

## 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:

Sample Answer

CHARGE:

Ⓐ Ⓑ ● Ⓓ

(A) release

(B) belittle

(C) accuse

(D) conspire

### PART TWO — SENTENCE COMPLETION

Each question in Part Two is made up of a sentence with one blank. Each blank indicates that a word is missing. The sentence is followed by four answer choices. Select the word that will best complete the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Sample Answer

It rained so much that the streets were \_\_\_\_\_.

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(A) flooded

(B) arid

(C) paved

(D) crowded

STOP. Do not go on  
until told to do so.



## 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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| 1. STREWN         | 6. GLOSS           |
| (A) lost          | (A) soap           |
| (B) hidden        | (B) illness        |
| (C) attached      | (C) luster         |
| (D) scattered     | (D) shell          |
| 2. DISCOURSE      | 7. HARMONIOUSLY    |
| (A) deviation     | (A) aggressively   |
| (B) loss          | (B) slowly         |
| (C) conversation  | (C) cooperatively  |
| (D) investigation | (D) strikingly     |
| 3. PERSPIRE       | 8. PURSUE          |
| (A) sweat         | (A) browse         |
| (B) breathe       | (B) escape         |
| (C) encourage     | (C) chase          |
| (D) inhale        | (D) discover       |
| 4. EXTERIOR       | 9. CONFESS         |
| (A) protected     | (A) admit          |
| (B) outside       | (B) suppose        |
| (C) relevant      | (C) commit         |
| (D) mysterious    | (D) fail           |
| 5. GENERATE       | 10. WORLDLINESS    |
| (A) power         | (A) orderliness    |
| (B) produce       | (B) richness       |
| (C) spin          | (C) miseducation   |
| (D) burn          | (D) sophistication |

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11. APEX

- (A) predator
- (B) valley
- (C) equator
- (D) peak

12. COSMIC

- (A) celestial
- (B) unknown
- (C) obscure
- (D) bright

13. HOOKED

- (A) complicated
- (B) captivated
- (C) surrounded
- (D) abusive

14. CALCULATE

- (A) type
- (B) enter
- (C) implicate
- (D) figure

15. SLOPPINESS

- (A) carelessness
- (B) cleverness
- (C) daring
- (D) haplessness

16. BUFFOON

- (A) fool
- (B) pillow
- (C) shrew
- (D) vault

17. STOICALLY

- (A) demonstrably
- (B) powerfully
- (C) indignantly
- (D) unemotionally

18. PROGRESS

- (A) advancement
- (B) impediment
- (C) conclusion
- (D) division

19. SCUTTLE

- (A) scurry
- (B) prowl
- (C) activate
- (D) hassle

20. ATROCIOUS

- (A) perceptive
- (B) massive
- (C) appalling
- (D) indignant

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## PART TWO – SENTENCE COMPLETION

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

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21. Local officials produced \_\_\_\_\_ fishery reports by inflating the figures so that fisheries appeared more productive.
- (A) removed  
(B) distinctive  
(C) dismissive  
(D) fraudulent
22. Once he ran out of reasonable arguments against his opponent's position, the mean-spirited senator resorted to making \_\_\_\_\_ personal remarks about his opponent.
- (A) disparaging  
(B) complimentary  
(C) conclusive  
(D) decisive
23. In a victory for police and law enforcement the Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_ a lower court's ruling, which allowed officers to take DNA samples from arrested suspects.
- (A) proposed  
(B) dismissed  
(C) upheld  
(D) criticized
24. After years of collecting scraps of wood, metal, and machinery, John's garage is a hopeless \_\_\_\_\_ of odds and ends.
- (A) facade  
(B) studio  
(C) jumble  
(D) clatter
25. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart published over 600 pieces of music, making him one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ composers of the Classical era.
- (A) notorious  
(B) copious  
(C) comprehensive  
(D) prolific
26. Although most of the club's members claimed to \_\_\_\_\_ the policy proposal, it was still passed in a secret ballot.
- (A) endorse  
(B) oppose  
(C) debate  
(D) resolve

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27. Dean loved his old car, but had to admit that it was too small to be a \_\_\_\_\_ family vehicle.
- (A) peculiar  
(B) sensational  
(C) wasteful  
(D) practical
28. A cave-dwelling amphibian called the olm can survive for years without food, making it extremely resistant to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) starvation  
(B) drought  
(C) attack  
(D) elimination
29. Karen is often described by her coworkers as a \_\_\_\_\_ worker who pays careful attention to every detail.
- (A) playful  
(B) bickering  
(C) diligent  
(D) bellicose
30. The commentator's \_\_\_\_\_ remarks contributed very little to the story and were largely ignored.
- (A) vapid  
(B) intriguing  
(C) inclusive  
(D) explosive
31. Determined to find the exact cause of the accident, forensic engineers conducted an \_\_\_\_\_ investigation of the wreckage.
- (A) incautious  
(B) overwrought  
(C) underfunded  
(D) exhaustive
32. Sea turtles are \_\_\_\_\_ aquatic, usually coming onto land only to lay eggs.
- (A) furtively  
(B) rarely  
(C) predominantly  
(D) exclusively
33. Processed foods \_\_\_\_\_ to contain more artificial preservatives than fresh alternatives, so some dieticians recommend avoiding them.
- (A) prefer  
(B) attempt  
(C) cease  
(D) tend
34. Mark's lack of \_\_\_\_\_ was demonstrated by his inability to persuade even a single coworker to support his plan for the project.
- (A) influence  
(B) courage  
(C) adventure  
(D) derision

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35. After projecting steep budget \_\_\_\_\_, the company was forced to close underperforming stores in an effort to reduce spending and avoid losses.
- (A) negotiations  
(B) divisions  
(C) deficits  
(D) increases
36. The captive tiger \_\_\_\_\_ to be free and spent most of its time looking for some way to escape its cage.
- (A) hated  
(B) compelled  
(C) yearned  
(D) taught
37. Some medieval monks \_\_\_\_\_ to live lives of poverty, promising to own nothing and live only off of the charity of their parishioners.
- (A) presumed  
(B) menaced  
(C) deferred  
(D) vowed
38. Male lemurs are normally quite \_\_\_\_\_, but they become highly aggressive towards other males during their short mating season.
- (A) tactile  
(B) various  
(C) supernatural  
(D) docile
39. A vehicle owner's manual can be a useful \_\_\_\_\_ on maintenance and simple fixes, but won't teach you how to make major repairs.
- (A) dialogue  
(B) category  
(C) primer  
(D) incident
40. In \_\_\_\_\_ of the coming tourist season, Percy stocked his shop's shelves with souvenirs and trinkets of the sort that tourists generally buy.
- (A) anticipation  
(B) regulation  
(C) peril  
(D) consternation

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