3.54-5 Verbal Reasoning: Meaning Set 5: 10-minute Pack

GL ASSESSMENT EP.V73 · about 10 minutes

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This is a 10-minute Verbal Reasoning depth practice on meaning (Set 5), styled on GL Assessment 11+ multiple-choice papers. It is a fifth, 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 VIGILANT. A) careless B) watchful C) tired D) friendly E) confused **Answer: B) watchful.** 'Vigilant' means keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulty. 'Watchful' means the same, staying alert and observant, so it is correct. 'Careless' means the opposite, paying too little attention. 'Tired', 'friendly' and 'confused' describe unrelated states that have nothing to do with staying alert. 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 OBSTINATE.

- ☐ A) careless
- ☐ B) cheerful
- ☐ C) generous
- ☐ D) helpful
- ☐ E) stubborn

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

- ☐ A) impossible
- ☐ B) ridiculous
- ☐ C) credible
- ☐ D) doubtful
- ☐ E) mysterious

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

- ☐ A) predictable
- ☐ B) enigmatic
- ☐ C) talkative
- ☐ D) cheerful
- ☐ E) obvious

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

- ☐ A) friendly
- ☐ B) boastful
- ☐ C) nervous
- ☐ D) uncommunicative
- ☐ E) chatty

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 GENEROUS.

- ☐ A) cheerful
- ☐ B) humble
- ☐ C) wealthy
- ☐ D) kind
- ☐ E) miserly

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

- [ ] A) bold
- [ ] B) nervous
- [ ] C) careful
- [ ] D) shy
- [ ] E) quiet

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

- [ ] A) growing
- [ ] B) generous
- [ ] C) meagre
- [ ] D) huge
- [ ] E) plentiful

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

- [ ] A) hide
- [ ] B) disguise
- [ ] C) reveal
- [ ] D) remove
- [ ] E) protect

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

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

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

- ☐ A) gentle
- ☐ B) strict
- ☐ C) fair
- ☐ D) patient
- ☐ E) calm

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

- ☐ A) silent
- ☐ B) peaceful
- ☐ C) still
- ☐ D) turbulent
- ☐ E) quiet

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

- ☐ A) heavy
- ☐ B) strong
- ☐ C) cheap
- ☐ D) delicate
- ☐ E) ancient

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

- ☐ A) careful
- ☐ B) thrifty
- ☐ C) modest
- ☐ D) poor
- ☐ E) extravagant

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Mark scheme · 3.54-5 Verbal Reasoning: Meaning Set 5: 10-minute Pack

Question 1

E) stubborn - means unwilling to change one's mind or course of action, the same core meaning as 'obstinate'. **B1**

Answer: E) stubborn

Question 2

C) credible - means seeming reasonable or probable, believable, the same core meaning as 'plausible'. **B1**

Answer: C) credible

Question 3

B) enigmatic - means impossible to interpret or read, the same core meaning as 'inscrutable'. **B1**

Answer: B) enigmatic

Question 4

D) uncommunicative - means reserved and saying very little, the same core meaning as 'taciturn'. **B1**

Answer: D) uncommunicative

Question 5

E) miserly - is the direct opposite of 'generous'. **B1**

Answer: E) miserly

Question 6

A) bold - is the direct opposite of 'timid'. **B1**

Answer: A) bold

Question 7

C) meagre - is the direct opposite of 'abundant'. **B1**

Answer: C) meagre

Question 8

C) reveal - is the direct opposite of 'conceal'. **B1**

Answer: C) reveal

Question 9

A) arrogant - is the direct opposite of 'humble'. **B1**

Answer: A) arrogant

Question 10

B) strict - is the direct opposite of 'lenient'. **B1**

Answer: B) strict

Question 11

D) turbulent - is the direct opposite of 'tranquil'. **B1**

Answer: D) turbulent

Question 12

D) delicate - means easily broken or damaged, the same core meaning as 'fragile'. **B1**

Answer: D) delicate

Question 13

E) extravagant - is the direct opposite of 'frugal'. **B1**

Answer: E) extravagant

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