3.33-9 Verbal Reasoning Mixed Practice Set I: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

This is a 10-minute mixed-format Verbal Reasoning practice test (Set I), styled on GL Assessment 11+ multiple-choice papers. There are 45 questions in 10 timed sections: Closest in Meaning, Opposite in Meaning, Word Analogies, Compound Words, Hidden Words, Move a Letter, Letter Sequences, Number Series, Word Codes and Odd One Out. Every question is worth 1 mark, for 45 marks in total. Difficulty increases within each section and across the pack as a whole. 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 (Move a Letter). one letter can move from the first word to the second word to make two new, correctly spelled words. Which letter moves from (SPOIL) to (AT)? **Answer: P.** Test each letter of SPOIL in turn to see whether removing it leaves a real word: removing P leaves SOIL, a real word, so P is a strong candidate. Check the second word next: adding P to the front of AT gives PAT, also a real word, so both halves work. Removing any of the other letters (S, O, I or L) from SPOIL does not leave a real English word, so P is the only letter that can move. In every Move a Letter question, first find which single letter can be removed from the first word to leave a real word, then check that the same letter can be added to the second word to make another real word before choosing your answer.

SECTION 1: CLOSEST IN MEANING (4 minutes, 5 questions)

1 Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the word in capitals.

Q1. Choose the word closest in meaning to VIVID.

- ☐ A) Dull
- ☐ B) Vague
- ☐ C) Blurred
- ☐ D) Faint
- ☐ E) Bright

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SECTION 3: WORD ANALOGIES (4 minutes, 5 questions)

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

Q1. KEY is to LOCK as PASSWORD is to ?

- [ ] A) Computer
- [ ] B) Account
- [ ] C) Keyboard
- [ ] D) Number
- [ ] E) Door

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3 (Word Analogies) Q2. THIMBLE is to FINGER as HELMET is to ?

- [ ] A) Hair
- [ ] B) Neck
- [ ] C) Head
- [ ] D) Face
- [ ] E) Body

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4 (Word Analogies) Q3. CRUMB is to LOAF as SPARK is to ?

- [ ] A) Ash
- [ ] B) Ember
- [ ] C) Flame
- [ ] D) Fire
- [ ] E) Smoke

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5 (Word Analogies) Q4. APIARY is to BEES as AVIARY is to ?

- [ ] A) Reptiles
- [ ] B) Birds
- [ ] C) Fish
- [ ] D) Bats
- [ ] E) Insects

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6 (Word Analogies) Q5. THAW is to FREEZE as WAKE is to ?

- ☐ A) Rest
- ☐ B) Tired
- ☐ C) Sleep
- ☐ D) Awake
- ☐ E) Dream

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

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7 Find the one word that completes the word before the gap and also begins the word after the gap, making two real compound words. Choose from the options.

Q1. NEWS (....) WORK

- ☐ A) Stand
- ☐ B) Flash
- ☐ C) Cast
- ☐ D) Paper
- ☐ E) Letter

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8 (Compound Words) Q2. BED (....) TABLE

- ☐ A) Spread
- ☐ B) Rock
- ☐ C) Room
- ☐ D) Side
- ☐ E) Time

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9 (Compound Words) Q3. UNDER (....) AGE

- ☐ A) Stand
- ☐ B) Mine
- ☐ C) Go
- ☐ D) Cover
- ☐ E) Take

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10 (Compound Words) Q4. GRAND (....) BY

- ☐ A) Mother
- ☐ B) Child
- ☐ C) Parent
- ☐ D) Father
- ☐ E) Stand

SECTION 5: HIDDEN WORDS (4 minutes, 5 questions)

11 A shorter word is hidden inside the word in capitals, spelled using letters that are next to each other and in the same order. Find the hidden word.

Q1. Which four-letter word is hidden inside CRATER?

- ☐ A) Rate
- ☐ B) Crat
- ☐ C) Ater
- ☐ D) Cate
- ☐ E) Trer

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12 (Closest in Meaning) Q2. Choose the word closest in meaning to CLUMSY.

- ☐ A) Elegant
- ☐ B) Skilled
- ☐ C) Nimble
- ☐ D) Awkward
- ☐ E) Graceful

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13 (Hidden Words) Q2. Which four-letter word is hidden inside PLASTIC?

- ☐ A) Last
- ☐ B) Plas
- ☐ C) Asti
- ☐ D) Stic
- ☐ E) Tic

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Question 1

E) Bright - bright means strikingly colourful or clear, the closest match to vivid **B1**

Answer: E) Bright

Question 2

B) Account - a key is used to gain entry through a lock, just as a password is used to gain entry to an account **B1**

Answer: B) Account

Question 3

C) Head - a thimble is a protective covering worn on the finger, just as a helmet is a protective covering worn on the head **B1**

Answer: C) Head

Question 4

D) Fire - a crumb is a small fragment that comes off a loaf, just as a spark is a small fragment that flies off a fire **B1**

Answer: D) Fire

Question 5

B) Birds - an apiary is a place built to house bees, just as an aviary is a place built to house birds **B1**

Answer: B) Birds

Question 6

C) Sleep - to thaw is the reverse of the process of freezing, just as to wake is the reverse of the process of sleeping **B1**

Answer: C) Sleep

Question 7

D) Paper - completes NEWS to make NEWSPAPER and begins WORK to make PAPERWORK **B1**

Answer: D) Paper

Question 8

E) Time - completes BED to make BEDTIME and begins TABLE to make TIMETABLE **B1**

Answer: E) Time

Question 9

D) Cover - completes UNDER to make UNDERCOVER and begins AGE to make COVERAGE **B1**

Answer: D) Cover

Question 10

E) Stand - completes GRAND to make GRANDSTAND and begins BY to make STANDBY **B1**

Answer: E) Stand

Question 11

A) Rate - CRATER contains the letters R-A-T-E in a row (positions 2 to 5), spelling RATE **B1**

Answer: A) Rate

Question 12

D) Awkward - awkward means lacking grace or skill in movement, the closest match to clumsy **B1**

Answer: D) Awkward

Question 13

A) Last - PLASTIC contains the letters L-A-S-T in a row (positions 2 to 5), spelling LAST **B1**

Answer: A) Last

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