3.43-2 Verbal Reasoning: Closest and Opposite Meaning Set 2: 10-minute Pack

GL ASSESSMENT EP.V37 · about 10 minutes

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This is a 10-minute Verbal Reasoning depth practice on meaning, styled on GL Assessment 11+ multiple-choice papers. It is a second, all-new set of meaning-focused questions on this topic. There are 40 questions across five sections: Closest Meaning, Opposite Meaning, Odd One Out by Meaning, Shades of Meaning and Word in Context. 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 built around words with more than one meaning. For each question, choose the ONE best answer from the options A to E. No calculator is allowed. Read every word and instruction carefully: several sections need close attention to precise shades of meaning or to how a word is being used in a sentence, so check exactly what each question is asking before choosing.

Worked example (Closest Meaning). Choose the word closest in meaning to CANDID. A) secretive B) frank C) formal D) nervous E) polite **Answer: B.** 'Candid' means open and honest in speech. 'Frank' means the same, open and honest, so it is correct. 'Secretive' means the opposite, keeping things hidden. 'Formal' describes a stiff manner of speaking, not directness. 'Nervous' describes an unrelated feeling, and 'polite' describes manners rather than truthfulness. Apply this same careful approach throughout the pack, even as the sections move from closest and opposite meaning to identifying the odd one out by meaning, judging the strength or shade of a word's meaning, and working out a word's exact meaning as used in a sentence: always check the precise meaning intended before choosing an option, and rule out any word that only sounds similar or is loosely associated rather than being the true match.

SECTION 1: CLOSEST MEANING (7 minutes, 10 questions)

1 Each question gives a word in capital letters. Choose the ONE word from the options that means most nearly the same as the word given.

Q1. Choose the word closest in meaning to BRIEF.

- ☐ A) short
- ☐ B) tall
- ☐ C) heavy
- ☐ D) narrow
- ☐ E) loud

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2 (CLOSEST MEANING) Q10. Choose the word closest in meaning to DILIGENT.

- ☐ A) lazy
- ☐ B) careless
- ☐ C) impatient
- ☐ D) forgetful
- ☐ E) hard-working

SECTION 2: OPPOSITE MEANING (7 minutes, 10 questions)

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3 Each question gives a word in capital letters. Choose the ONE word from the options that means most nearly OPPOSITE to the word given.

Q1. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to ANCIENT.

- ☐ A) modern
- ☐ B) old
- ☐ C) historic
- ☐ D) ruined
- ☐ E) faded

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4 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q2. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to GENUINE.

- ☐ A) real
- ☐ B) fake
- ☐ C) honest
- ☐ D) rare
- ☐ E) valuable

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5 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q3. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to ABUNDANT.

- ☐ A) plentiful
- ☐ B) common
- ☐ C) scarce
- ☐ D) fresh
- ☐ E) large

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6 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q4. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to CAUTIOUS.

- ☐ A) careful
- ☐ B) nervous
- ☐ C) confident
- ☐ D) reckless
- ☐ E) slow

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7 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q5. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to PERMIT.

- ☐ A) allow
- ☐ B) request
- ☐ C) suggest
- ☐ D) accept
- ☐ E) forbid

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8 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q6. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to EXPAND.

- ☐ A) shrink
- ☐ B) grow
- ☐ C) stretch
- ☐ D) rise
- ☐ E) spread

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9 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q7. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to PUNCTUAL.

- ☐ A) early
- ☐ B) late
- ☐ C) prompt
- ☐ D) quick
- ☐ E) careful

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10 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q8. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to HUMBLE.

- [ ] A) modest
- [ ] B) shy
- [ ] C) arrogant
- [ ] D) polite
- [ ] E) quiet

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11 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q9. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to TRANSPARENT.

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

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12 (CLOSEST MEANING) Q2. Choose the word closest in meaning to SWIFT.

- [ ] A) slow
- [ ] B) fast
- [ ] C) heavy
- [ ] D) quiet
- [ ] E) sharp

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13 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q10. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to BENEVOLENT.

- [ ] A) kind
- [ ] B) generous
- [ ] C) wealthy
- [ ] D) famous
- [ ] E) malicious

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Question 1

A) short - means lasting only a little time, the same core meaning as 'brief'. **B1**

Answer: A) short

Question 2

E) hard-working - is the direct synonym of 'diligent'. **B1**

Answer: E) hard-working

Question 3

A) modern - is the direct opposite of 'ancient' (very old). **B1**

Answer: A) modern

Question 4

B) fake - is the direct opposite of 'genuine' (real, authentic). **B1**

Answer: B) fake

Question 5

C) scarce - is the direct opposite of 'abundant' (existing in large quantities). **B1**

Answer: C) scarce

Question 6

D) reckless - is the direct opposite of 'cautious' (careful to avoid danger). **B1**

Answer: D) reckless

Question 7

E) forbid - is the direct opposite of 'permit' (to allow). **B1**

Answer: E) forbid

Question 8

A) shrink - is the direct opposite of 'expand' (to grow larger). **B1**

Answer: A) shrink

Question 9

B) late - is the direct opposite of 'punctual' (arriving on time). **B1**

Answer: B) late

Question 10

C) arrogant - is the direct opposite of 'humble' (modest about one's abilities). **B1**

Answer: C) arrogant

Question 11

D) opaque - is the direct opposite of 'transparent' (able to be seen through). **B1**

Answer: D) opaque

Question 12

B) fast - means moving quickly, the same core meaning as 'swift'. **B1**

Answer: B) fast

Question 13

E) malicious - is the direct opposite of 'benevolent' (kind and well-meaning). **B1**

Answer: E) malicious

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