3.54-4 Verbal Reasoning: Meaning Set 4: 10-minute Pack

GL ASSESSMENT EP.V65 · 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 fourth, all-new set of meaning-focused questions on this topic, going deeper on closest meaning, opposite meaning and odd-one-out reasoning. There are 32 questions across three sections: Closest Meaning, Opposite Meaning and Odd One Out by Meaning. Every question is worth 1 mark, for 32 marks in total. Difficulty increases through the pack, finishing with the most demanding odd-one-out questions, which are built around closely related but subtly different shades of meaning. For each question, choose the ONE best answer from the options A to E. No calculator is allowed. Read every word carefully, especially in the final section, where more than one word in a group may look correct at first glance.

Worked example (Closest Meaning). Choose the word closest in meaning to TEDIOUS. A) exciting B) tiresome C) short D) simple E) loud **Answer: B.** 'Tedious' means dull and long, causing boredom or fatigue. 'Tiresome' means the same, something wearisome and dull, so it is correct. 'Exciting' means the opposite, full of interest. 'Short' describes length, not how interesting something is; 'simple' describes difficulty; and 'loud' describes volume, none of which match the meaning of 'tedious'. Apply this same careful approach throughout the pack, even as the sections move from closest meaning and opposite meaning to picking out the odd one out by meaning: always check the precise, core meaning of the word given 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 (9 minutes, 12 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 ANXIOUS.

- ☐ A) confident
- ☐ B) proud
- ☐ C) angry
- ☐ D) sleepy
- ☐ E) nervous

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

- ☐ A) modest
- ☐ B) careful
- ☐ C) generous
- ☐ D) shy
- ☐ E) haughty

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3 (CLOSEST MEANING) Q11. Choose the word closest in meaning to INGENIOUS.

- ☐ A) inventive
- ☐ B) foolish
- ☐ C) careless
- ☐ D) dull
- ☐ E) ordinary

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4 (CLOSEST MEANING) Q12. Choose the word closest in meaning to DESPONDENT.

- ☐ A) excited
- ☐ B) confident
- ☐ C) dejected
- ☐ D) calm
- ☐ E) cheerful

SECTION 2: OPPOSITE MEANING (9 minutes, 12 questions)

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5 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 SCARCE.

- ☐ A) rare
- ☐ B) limited
- ☐ C) meagre
- ☐ D) short
- ☐ E) plentiful

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6 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q2. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to SHALLOW.

- ☐ A) low
- ☐ B) thin
- ☐ C) narrow
- ☐ D) deep
- ☐ E) flat

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7 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q3. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to RECKLESS.

- ☐ A) brave
- ☐ B) careful
- ☐ C) foolish
- ☐ D) loud
- ☐ E) fast

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8 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q4. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to EXTRAVAGANT.

- ☐ A) careless
- ☐ B) generous
- ☐ C) rich
- ☐ D) wasteful
- ☐ E) economical

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9 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q5. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to TRIVIAL.

- ☐ A) minor
- ☐ B) plain
- ☐ C) small
- ☐ D) significant
- ☐ E) silly

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10 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q6. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to GRACEFUL.

- ☐ A) swift
- ☐ B) quiet
- ☐ C) ungainly
- ☐ D) elegant
- ☐ E) careful

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11 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q7. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to LETHARGIC.

- ☐ A) slow
- ☐ B) energetic
- ☐ C) calm
- ☐ D) sleepy
- ☐ E) tired

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

- ☐ A) enormous
- ☐ B) tiny
- ☐ C) narrow
- ☐ D) light
- ☐ E) short

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13 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q8. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to OPULENT.

- ☐ A) austere
- ☐ B) rich
- ☐ C) fancy
- ☐ D) grand
- ☐ E) costly

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Mark scheme · 3.54-4 Verbal Reasoning: Meaning Set 4: 10-minute Pack

Question 1

E) nervous - means feeling worried or uneasy, the same core meaning as 'anxious'. **B1**

Answer: E) nervous

Question 2

E) haughty - means having an exaggerated sense of one's own importance, the same core meaning as 'arrogant'. **B1**

Answer: E) haughty

Question 3

A) inventive - means cleverly original in solving problems, the same core meaning as 'ingenious'. **B1**

Answer: A) inventive

Question 4

C) dejected - means in low spirits, the same core meaning as 'despondent'. **B1**

Answer: C) dejected

Question 5

E) plentiful - is the direct opposite of 'scarce' (in short supply). **B1**

Answer: E) plentiful

Question 6

D) deep - is the direct opposite of 'shallow' (having little depth). **B1**

Answer: D) deep

Question 7

B) careful - is the direct opposite of 'reckless' (acting without thinking of consequences). **B1**

Answer: B) careful

Question 8

E) economical - is the direct opposite of 'extravagant' (spending far more than is needed). **B1**

Answer: E) economical

Question 9

D) significant - is the direct opposite of 'trivial' (of little importance). **B1**

Answer: D) significant

Question 10

C) ungainly - is the direct opposite of 'graceful' (moving in a smooth, controlled way). **B1**

Answer: C) ungainly

Question 11

B) energetic - is the direct opposite of 'lethargic' (lacking energy and enthusiasm). **B1**

Answer: B) energetic

Question 12

A) enormous - means extremely large, the same core meaning as 'gigantic'. **B1**

Answer: A) enormous

Question 13

A) austere - is the direct opposite of 'opulent' (extremely rich and luxurious). **B1**

Answer: A) austere

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