3.35 Verbal Reasoning: Word Skills and Analogies Depth: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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This is a 10-minute Verbal Reasoning depth practice on vocabulary and word skills, styled on GL Assessment 11+ multiple-choice papers. There are 40 questions across six sections: Word Analogies, Closest / Opposite Meaning, Odd One Out, Compound Words, Hidden Words and Complete the Word. Every question is worth 1 mark, for 40 marks in total. Difficulty increases through each section and across the pack as a whole, finishing with scholarship-level stretch questions. For each question, choose the ONE best answer from the options A to E. No calculator is allowed. Read every word, sentence and clue carefully; some questions ask for the closest meaning and others for the opposite, so check which is being asked each time.

Worked example (Word Analogies). NIGHT is to DAY as BLACK is to ? **Answer: White.** First work out the relationship between the first pair of words: NIGHT and DAY are opposites. Then apply the same relationship to the second pair: the opposite of BLACK is WHITE. Apply this same careful approach throughout the pack, even as the sections move on to closest and opposite meaning, odd one out, compound words, hidden words and complete-the-word puzzles, always working out the exact rule or connection being tested before choosing an option.

SECTION 1: WORD ANALOGIES (6 minutes, 7 questions)

1 Work out the relationship between the first pair of words, then choose the option that completes the second pair in the same way.

Q1. PUPPY is to DOG as KITTEN is to ?

- ☐ A) Mouse
- ☐ B) Cat
- ☐ C) Rabbit
- ☐ D) Bird
- ☐ E) Fish

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2 (CLOSEST / OPPOSITE MEANING) Q3. Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to GENEROUS.

- [ ] A) kind
- [ ] B) wealthy
- [ ] C) mean
- [ ] D) polite
- [ ] E) honest

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3 (CLOSEST / OPPOSITE MEANING) Q4. Choose the word closest in meaning to RELUCTANT.

- [ ] A) eager
- [ ] B) confused
- [ ] C) exhausted
- [ ] D) confident
- [ ] E) unwilling

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4 (CLOSEST / OPPOSITE MEANING) Q5. Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to TRANSPARENT.

- [ ] A) clear
- [ ] B) opaque
- [ ] C) fragile
- [ ] D) flexible
- [ ] E) colourful

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5 (CLOSEST / OPPOSITE MEANING) Q6. Choose the word closest in meaning to METICULOUS.

- [ ] A) careless
- [ ] B) hasty
- [ ] C) precise
- [ ] D) generous
- [ ] E) cheerful

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6 (CLOSEST / OPPOSITE MEANING) Q7. Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to BENEVOLENT.

- [ ] A) generous
- [ ] B) charitable
- [ ] C) friendly
- [ ] D) polite
- [ ] E) malicious

SECTION 3: ODD ONE OUT (6 minutes, 7 questions)

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7 Four of the five options share something in common. Choose the ONE option that does NOT belong with the other four.

Q1. Which word does NOT belong with the other four?

- [ ] A) Carrot
- [ ] B) Apple
- [ ] C) Banana
- [ ] D) Orange
- [ ] E) Grape

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8 (ODD ONE OUT) Q2. Which word does NOT belong with the other four?

- [ ] A) Trumpet
- [ ] B) Flute
- [ ] C) Violin
- [ ] D) Clarinet
- [ ] E) Saxophone

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9 (ODD ONE OUT) Q3. Which word does NOT belong with the other four?

- [ ] A) Seventh
- [ ] B) Tension
- [ ] C) Nineteen
- [ ] D) Oneness
- [ ] E) Garden

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10 (ODD ONE OUT) Q4. Which word does NOT belong with the other four?

- ☐ A) Novel
- ☐ B) Melody
- ☐ C) Magazine
- ☐ D) Letter
- ☐ E) Newspaper

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11 (ODD ONE OUT) Q5. Which word does NOT belong with the other four?

- ☐ A) Flake
- ☐ B) Man
- ☐ C) Ball
- ☐ D) Sun
- ☐ E) Storm

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12 (WORD ANALOGIES) Q2. BAKER is to BREAD as CARPENTER is to ?

- ☐ A) Hammer
- ☐ B) Wood
- ☐ C) Nail
- ☐ D) Furniture
- ☐ E) Saw

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13 (ODD ONE OUT) Q6. Which word does NOT belong with the other four?

- ☐ A) Thames
- ☐ B) Snowdon
- ☐ C) Severn
- ☐ D) Mersey
- ☐ E) Trent

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Question 1

B) Cat - a puppy grows into a dog; a kitten grows into a cat (baby animal to adult animal) **B1**

Answer: B) Cat

Question 2

C) mean - describes someone unwilling to share, the direct opposite of 'generous' **B1**

Answer: C) mean

Question 3

E) unwilling - means not wanting to do something, the same core meaning as 'reluctant' **B1**

Answer: E) unwilling

Question 4

B) opaque - describes a material that cannot be seen through, the direct opposite of 'transparent' **B1**

Answer: B) opaque

Question 5

C) precise - means very careful and exact about small details, the same core meaning as 'meticulous' **B1**

Answer: C) precise

Question 6

E) malicious - describes someone who intends harm, the direct opposite of 'benevolent' (kind and well-meaning) **B1**

Answer: E) malicious

Question 7

A) Carrot - the only vegetable; the other four are all fruits **B1**

Answer: A) Carrot

Question 8

C) Violin - the only string instrument played with a bow; the other four are all wind instruments played by blowing **B1**

Answer: C) Violin

Question 9

E) Garden - the only word with no number hidden inside it; the other four all contain a hidden number word **B1**

Answer: E) Garden

Question 10

B) Melody - the only thing that is heard rather than read; the other four are all written texts that can be read **B1**

Answer: B) Melody

Question 11

D) Sun - SNOWSUN is not a real word; the other four all combine with SNOW to make a real compound word **B1**

Answer: D) Sun

Question 12

D) Furniture - a baker's product is bread; a carpenter's product is furniture (worker to product made) **B1**

Answer: D) Furniture

Question 13

B) Snowdon - a mountain, not a river; the other four are all rivers in the United Kingdom **B1**

Answer: B) Snowdon

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