VERBAL REASONING

PRACTICE TEST

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

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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

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 <u>not</u> 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

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

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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 <u>gangro</u> symbolises the <u>opposite of gengro</u>, 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

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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.

felony	**offense**
sin	**wrongdoing**

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
<div align="center">BIRDS are to FLY as HORSE is to:</div>

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

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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 **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

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

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

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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

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

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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

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

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.

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

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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 "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 <u>anb</u> symbolises the opposite of <u>enb</u>, what does "Ift 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.

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

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

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 <u>not</u> 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 '<u>today</u>'?

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 <u>not</u> 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

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.