

Section 1

Verbal Reasoning

40 Questions

Time: 20 minutes

This section is divided into two parts that contain two different types of questions. As soon as you have completed Part One, answer the questions in Part Two. You may write in your test booklet. For each answer you select, fill in the corresponding circle on your answer document.

PART ONE — SYNONYMS

Each question in Part One consists of a word in capital letters followed by four answer choices. Select the one word that is most nearly the same in meaning as the word in capital letters.

SAMPLE QUESTION:

CHARGE:

- (A) release
- (B) belittle
- (C) accuse
- (D) conspire

Sample Answer
 (A) (B) (C) (D)

PART TWO — SENTENCE COMPLETION

Each question in Part Two is made up of a sentence with one or two blanks. One blank indicates that one word is missing. Two blanks indicate that two words are missing. Each sentence is followed by four answer choices. Select the one word or pair of words that best completes the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

It rained so much that the streets were _____.

- (A) flooded
- (B) arid
- (C) paved
- (D) crowded

Sample Answer
 (A) (B) (C) (D)

The house was so _____ that it took two days to _____ it.

- (A) old ... borrow
- (B) pretty ... ensnare
- (C) small ... explore
- (D) dirty ... clean

 (A) (B) (C) (D)

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PART ONE – SYNONYMS

Directions: Select the word that is most nearly the same in meaning as the word in capital letters.

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| <p>1. CAST
(A) announce
(B) assemble
(C) pour
(D) throw</p> <p>2. FROCK
(A) slipper
(B) table
(C) coin
(D) dress</p> <p>3. SOLID
(A) pouty
(B) firm
(C) massive
(D) sticky</p> <p>4. NULLIFY
(A) engage
(B) dispute
(C) melt
(D) cancel</p> <p>5. BEDEVIL
(A) torment
(B) enchant
(C) bore
(D) scorn</p> | <p>6. CORRELATION
(A) integration
(B) association
(C) disturbance
(D) correction</p> <p>7. LEACH
(A) bug
(B) bog
(C) drain
(D) infect</p> <p>8. CASTIGATE
(A) berate
(B) muddle
(C) remove
(D) perfume</p> <p>9. EVOKE
(A) antagonize
(B) elicit
(C) scourge
(D) burn</p> <p>10. CONSTRUE
(A) misrepresent
(B) interpret
(C) flail
(D) propagate</p> |
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11. PALATABLE

- (A) invigorating
- (B) acceptable
- (C) consumptive
- (D) stacked

12. SHIRK

- (A) avoid
- (B) enable
- (C) stab
- (D) don

13. SCOUR

- (A) scrutinize
- (B) leer
- (C) absorb
- (D) grimace

14. BARBED

- (A) buried
- (B) collected
- (C) slight
- (D) spiked

15. SALUTATION

- (A) speech
- (B) persuasion
- (C) penalty
- (D) greeting

16. RIGOROUS

- (A) abundant
- (B) insignificant
- (C) thorough
- (D) passing

17. DERELICT

- (A) neglected
- (B) vacuous
- (C) temporary
- (D) unlawful

18. FLINCH

- (A) leap
- (B) roar
- (C) dodge
- (D) wince

19. REFUGE

- (A) confinement
- (B) disposal
- (C) deferment
- (D) sanctuary

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PART TWO – SENTENCE COMPLETION

Directions: Select the word that best completes the sentence.

20. Viewers were unsurprised when the notoriously _____ host began to attack his guest's political views.
- (A) popular
(B) understanding
(C) confrontational
(D) discerning
21. Unlike many of his peers who wrote in only one genre, Thomas Middleton was well known for being a _____ playwright who wrote tragedies, histories and comedies.
- (A) versatile
(B) steady
(C) frequent
(D) focused
22. The Student Activities Board considered taking a senior trip to France, but determined that it was too _____ for their limited budget.
- (A) prudent
(B) frugal
(C) curmudgeonly
(D) extravagant
23. Although the mayor was well liked by most of the town's residents, his _____ approach to crime prompted calls for tougher enforcement from some members of the community.
- (A) rigid
(B) successful
(C) lax
(D) proven
24. Even after the documentary "Nanook of the North" was revealed to have been heavily staged, some supporters continued to argue that the film's portrayal of the Inuit people was very _____.
- (A) authentic
(B) insulting
(C) confusing
(D) prejudiced
25. The _____ damage caused by major earthquakes sometimes takes decades to repair.
- (A) irreversible
(B) severe
(C) minimal
(D) provisional

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26. After failing an important biology test, Arthur worked to become a more _____ student by studying more frequently and more carefully.
- (A) unscrupulous
(B) conscientious
(C) gracious
(D) baleful
27. There was a fiercely _____ atmosphere in the sales office, where employees vied with one another over a limited number of bonuses awarded to top sellers.
- (A) competitive
(B) depressing
(C) expensive
(D) astonishing
28. When threatened, skunks release a _____ odor powerful enough to ward off potential predators.
- (A) voracious
(B) classic
(C) residual
(D) pungent
29. With his _____ eye for detail, the appraiser was easily able to spot that the piece was a fraud and not a real Picasso.
- (A) inattentive
(B) discerning
(C) superficial
(D) neglectful
30. Thomas Henry Huxley was known as “Darwin’s Bulldog” for his vigorous defense of evolutionary theory against the arguments of its _____.
- (A) founder
(B) detractors
(C) believers
(D) researchers
31. Although it can look rather silly, biting a pencil has been known to _____ headaches by relaxing the jaw and _____ tension.
- (A) eliminate ... augmenting
(B) agitate ... decreasing
(C) mitigate ... exacerbating
(D) ease ... diminishing
32. When the city decided to expand the subway system in order to _____ more passengers, workers were hired to _____ underground tunnels.
- (A) document ... legislate
(B) coerce ... decode
(C) apply ... wane
(D) accommodate ... excavate
33. Despite her _____ tastes, Catherine was mindful of the future and never allowed _____ spending to endanger her financial security.
- (A) aristocratic ... pious
(B) pragmatic negligent
(C) lavish ... excessive
(D) impoverished ... tenacious

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34. Moved by the _____ of the poor, Edward Helms founded Goodwill, a _____ organization that provides job training, employment placement services, and other community-based programs for people in need.
- (A) appearance ... fashion
(B) dignity ... deplorable
(C) troubles ... merciless
(D) plight ... philanthropic
35. George Washington set the informal _____ that presidents should serve only two terms, but presidential term limits were not formally _____ until 1951.
- (A) precedent ... ratified
(B) tradition ... abolished
(C) suggestion ... condemned
(D) transgression ... approved
36. After diving very deep underwater, divers must be careful to slowly _____ themselves to decreasing pressure during their _____ from the depths.
- (A) sublimate ... rush
(B) acclimate ... ascent
(C) rehabilitate ... accord
(D) advocate release
37. Jack Johnson was a _____ figure in boxing, whose _____ status as the first African American world heavyweight champion won him numerous advertising and endorsement deals.
- (A) prominent celebrity
(B) beloved gentle
(C) neglected ... infamous
(D) minor ... recognizable
38. Maya was so prone to making _____ remarks that when she gave compliments even her friends were _____ of their sincerity.
- (A) colloquial ... convinced
(B) mocking... sure
(C) sarcastic ... skeptical
(D) candid ... dubious
39. An old clock must be handled carefully, for it contains many _____ mechanisms which are _____ to its correct operation.
- (A) sturdy fundamental
(B) rusty ... peripheral
(C) delicate ... essential
(D) irreverent ... vital
40. From the delicious scent that was _____ in through the window, Mr. Snell was able to _____ that his neighbor was once again baking her famous pies.
- (A) blowing ... implicate
(B) wafting ... deduce
(C) sneaking ... decide
(D) leaking ... argue

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