3.33-2 Verbal Reasoning Mixed Practice Set B: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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This is a 10-minute mixed-format Verbal Reasoning practice test (Set B), styled on GL Assessment 11+ multiple-choice papers. There are 45 questions in 10 timed sections, covering: word analogies, two odd ones out, compound words, hidden four-letter words, letter series, number series, letter codes, closest in meaning, move a letter and insert a letter. Every question is worth 1 mark, for 45 marks in total. For each question, choose the ONE best answer from the options A to E. No calculator is allowed. Work through the sections in order and try to keep to the suggested time shown at the start of each section. If you are unsure of an answer, mark your best guess and move on, then return to it at the end if there is time left.

Worked example (Insert a letter). SPOR (?) ORE - find the one letter that completes the word before the brackets and begins the word after the brackets. **Answer: T.** SPOR + T = SPORT (a real word), and T + ORE = TORE (a real word). T is the only letter that works for both halves, so it is the answer. Always test each option in both gaps before choosing your final answer.

SECTION 1: WORD ANALOGIES (4 minutes, 5 questions)

1 Choose the word that completes the second pair in the same way as the first pair.

Q1. SPIDER is to WEB as BIRD is to ?

- ☐ A) Feather
- ☐ B) Wing
- ☐ C) Sky
- ☐ D) Beak
- ☐ E) Nest

2 (Two Odd Ones Out) Q5. SALMON, TROUT, DOLPHIN, HERRING, OCTOPUS.

- ☐ A) SALMON and TROUT
- ☐ B) DOLPHIN and OCTOPUS
- ☐ C) TROUT and HERRING
- ☐ D) SALMON and HERRING
- ☐ E) DOLPHIN and SALMON

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SECTION 3: COMPOUND WORDS (4 minutes, 4 questions)

3 Find the one word that can be joined onto the end of the first word and the front of the second word to make two new real words.

Q1. HEAD (....) POST

- ☐ A) Line
- ☐ B) Ache
- ☐ C) Light
- ☐ D) Lamp
- ☐ E) Board

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4 (Compound Words) Q2. HAND (....) POINT

- ☐ A) Rail
- ☐ B) Cuff
- ☐ C) Shake
- ☐ D) Bag
- ☐ E) Stand

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5 (Compound Words) Q3. SAW (....) POND

- ☐ A) Off
- ☐ B) Pit
- ☐ C) Dust
- ☐ D) Tooth
- ☐ E) Mill

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6 (Compound Words) Q4. LIVE (....) ROOM

- ☐ A) Wire
- ☐ B) Bait
- ☐ C) Style
- ☐ D) Stock
- ☐ E) Hood

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SECTION 4: HIDDEN FOUR-LETTER WORD (4 minutes, 5 questions)

7 A four-letter word is hidden between two words that are next to each other in this sentence. Which word is hidden?

Q1. "Priya also applied a fresh coat of varnish to the shed door."

- [ ] A) SOAP
- [ ] B) ALSO
- [ ] C) SHED
- [ ] D) VARY
- [ ] E) DOOR

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8 (Hidden Four-Letter Word) Q2. "Daniel keeps his pantry stocked with tins and jars of pickles."

- [ ] A) SPAN
- [ ] B) HISS
- [ ] C) PANT
- [ ] D) TINS
- [ ] E) JARS

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9 (Hidden Four-Letter Word) Q3. "A fish inspector checked every crate at the market for freshness."

- [ ] A) DISH
- [ ] B) SHIN
- [ ] C) FISH
- [ ] D) CRATE
- [ ] E) MARK

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10 (Hidden Four-Letter Word) Q4. "The removal van was carrying furniture to the new flat."

- [ ] A) SCAR
- [ ] B) VANS
- [ ] C) WASP
- [ ] D) CARRY
- [ ] E) FLAT

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11 (Hidden Four-Letter Word) Q5. "Noah lost this pin somewhere in the garden shed."

- [ ] A) SPIN
- [ ] B) SHED
- [ ] C) THIS
- [ ] D) SHIN
- [ ] E) GARDEN

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12 (Word Analogies) Q2. KEY is to LOCK as SWITCH is to ?

- [ ] A) Wire
- [ ] B) Room
- [ ] C) Wall
- [ ] D) Light
- [ ] E) Plug

SECTION 5: LETTER SERIES (4 minutes, 4 questions)

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13 Find the letter that continues the series.

Q1. C, F, I, L, (?)

- [ ] A) N
- [ ] B) O
- [ ] C) P
- [ ] D) M
- [ ] E) Q

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Mark scheme · 3.33-2 Verbal Reasoning Mixed Practice Set B: 10-minute Pack

Question 1

E) Nest - a spider makes a web to live in, just as a bird makes a nest to live in **B1**

Answer: E) Nest

Question 2

B) DOLPHIN and OCTOPUS - SALMON, TROUT and HERRING are all true fish; DOLPHIN is a mammal and OCTOPUS is a mollusc, so they are the two odd ones out **B1**

Answer: B) DOLPHIN and OCTOPUS

Question 3

D) Lamp - HEAD + LAMP = HEADLAMP and LAMP + POST = LAMPPOST, both real words **B1**

Answer: D) Lamp

Question 4

E) Stand - HAND + STAND = HANDSTAND and STAND + POINT = STANDPOINT, both real words **B1**

Answer: E) Stand

Question 5

E) Mill - SAW + MILL = SAWMILL and MILL + POND = MILLPOND, both real words **B1**

Answer: E) Mill

Question 6

D) Stock - LIVE + STOCK = LIVESTOCK and STOCK + ROOM = STOCKROOM, both real words **B1**

Answer: D) Stock

Question 7

A) SOAP - hidden across 'also applied': the last two letters of ALSO ('so') plus the first two letters of APPLIED ('ap') spell SOAP **B1**

Answer: A) SOAP

Question 8

A) SPAN - hidden across 'his pantry': the last letter of HIS ('s') plus the first three letters of PANTRY ('pan') spell SPAN **B1**

Answer: A) SPAN

Question 9

B) SHIN - hidden across 'fish inspector': the last two letters of FISH ('sh') plus the first two letters of INSPECTOR ('in') spell SHIN **B1**

Answer: B) SHIN

Question 10

A) SCAR - hidden across 'was carrying': the last letter of WAS ('s') plus the first three letters of CARRYING ('car') spell SCAR **B1**

Answer: A) SCAR

Question 11

A) SPIN - hidden across 'this pin': the last letter of THIS ('s') plus the whole of PIN spell SPIN **B1**

Answer: A) SPIN

Question 12

D) Light - a key is used to operate a lock, just as a switch is used to operate a light **B1**

Answer: D) Light

Question 13

B) O - each letter is 3 places after the one before (C=3, F=6, I=9, L=12, O=15) **B1**

Answer: B) O

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