRENTICE** is to:

A: many vices      B: senior citizen      C: oldie      D: exotic      E: veteran

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**Question 46**

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

- A: established      B: build      C: create      D: antique      E: fresh
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**Question 47**

*DRIVE* is to *LICENCE* as *BREATHE* is to:

- A: oxygen      B: atmosphere      C: windpipe      D: inhale      E: None of these
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**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
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**Question 49**

*EDUCATION* is to *CLASSROOM* as *GROCERIES* are to:

- A: milk      B: fruit      C: supermarket      D: list      E: None of these
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**Question 50**

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

- A: drudgery      B: dig      C: machinery      D: dread      E: doom
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**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
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**Question 52**

*GLASS* is to *IMPENETRABLE* as *CLAY* is to:

- A: deplorable      B: malleable      C: kiln      D: plate      E: None of these
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**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 HUNS  
B: Some JUNS are DAES  
C: All HUNS are HYNS  
D: All JUNS are HYNS  
E: Some JUNS are DAES
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**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

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**Question 55**

**VOWS** are to **CHURCH** as **OATH** is to:

A: crime      B: courtroom      C: lawyer      D: judge      E: None of these

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**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

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**Question 57**

**HEART** is to **AORTA** as **BRAIN** is to:

A: think      B: blood      C: vein      D: cerebellum      E: alveoli

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**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

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**Question 59**

**INTRICATE** is to **BASIC** as **POSTPONE** is to:

A: stop      B: simple      C: continue      D: halt      E: larger

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**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.**

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