# VERBAL REASONING PRACTICE TEST – SET A

#### **Practice Example 1**

Which of the following is most similar in meaning to sad:

- **A**∶ happy
- **B**∶ tears
- C: unhappy
- D: cry
- E: None of these

	Pract	ice Example 2 SMEL	<b>L</b> is to <b>NOSE</b> , as	SOUND is to:	
<b>A</b> :	ear	<b>B</b> ∶ eye	<b>C</b> : music	D: trumpet	E: None of these
	Pract	ice Example 3			
	Find	the two statements that together	r prove:		
		<ol> <li>Kelly has long hair.</li> <li>Rachael has brown hair.</li> <li>Rachael is ten years old</li> <li>Kelly's hair is the sar</li> <li>Rachael has short hair.</li> </ol>		( )	
<b>A:</b> 1	& 2	<b>B:</b> 2 & 4	<b>C</b> : 1 & 5	D: 2 & 3	E:1 & 4

When you are told to begin you will have <u>30 minutes</u> to do as many questions as you can. If you don't know the answer to a question, make a guess or come back to it later. You don't lose marks if you get something wrong. It may be difficult to finish all the questions in the time allowed, so don't spend too long on any one question. Try to answer as many questions as you can. If you change your mind about an answer, please erase your original answer using an eraser

Which of the following is most similar in meaning to **particular**:

A: spec	ial	<b>B</b> ∶ simple	<b>C</b> : careful	D: specific	E∶obvious
	the words in vigilant meticulous	precise s particular	e alike in some way.		
A: caref		ng options could <u>n</u> B: thorough	<b>C:</b> detailed	<b>D:</b> perfectionistic	E: hasty
	reign langua GC WU <b>vord means</b>	MISD KUMP GOT TH WUIM FREK KUMP	TH means MERRY CHRIST means DAD IS MERRY s MUM IS MERRY TODAY C: KUMP	TODAY. KOMP	<b>E</b> : FREK
<ol> <li>Sandy</li> <li>Sandy</li> <li>Sandy</li> <li>Diffic</li> <li>Sandy</li> </ol>	e two statem / sings in a / likes coun cult music s /'s band pl	band. try music the best	<b>is a country music si</b> t. d classical require	-	/oice.
<b>A:</b> 1 & 3		<b>B:</b> 2 & 5	<b>C:</b> 3 & 5	<b>D:</b> 1 & 4	E:3 & 4

	AIRCRAFT is to T	<b>RANSPORT</b> as <b>N</b>	<b>EWSPAPER</b> is to:	
A: typing	<b>B:</b> publishing	<b>C:</b> editor	D: newsroom	E:media

Jordan's cat is bigger than Amy's cat, but is smaller than Jenna's cat. Fiona's cat is the same size as Wendy's cat, which is bigger than Amy's cat, but smaller than Jordan's.

If bigger cats are faster, but smaller cats are more obedient, which of the following lists the fastest and most obedient cat?

A: Fiona & Jenna B: Amy & Jordan C: Wendy & Jenna

E: None

D: Jenna & Amy

In ancient Egypt, pyramid workers would say "gengro yatju" when wishing other pyramid workers "good building". Upon the pyramid workers' return, the children would ask "Ern yatju gengro?", which meant "Was building good"? The pyramid workers would either reply "Ern gengro" ("was good building") or "Ern gangro yatju!"

#### If gangro symbolises the opposite of gengro, what does "Ern gangro yatju" mean?

A: was bad building	<b>B</b> : was hard building	<b>C</b> : was fun building
<b>D</b> : was cold building	E: was happy building	

#### **Question 8**

Which of	f the foll	owing words has a	similar meaning to	outgoing:	
A: extr	averted	<b>B</b> : contained	<b>C</b> : outside	D: exit	E: introverted
Questio				C	$\overline{\mathbf{a}}$
		wing words are ali	ke in some way.		
	s the odd				
<b>A</b> : petr	ified	<b>B</b> : fearful	<b>C</b> : terrified	D: daring	E∶ scared
Questio	n 10				
All of	the words	in the box below a	re alike in some wa	у.	
	felony	offense			
	sin	wrongdoi	ng		
Which c	of the follo	wing options could	I not go in the box?		
A:crime	)	B: immoral	C: misdemeanour	<b>D:</b> prison	E:misconduct
Questio	on 11				
		<b>BIRDS</b> a	re to <b>FLY</b> as <b>HORS</b>	<b>E</b> is to:	
A: speed	l	<b>B:</b> grass	C: legs	D: paddock	E: trot

#### **Question 12**

Find the two statements that together prove:

#### The football player wearing a blue jersey was in the team that won the Grand Final.

**1**: The football player on the losing side wore purple.

- 2: John is a football player and he wears a red jersey.
- 3: John and his team were runners up in the Grand Final.
- 4: A football player in a blue jersey beat John's team in the Grand Final.
- **5**: John's shorts are also white.

<b>A:</b> 1 & 3	<b>B:</b> 3 & 4	<b>C:</b> 2 & 4	<b>D:</b> 3 & 5	<b>E:</b> 1 & 5

# Question 13 Assume that all mils are hils, some hils are jils, and some tils are rils.Therefore it makes sense that:

A: all mils are
jils B: all
hils are mils C:
all tils are
hils
D: some jils are hils
E: some mils are hils

#### **Question 14**

Assume that some huys are knis, all jiks are suds, and some aws are huys. Therefore it makes sense that:

A: some knis may also be awsB: all huys are knis

C:all jiks are aws

D: some suds are knis

E: all jiks are huys

#### **Question 15**

MOTION is to RUN as EMOTION is to:

A: furious	<b>B:</b> feeling	C: heart	D: emotional	E:emotive	
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#### **Question 16**

Phil is a personal trainer. He has clients booked in for Monday through Friday next week. He is seeing Claire two days before Mary. Sam is booked in two days before Bec, who is one day after Mary and one day before Amanda. Finally, Pauline is scheduled in four days after Claire.

If Claire is coming in on Monday, who has Phil double booked?

A: Claire & Bec & Sam C: Claire & Mary D: Mary & Sam E: Amanda & Pauline

#### **Question 17**

Five trucks travel the primary route every day. Truck A arrives back at the depot before truck C. Truck E is after truck B who is 2 after truck D and 3 after truck A. Truck D arrives before truck C but after truck A. Which truck is the last to arrive back at the depot? A: truck A B: truck B C: truck C D: truck D E: truck E

Find the two statements that together prove:

## Emily attends acrobatic classes.

- **1**: Emily's school teaches gymnastics and acrobatics.
- 2: Laura has acrobatic lessons with Jeremy.
- **3**: Emily's friend Jeremy attends gymnastics and acrobatics classes.
- **4**: Jeremy and Emily are in the same classes.
- **5**: Jeremy's sister Laura attends gymnastics classes with Emily.

A: 1 & 2 B: 2 & 3 C: 3 & 4 D: 2 & 5

E: 1 & 5

Which of the following is most similar in meaning to **obtain**:

A: busy B: interrogate	<b>C</b> : serious question <b>D</b> : acquittal	E: acquire
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#### **Question 20**

Assume that:

All HIFS are PIFS Some SIFS are RIFS All ZIFS are SIFS All PIFS are ZIFS

#### Which of the following do we know is correct?

- A: AII ZIFS are RIFSB: Some HIFS are ZIFSC: AII RIFS are SIFS
- D: All HIFS are RIFS
- E: Some ZIFS are PIFS

#### **Question 21**

Assume that some pings are lings, all hings are fings, and some tings are pings. Therefore it makes sense that:

A: some lings may also be tings B: all pings are lings C: all hings are tings D: some fings are lings E: all hings are pings

#### Question 22

Four of the following words are alike in some way. Which is the odd word out?

A: conventional	<b>B:</b> peculiar	<b>C:</b> conservative	<b>D:</b> typical	E: traditional
<b>Question 23</b> Which of the foll	owing words is mo	st similar in meaning	g to <b>perplexing:</b>	
A: curious	<b>B</b> ∶ ambiguous	<b>C</b> : complex	<b>D</b> : incomprehen	sible <b>E</b> : confucious

All of the words in the box below are alike in some way.

feeling	altruistic
human	volunteer

Which of the following options could <u>not</u> go in the box?



In a hospital maternity ward there are only five babies. Baby 1 is heavier, with red hair. Baby 2 is male and thin, with the same colour hair as Baby 3, who is blonde and wears a bonnet. Baby 4 is one of the three female babies and Baby 5 wears sunglasses and is heavier. All babies wear bonnets and at least one of the females wears sunglasses.

A thin, red-haired baby wearing a bonnet is the oldest of the group. Who can it be?

Question 26				
	<b>FIXED</b> is	to <b>VARIABLE</b> as <b>SC</b>	<b>DLID</b> is to:	
A: glass	<b>B:</b> malleable	C: hard	D: rotate	E:None of these
Question 27	naks are saks all	I <b>naks</b> are <b>paks,</b> and	some <b>zaks</b> are	
	makes sense that:			
<ul> <li>A: no paks are n.</li> <li>B: all paks are</li> <li>C: some kaks are</li> <li>D: some naks may</li> <li>E: all paks are</li> </ul>	naks naks be saks			
Question 28				
		similar meaning to		
A∶ use-by	B: cease	C: uncontinue	<b>D</b> : maintain	E: discount
Question 29				
	ALOOF is to B:hidden	SOCIABLE as ORD	<b>DINARY</b> is to:	

All of the words in the box below are alike in some way.

entourage	associates
followers	supporters

# Which of the following options could also be in the box?

A:employer	<b>B:</b> staff	C: enemies	D:competition	E:hierarchy
<b>Question 31</b> Which of the fo	llowing words has	a similar meaning t	o pardon:	
<b>A</b> ∶exit	B∶ leave	<b>C</b> ∶ change	D: unfavourable	E: exonerate

On another planet martians would say "enb litpa penta" when saying to their animals "good animal behaviour". When they got home from work they would ask "Ift enb penta?", which means "was your behaviour good?". The animals would reply either, "Ift penta enb!" ("I showed good behaviour!") or, "Ift penta anb!"

# If <u>anb</u> symbolises the opposite of <u>enb</u>, what does "Ift penta anb" mean?

A: I showed bad behaviour **B**: I showed difficult behaviour **C**: I showed fun behaviour **D**: I showed good behaviour **E**: I showed happy behaviour

# Question 33

Question 33				
Assume that	all <b>kibs</b> are <b>bics,</b> s	some <b>bics</b> are <b>vics,</b> an	d some <b>tics</b> are	
•	ore it makes sense	that:		
A: all kibs				
B: some bics				
C: all tics a	are bics			
D: all vics	are kibs			
E: some kibs	are bics		15	
Question 34				
Which of the	following is not a	similar in meaning to	blunder:	
A: inaccurac	y <b>B</b> ∶gaffe	<b>C</b> : mistake	D: error	E: detour
Question 35 All of the w	ords in the box be	low are alike in some	e way.	
u	narranged	ad lib	ad hoc imp	oulsive
Which of the	following options of	could not go in the bo	x?	
A: unprepared	d <b>B:</b> practice	C: impromptu	<b>D:</b> spontaneous	E: improvised
Question 36	PAEDIATRICI	AN is to CHILDREN	as <b>PODIATRIST</b> is to:	
A: heart	B: feet	C: adult	<b>D:</b> bones	E:None of these
Question 37 Which of the A: apprehence		as a similar meaning ate <b>C</b> : chase	to <i>arrest:</i> D: enforce	E: s∣eep
planes A & D	, but after plane C		ane B arrives at the d fore plane D but after	
A: plane A	<b>B</b> ∶plane B	<b>C</b> ∶plane C	<b>D</b> : plane D	<b>E</b> : plane E

**Question 39** Which of the following words is *OPPOSITE* in meaning to *commotion:* 

	<b>A</b> : bustle	<b>B</b> : serene	<b>C</b> : movement	D: locomotion	E∶ miniature
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All of the words in the box below are alike in some way.

cloth	es garb	outfit						
Which of the following options could <u>not</u> go in the box?								
A:apparel	<b>B:</b> jumper	C: attire	D: clothing	E:uniform				
For example: h	ne they spoke early nyptjuna bolla was use nd tohojuna bolla rum	ed in place of <i>toda</i> y	∕ is Friday; juna bolla					
What is the ear	rly Roman word for ' <u>i</u>	today'?	$\sim$					
<b>A</b> ∶juna	B∶rum	<b>C</b> : bolla	D: toho	E: hypt				
Question 42 Four of the fo Which is the of	llowing words are a <b>dd word out?</b>	like in some way.						
A: needle	<b>B:</b> thread	C: wool	<b>D:</b> knit	<b>E:</b> thimble				
Question 43 Four of the fo Which is the o	llowing words are a <b>dd word out?</b>	like in some way.						
A: cold	<b>B</b> : humid	C:mild	<b>D:</b> frosty	E:sleet				
Question 44 All of the wor	ds in the box below	are alike in some w	vay.					
	rsonal unfriend proachable cold	lly						
Which of the fo	ollowing options cou	ld <u>not</u> go in the box?	2					
<b>A:</b> affable	B: aloof	<b>C:</b> unfeeling	D: detached	E: distant				
Question 45	<b>NOVICE</b> is to A	EXPERIENCED as A	<b>PPRENTICE</b> is to:					
A:many vices	<b>B:</b> senior citi	zen <b>C:</b> oldie	<b>D:</b> exotic	<b>E:</b> veteran				

Which of the following words is most similar in meaning to *reputable*:

<b>A</b> : established	<b>B</b> ∶ build	<b>C</b> : create	<b>D</b> : antique	<b>E</b> : fresh
Question 47				
	DRIVE IS to	D LICENCE as BRE	ATHE IS to.	
A: oxygen	<b>B:</b> atmosphere	C:windpipe	<b>D:</b> inhale	E:None of these
Question 48				
lighter than Judy	. Sally is also hea ust a little heavi	bies' weights. Be avier than Annie, k er than both Bert	out not as heavy as	
<b>A:</b> Bert	<b>B:</b> Sally	C:Annie	D: Judy	E: Rob
Question 49				
	EDUCATION is to	CLASSROOM as C	GROCERIES are to	:
<b>A:</b> milk	<b>B:</b> fruit	<b>C:</b> supermarket	D: list	E:None of these
<b>Question 50</b> Which of the foll	owing words is mos	t similar in meani	ng to <b>slog:</b>	
A: drudgery	<b>B</b> : dig	<b>C</b> : machinery	D: dread	E: doom
<b>Question 51</b> Four of the follo	wing words are ali	ke in some way.		
Which is the odd	word out?			
A:misconception	<b>B:</b> predicament	C: quandary	<b>D:</b> dilemma	E: pickle
Question 52	<b>GLASS</b> is to	IMPENETRABLE as	s <b>CLAY</b> is to:	
A: deplorable	<b>B:</b> malleable	<b>C:</b> kiln	<b>D:</b> plate	E:None of these
A:misconception Question 52 A:deplorable	<b>GLASS</b> is to	<b>IMPENETRABLE</b> as	s <b>CLAY</b> is to:	· · · ·

Sue-Ann drives 2km east of her home to meet her friend Ellen. From here the two friends drive 5km south to meet with Brad. From this point the three friends drive 9km north, 2km west and finally 9km south where they complete their daily drive.

A: Sue-Ann	B:Ellen	<b>C:</b> Sue-Ann & Ellen	D: Brad	<b>E:N</b> one of these
Question 55	VOWS ar	e to <b>CHURCH</b> as <b>OAT</b>	Histo:	· · · ·
A:crime	<b>B:</b> courtroom	C: lawyer	D: judge	E:None of these
Question 56				2
Four of the follo Which is the odd	owing words are al ' <b>word out?</b>	ike in some way.	5	•
A: adjudicate	<b>B</b> : referee	C: umpire	D: rules	<b>E</b> ∶ judge
Question 57		50		
	HEART	s to AORTA as BRAIN	∕is to:	
A: think	B: blood	C: vein	D:cerebellum	E: alveoli
Question 58 Four of the follo	owing words are al	ike in some way.		
Which is the odd	word out?			
A: murmur	B: roar	<b>C:</b> whisper	<b>D:</b> masticate	E:holler
Question 59				
A: stop		s to <b>BASIC</b> as <b>POSTP</b> <b>C:</b> continue		E: larger

#### Question 60

In an Aviary there are a certain number of birds. Four birds wear ankle bands and five wear wing tags. Of the three yellow birds in the Aviary, each bird only has either an ankle band or wing tag. Both red birds in the Aviary have wing tags.

# What is the minimum possible number of birds in the Aviary?

<b>A:</b> 5	<b>B:</b> 6	<b>C:</b> 7	<b>D:</b> 8	E:9 or more