



EP.V73 Verbal Reasoning: Meaning Set 5

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This is a 25-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. 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.

1 SECTION 1: CLOSEST MEANING (9 minutes, 12 questions)

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

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 (CLOSEST MEANING) Q3. Choose the word closest in meaning to WEARY.

- ☐ A) excited
- ☐ B) exhausted
- ☐ C) hungry
- ☐ D) curious
- ☐ E) calm

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

4 (CLOSEST MEANING) Q4. Choose the word closest in meaning to CANDID.

- ☐ A) frank
- ☐ B) secretive
- ☐ C) nervous
- ☐ D) humble
- ☐ E) cautious

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 (CLOSEST MEANING) Q5. Choose the word closest in meaning to METICULOUS.

- ☐ A) careless
- ☐ B) hasty
- ☐ C) forgetful
- ☐ D) thorough
- ☐ E) casual

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

6 (CLOSEST MEANING) Q6. Choose the word closest in meaning to BENEVOLENT.

- ☐ A) selfish
- ☐ B) stern
- ☐ C) kindly
- ☐ D) indifferent
- ☐ E) envious

(Total for Question 6 is 1 mark)

7 (CLOSEST MEANING) Q7. Choose the word closest in meaning to RETICENT.

- ☐ A) talkative
- ☐ B) reserved
- ☐ C) cheerful
- ☐ D) anxious
- ☐ E) arrogant

(Total for Question 7 is 1 mark)

8 (CLOSEST MEANING) Q8. Choose the word closest in meaning to DILIGENT.

- ☐ A) lazy
- ☐ B) careless
- ☐ C) forgetful
- ☐ D) timid
- ☐ E) industrious

(Total for Question 8 is 1 mark)

9 (CLOSEST MEANING) Q9. Choose the word closest in meaning to AMIABLE.

- ☐ A) good-natured
- ☐ B) hostile
- ☐ C) arrogant
- ☐ D) nervous
- ☐ E) dishonest

(Total for Question 9 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 10 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 11 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 12 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 13 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 14 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 15 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 16 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 17 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 18 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 19 is 1 mark)

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

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

(Total for Question 20 is 1 mark)

21 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q9. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to OPTIMISTIC.

- ☐ A) hopeful
- ☐ B) cheerful
- ☐ C) pessimistic
- ☐ D) confident
- ☐ E) realistic

(Total for Question 21 is 1 mark)

22 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q10. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to VOLUNTARY.

- ☐ A) willing
- ☐ B) compulsory
- ☐ C) free
- ☐ D) optional
- ☐ E) casual

(Total for Question 22 is 1 mark)

23 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q11. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to MAGNANIMOUS.

- ☐ A) generous
- ☐ B) noble
- ☐ C) forgiving
- ☐ D) gracious
- ☐ E) petty

(Total for Question 23 is 1 mark)

24 (OPPOSITE MEANING) Q12. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to AUDACIOUS.

- ☐ A) bold
- ☐ B) daring
- ☐ C) timid
- ☐ D) confident
- ☐ E) reckless

(Total for Question 24 is 1 mark)

25 SECTION 3: ODD ONE OUT BY MEANING (7 minutes, 8 questions)

Four of the five words in each question share a very similar meaning. Choose the ONE word that does NOT belong with the others.

Q1. Which word does not belong?

- ☐ A) ecstatic
- ☐ B) jubilant
- ☐ C) elated
- ☐ D) gloomy
- ☐ E) delighted

(Total for Question 25 is 1 mark)

26 (ODD ONE OUT BY MEANING) Q2. Which word does not belong?

- ☐ A) massive
- ☐ B) colossal
- ☐ C) minuscule
- ☐ D) immense
- ☐ E) vast

(Total for Question 26 is 1 mark)

27 (ODD ONE OUT BY MEANING) Q3. Which word does not belong?

- ☐ A) courageous
- ☐ B) heroic
- ☐ C) cowardly
- ☐ D) fearless
- ☐ E) valiant

(Total for Question 27 is 1 mark)

28 (ODD ONE OUT BY MEANING) Q4. Which word does not belong?

- ☐ A) hushed
- ☐ B) noisy
- ☐ C) muted
- ☐ D) silent
- ☐ E) soundless

(Total for Question 28 is 1 mark)

29 (ODD ONE OUT BY MEANING) Q5. Which word does not belong?

- ☐ A) charitable
- ☐ B) stingy
- ☐ C) munificent
- ☐ D) philanthropic
- ☐ E) bountiful

(Total for Question 29 is 1 mark)

30 (ODD ONE OUT BY MEANING) Q6. Which word does not belong?

- ☐ A) astute
- ☐ B) shrewd
- ☐ C) ingenious
- ☐ D) foolish
- ☐ E) sagacious

(Total for Question 30 is 1 mark)

31 (ODD ONE OUT BY MEANING) Q7. Which word does not belong?

- ☐ A) furious
- ☐ B) irate
- ☐ C) incensed
- ☐ D) jovial
- ☐ E) livid

(Total for Question 31 is 1 mark)

32 (ODD ONE OUT BY MEANING) Q8. Which word does not belong?

- ☐ A) candid
- ☐ B) forthright
- ☐ C) veracious
- ☐ D) duplicitous
- ☐ E) sincere

(Total for Question 32 is 1 mark)

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Question 1

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

Question 2

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

Question 3

- **B1 B) exhausted** - means very tired, worn out, the same core meaning as 'weary'.
- **Answer: B) exhausted**

Question 4

- **B1 A) frank** - means open and honest, not hiding one's true thoughts, the same core meaning as 'candid'.
- **Answer: A) frank**

Question 5

- **B1 D) thorough** - means extremely careful and precise about every detail, the same core meaning as 'meticulous'.
- **Answer: D) thorough**

Question 6

- **B1 C) kindly** - means well-meaning and generous towards others, the same core meaning as 'benevolent'.
- **Answer: C) kindly**

Question 7

- **B1 B) reserved** - means not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily, the same core meaning as 'reticent'.
- **Answer: B) reserved**

Question 8

- **B1 E) industrious** - means showing steady, hard-working effort, the same core meaning as 'diligent'.
- **Answer: E) industrious**

Question 9

- **B1 A) good-natured** - means friendly and pleasant, the same core meaning as 'amiable'.
- **Answer: A) good-natured**

Question 10

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

Question 11

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

Question 12

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

Question 13

- **B1 B) miserly** - is the direct opposite of 'generous'.
- **Answer: B) miserly**

Question 14

- **B1 D) bold** - is the direct opposite of 'timid'.
- **Answer: D) bold**

Question 15

- **B1 A) meagre** - is the direct opposite of 'abundant'.
- **Answer: A) meagre**

Question 16

- **B1 E) reveal** - is the direct opposite of 'conceal'.
- **Answer: E) reveal**

Question 17

- **B1 C) arrogant** - is the direct opposite of 'humble'.
- **Answer: C) arrogant**

Question 18

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

Question 19

- **B1 A) turbulent** - is the direct opposite of 'tranquil'.
- **Answer: A) turbulent**

Question 20

- **B1 D) extravagant** - is the direct opposite of 'frugal'.
- **Answer: D) extravagant**

Question 21

- **B1 C) pessimistic** - is the direct opposite of 'optimistic'.
- **Answer: C) pessimistic**

Question 22

- **B1 B) compulsory** - is the direct opposite of 'voluntary'.
- **Answer: B) compulsory**

Question 23

- **B1 E) petty** - is the direct opposite of 'magnanimous'.
- **Answer: E) petty**

Question 24

- **B1 C) timid** - is the direct opposite of 'audacious'.
- **Answer: C) timid**

Question 25

- **B1 D) gloomy** - means sad and downcast, not extremely happy like the other four words.
- **Answer: D) gloomy**

Question 26

- **B1 C) minuscule** - means extremely small, not extremely large in size like the other four words.
- **Answer: C) minuscule**

Question 27

- **B1 C) cowardly** - means lacking courage, fearful, not brave like the other four words.
- **Answer: C) cowardly**

Question 28

- **B1 B) noisy** - means making a lot of sound, not quiet, making little or no sound like the other four words.
- **Answer: B) noisy**

Question 29

- **B1 B) stingy** - means unwilling to give or spend, ungenerous, not generous like the other four words.
- **Answer: B) stingy**

Question 30

- **B1 D) foolish** - means lacking sense or good judgement, not clever and sharp-witted like the other four words.
- **Answer: D) foolish**

Question 31

- **B1 D) jovial** - means cheerful and good-humoured, not extremely angry like the other four words.
- **Answer: D) jovial**

Question 32

- **B1 D) duplicitous** - means deceitful, given to double-dealing, not honest and truthful like the other four words.
- **Answer: D) duplicitous**