

## Section 1

# Verbal Reasoning

34 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 blank. Each blank indicates that a word or phrase is missing. The sentence is followed by four answer choices. Select the word or phrase that will best complete 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 dirty that it took \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) less than ten minutes to wash it.
- (B) four months to demolish it.
- (C) over a week to walk across it.
- (D) two days to clean it.

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

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

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1. ERRATIC

- (A) enthusiastic
- (B) fortunate
- (C) relieved
- (D) unpredictable

2. BENIGN

- (A) cunning
- (B) harmless
- (C) graceful
- (D) sensible

3. VIGOROUS

- (A) stacked
- (B) strong
- (C) lame
- (D) ridiculous

4. TIMID

- (A) bland
- (B) reliable
- (C) shy
- (D) tragic

5. PUZZLED

- (A) confused
- (B) disgraced
- (C) inspired
- (D) neglected

6. DUBIOUS

- (A) reckless
- (B) industrious
- (C) serious
- (D) skeptical

7. IRATE

- (A) authentic
- (B) intricate
- (C) livid
- (D) persistent

8. RELUCTANT

- (A) aimless
- (B) envious
- (C) unwilling
- (D) tearful

9. FLATTER

- (A) assure
- (B) compliment
- (C) annoy
- (D) resemble

10. FRAGILE

- (A) weak
- (B) lovely
- (C) helpful
- (D) luxurious

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11. INQUIRE

- (A) acknowledge
- (B) imply
- (C) confine
- (D) ask

12. ERADICATE

- (A) censor
- (B) destroy
- (C) insult
- (D) suggest

13. ALTER

- (A) change
- (B) conceal
- (C) reject
- (D) uproot

14. CONTENTED

- (A) biased
- (B) generous
- (C) satisfied
- (D) somber

15. FEISTY

- (A) genuine
- (B) spirited
- (C) unique
- (D) weary

16. REMOTE

- (A) anxious
- (B) distant
- (C) sleepy
- (D) sluggish

17. REMINISCE

- (A) astonish
- (B) deceive
- (C) reflect
- (D) utilize

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## PART TWO – SENTENCE COMPLETION

**Directions:** Select the word that best completes the sentence.

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18. Emily Dickinson's short poems manage to clearly \_\_\_\_\_ profound ideas in very few lines.
- (A) convey  
(B) spell  
(C) muddle  
(D) renounce
19. Doctors today often have to choose between working as clinicians or conducting research, as it is exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_ to perform both these duties.
- (A) alarming  
(B) difficult  
(C) liberating  
(D) neglectful
20. Fans of her work are often surprised that Jane Austen only achieved her \_\_\_\_\_ as an icon of English literature after her death.
- (A) bias  
(B) fortune  
(C) status  
(D) viewpoint
21. Built at great expense when the Roman Empire was economically dominant, the magnificent Pantheon stands as a reminder of Rome's \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) cunning  
(B) location  
(C) prosperity  
(D) scenario
22. Not only did he support their ideas, Frederick Douglass lent his active \_\_\_\_\_ to the leaders of the Women's Rights Movement whenever he could.
- (A) assistance  
(B) confidence  
(C) mischief  
(D) taunting
23. One of the great \_\_\_\_\_ of solar energy is that it produces virtually no pollution.
- (A) benefits  
(B) hazards  
(C) obstacles  
(D) tasks
24. Frederick Law Olmsted designed many parks, but did not \_\_\_\_\_ favor them: Prospect Park was his favorite.
- (A) audibly  
(B) unevenly  
(C) equally  
(D) annually
25. Queen Elizabeth I's impressive victory over the Spanish Armada made the English people love and \_\_\_\_\_ her more than ever.
- (A) admire  
(B) crave  
(C) distort  
(D) impress

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26. While we use our vocal cords to produce complex sounds, whales lack \_\_\_\_\_ vocal cords yet still produce elaborate songs without them.
- (A) functional  
(B) graceful  
(C) nagging  
(D) solitary
27. While many present-day readers think *The Great Gatsby* is historically accurate, readers during the 1930s found it an \_\_\_\_\_ portrayal of the times.
- (A) illiterate  
(B) inauthentic  
(C) independent  
(D) ingenious
28. After their long journey through the desert, the travelers were relieved to reach the cooling waters and fruitful date trees of a lush \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) aroma  
(B) assortment  
(C) exhibit  
(D) oasis
29. Although Carl Linnaeus is now famous for creating a system for classifying plants and animals, he \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) was always widely revered for creating this system.  
(B) had always known where to find certain tree species.  
(C) first gained renown by writing a book about plant reproduction.  
(D) taught his students to recognize what plants should be classified under what categories.
30. Because the family picnic was cancelled, the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) picnic was fun and healthy.  
(B) youngest sibling was quite short.  
(C) family ate inside instead.  
(D) rain was cold and unpleasant.
31. Biologists used to think that playing had no important purpose, but today they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) think that play probably has no useful function.  
(B) realize development in puppies is different than it is in chimpanzees.  
(C) research play because they know it affects development.  
(D) continue to ignore this activity in their research.
32. Marissa did not speak French, so she was nervous about visiting Paris and was pleasantly surprised \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) to learn that Paris is the capital of France.  
(B) when people there spoke to her in English.  
(C) when people there spoke mainly in French.  
(D) by a sudden trip to a different city in France.

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33. Although people frequently consider deserts as blistering hot environments, these areas can \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) experience a variety of temperatures.
  - (B) be difficult places for animals to find food.
  - (C) be excellent places to travel for those who enjoy hot climates.
  - (D) rarely experience temperatures below freezing.
34. Stress can contribute to some serious health problems, so experts say that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) serious health problems are not particularly stressful.
  - (B) cats are probably much healthier than dogs.
  - (C) we should try to reduce unnecessary stress.
  - (D) it is important to balance healthy diet and exercise.

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