3.43-3 Verbal Reasoning: Closest and Opposite Meaning Set 3: 10-minute Pack

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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 third, 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 APPREHENSIVE. A) confident B) nervous C) angry D) excited E) careless **Answer: B.** 'Apprehensive' means anxious or fearful about something that may happen. 'Nervous' means the same, feeling worried or uneasy, so it is correct. 'Confident' means the opposite, feeling sure of oneself. 'Angry' and 'excited' describe different, unrelated feelings, and 'careless' describes a lack of attention rather than a feeling of worry. 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 HASTY.

- ☐ A) careful
- ☐ B) calm
- ☐ C) quiet
- ☐ D) friendly
- ☐ E) hurried

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

- ☐ A) gentle
- ☐ B) careless
- ☐ C) hardy
- ☐ D) fragile
- ☐ E) nervous

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 RIGID.

- ☐ A) strong
- ☐ B) stiff
- ☐ C) heavy
- ☐ D) firm
- ☐ E) flexible

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

- ☐ A) thin
- ☐ B) sturdy
- ☐ C) plain
- ☐ D) light
- ☐ E) cheap

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

- ☐ A) wasteful
- ☐ B) mean
- ☐ C) poor
- ☐ D) careful
- ☐ E) modest

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

- [ ] A) clever
- [ ] B) careful
- [ ] C) cunning
- [ ] D) honest
- [ ] E) secretive

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

- [ ] A) ignore
- [ ] B) forget
- [ ] C) nurture
- [ ] D) abandon
- [ ] E) damage

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

- [ ] A) survive
- [ ] B) decline
- [ ] C) succeed
- [ ] D) improve
- [ ] E) grow

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

- [ ] A) hasty
- [ ] B) energetic
- [ ] C) deliberate
- [ ] D) excited
- [ ] E) sudden

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

- ☐ A) simple
- ☐ B) short
- ☐ C) clear
- ☐ D) quiet
- ☐ E) wordy

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

- ☐ A) well-kept
- ☐ B) haunted
- ☐ C) crumbling
- ☐ D) old
- ☐ E) empty

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

- ☐ A) fast
- ☐ B) strong
- ☐ C) weak
- ☐ D) tall
- ☐ E) loud

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

- ☐ A) unconcerned
- ☐ B) calm
- ☐ C) confused
- ☐ D) enthusiastic
- ☐ E) tired

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Mark scheme · 3.43-3 Verbal Reasoning: Closest and Opposite Meaning Set 3: 10-minute Pack

Question 1

E) hurried - means done quickly, without enough care, the same core meaning as 'hasty'. **B1**

Answer: E) hurried

Question 2

C) hardy - means able to recover quickly from difficulty, the same core meaning as 'resilient'. **B1**

Answer: C) hardy

Question 3

E) flexible - is the direct opposite of 'rigid' (fixed and unbending). **B1**

Answer: E) flexible

Question 4

B) sturdy - is the direct opposite of 'flimsy' (weak and easily broken). **B1**

Answer: B) sturdy

Question 5

A) wasteful - is the direct opposite of 'thrifty' (careful with money). **B1**

Answer: A) wasteful

Question 6

D) honest - is the direct opposite of 'deceitful' (misleading or dishonest). **B1**

Answer: D) honest

Question 7

C) nurture - is the direct opposite of 'neglect' (to care for and encourage growth). **B1**

Answer: C) nurture

Question 8

B) decline - is the direct opposite of 'prosper' (to thrive and do well). **B1**

Answer: B) decline

Question 9

C) deliberate - is the direct opposite of 'impulsive' (acting without thinking first). **B1**

Answer: C) deliberate

Question 10

E) wordy - is the direct opposite of 'concise' (expressed in few words). **B1**

Answer: E) wordy

Question 11

A) well-kept - is the direct opposite of 'dilapidated' (falling into disrepair). **B1**

Answer: A) well-kept

Question 12

C) weak - means lacking strength, the same core meaning as 'feeble'. **B1**

Answer: C) weak

Question 13

D) enthusiastic - is the direct opposite of 'indifferent' (showing no interest or concern). **B1**

Answer: D) enthusiastic

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