

Verbal Reasoning

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Analogies

Select the best match for each of the following analogies.

1. bibliographer : list =
 - A) historian : explain
 - B) politician : elect
 - C) mail carrier : deliver
 - D) physician : prevent
2. conductor : orchestra =
 - A) ballerina : ballet
 - B) surgeon : hospital
 - C) lawyer : courtroom
 - D) director : cast
3. dwell : denizen =
 - A) shun : outcast
 - B) squander : miser
 - C) obey : autocrat
 - D) inherit : heir
4. fort : attack =
 - A) fence : house
 - B) spice : flavor
 - C) vault : theft
 - D) army : battle
5. impious : reverence =
 - A) paranoid : persecution
 - B) contrite : offense
 - C) profane : behavior
 - D) superficial : depth
6. lumberyard : lumber =
 - A) jungle : vines
 - B) wood : plank
 - C) supermarket : food
 - D) drugstore : druggist
7. pebble : slingshot =
 - A) ball : cannon
 - B) missile : target
 - C) arrow : quiver
 - D) hilt : dagger
8. refugee : asylum =
 - A) perfectionist : frustration
 - B) opportunist : advantage
 - C) consumer : impulse
 - D) astronaut : capsule
9. spectacles : seeing =
 - A) paper : writing
 - B) Dictaphone : speaking
 - C) hurdles : mining
 - D) flippers : swimming
10. wedding : marriage =
 - A) graduation : diploma
 - B) birthday : cake
 - C) promotion : job
 - D) coronation : reign
11. bobbin : thread =
 - A) shoe : lace
 - B) bow : string
 - C) sweater : yarn
 - D) reel : tape
12. confine : prisoner =
 - A) impeach : governor
 - B) trace : fugitive
 - C) testify : witness
 - D) detain : suspect
13. ebb : tide =
 - A) splash : wave
 - B) receive : radio
 - C) blossom; flower
 - D) wane : moon

14. fractious : obedience =
A) merciful : justice
B) decisive : authority
C) rigid : adaptability
D) notorious : infamy
15. inane : meaning =
A) vacant : space
B) certain : direction
C) random : plan
D) affluent : wealth
16. magnetic : attract =
A) electric : insulate
B) toxic : poison
C) ill : inoculate
D) transparent : see
17. penitent : contrition =
A) pragmatist : resignation
B) skeptic : gullibility
C) stoic : arrogance
D) hedonist : self-indulgence
18. repugnant : aversion =
A) admirable : esteem
B) informed : knowledge
C) shameless : regret
D) bigoted : judgment
19. sporadic : predict =
A) insignificant : matter
B) competitive : contend
C) indispensable : suffice
D) perishable : die
20. wine : vintner =
A) water : plumber
B) tobacco : smoker
C) beer : brewer
D) meat : packer

Sentence Completion

Select the best match to complete each of the following sentences.

21. While no one person can be blamed for World War I, certainly the _____ in each country who riled up fervent nationalism and practically clamored for war are among the most culpable.
(A) malingerers
(B) jingoists
(C) hucksters
(D) pundits
22. Horatio Alger's books show characters living the American Dream: in most of his books a poor but _____ protagonist would work hard and become rich.
(A) sedulous
(B) lackadaisical
(C) sinuous
(D) idealistic
23. My chronic back pain was only _____ by the whiplash I experienced in the car crash.
(A) ameliorated
(B) aggravated
(C) alleviated
(D) assuaged
24. The film's story seemed so _____ and convoluted that audiences couldn't believe that it was based on a true story.
(A) implausible
(B) tenable
(C) orchestrated
(D) conceivable
25. The _____ ceremony of the ancient tribe can be shocking to modern researchers who are not familiar or comfortable with human sacrifices.
(A) atonement
(B) immolation
(C) hedonistic
(D) ritualistic
26. The argument Laura made in her essay seemed _____; it was clear to the teacher that she had not fully thought through the differences between the moons of Saturn.
(A) synthesized
(B) sagacious
(C) inchoate
(D) developed
27. As punishment for his insubordination, the lance corporal was demoted and _____ to the demeaning task of cleaning the latrine.
(A) scourged
(B) patronized
(C) exonerated
(D) relegated
28. After putting out the devastating blaze, investigators quickly came to the conclusion that the _____ was probably started by _____ device.
(A) arson ... an incombustible
(B) holocaust ... a noisome
(C) pyre ... a flammable
(D) conflagration ... an incendiary
29. The board of directors required a _____ meeting of all board members before ousting the current CEO, so because one member was absent, the issue could not be put to a vote.
(A) clandestine
(B) unabridged
(C) fractional
(D) plenary

30. Well-behaved and innocent, the child was completely morally pure; in fact, he was practically a _____.
(A) dastard
(B) seraph
(C) paragon
(D) Gnostic
31. In order to convey the wealth and power that horses symbolize, many cultures honor their past leaders with _____ statues.
(A) veterinary
(B) bovine
(C) equine
(D) equestrian
32. A bottle of generic ibuprofen is just as effective as a name-brand one; they are completely _____.
(A) synonymous
(B) replaceable
(C) fungible
(D) antithetical
33. The scientist admitted that the results of the experiment were _____ and that, because they were so unusual, they were not indicative of any larger trends.
(A) aberrant
(B) abortive
(C) abrupt
(D) abstract
34. Marissa accepted the promotion opportunity with _____, due to the fact that the position was her dream job.
(A) trepidation
(B) alertness
(C) brevity
(D) alacrity
35. Most cat species are known for their hunting _____; even a domesticated cat will demonstrate exceptional skills if a mouse enters its home.
(A) astuteness
(B) acumen
(C) ineptitude
(D) prowess
36. The _____ “Miller’s Tale” elicits a shocking juxtaposition when compared to other stories of The Canterbury Tales, since most are prim, austere, and courtly romances.
(A) feculent
(B) vile
(C) decorous
(D) ribald
37. The manager insisted on carrying out a team-building exercise; he believed his employees could achieve more by working _____ than they could by working independently.
(A) in tandem
(B) autonomously
(C) in unison
(D) agglomerated
38. Many Muslims consider Salman Rushdie’s works to be obscene and offensive; nevertheless, these supposedly _____ books have proven quite popular.
(A) reprehensible
(B) chaste
(C) scabrous
(D) notorious

39. Perhaps the biggest flaw in the Articles of Confederation was its requirement that most decisions required _____; as a result, the Constitution that replaced it stipulated that only a two-thirds majority was required for most major decisions.
- (A) pluralism
 - (B) a plenary
 - (C) equanimity
 - (D) unanimity
40. Vice President Spiro Agnew never sounded humble in his speeches, but of course, reading his speechwriter's esoteric and pompous writings could make anybody seem _____.
- (A) oratorical
 - (B) orotund
 - (C) sonorous
 - (D) austere

Vocab/Latin Roots

Word Bank:

astonish	proposal
bias	resolute
dilapidated	settle
dismantle	tumult
personify	urban

- A) Represent a president
- B) Worn corn
- C) Shock the doc
- D) Ocean commotion
- E) Take apart art
- F) Determined German
- G) Calm a palm
- H) Miss a prejudice
- I) Question a suggestion
- J) Town clown

Fill the correct word on each line. Then, match the phrase to the letter choice of the list above.

- 41. d_____ the statue ()
- 42. u_____ comedian ()
- 43. t_____ at sea ()
- 44. d_____ farm crop ()
- 45. s_____ a tree ()
- 46. overlook a b_____ ()
- 47. p_____ a leader ()
- 48. doubt a p_____ ()
- 49. r_____ citizen of Berlin ()

- 50. a_____ the M.D. ()

Word Bank:

accede	procedure
antecedent	proceeding
concede	receding
exceedingly	succeeded
intercede	supersedes

intercede: petition

- 51. _____ The two-year drought became the (precursor) to a series of forest fires.
- 52. _____ The new right-turn law (displaces) the old one as of next year.
- 53. _____ Josh was too young for civic orchestra tryouts, but his band teacher agreed to (mediate) on his behalf.
- 54. _____ Rena's parents want her to skateboard only in protective gear, and she will (agree) to their wishes.
- 55. _____ As the tide was (going out), hundreds of sand dollars were revealed on the beach.

Word Bank:

cede preceding proceeds succeeding superseded

- 56. _____: displaced, outshone
- 57. _____: previous
- 58. _____: reaching a goal, following
- 59. _____: relinquish
- 60. _____: goes forward

Vocab/Latin Roots

Word Bank:

beige	leisure
deceive	menagerie
feigned	premier
forfeiture	sovereignty
grievance	species

menagerie: a collection of wild or unusual animals, especially for exhibition

grievance: a complaint or resentment, as against an unfair act

sovereignty: rightful status, independence

61. Unhappy American colonists had many a _____ against England.
62. King George refused to grant _____ to the colonies.
63. To colonists, obeying laws made by a distant parliament represented a _____ of rights.
64. One of the colonists' _____ complaints was a law permitting homes to be searched at any time.
65. Angry colonists might have thought, "A home is not a _____, to be visited by anyone who wishes!"

Word Bank:

achievement	perceive
conceited	protein
counterfeit	unwieldy
heirloom	veil

Use the words to complete the analogies below.

66. feat : _____ :: thankfulness : gratitude
67. speak : orate :: notice : _____

68. unclean : dirty :: _____ : awkward

69. _____ : face :: awning : window

70. carbohydrate : breads :: _____ : meats

71. genuine : _____ :: often : seldom

72. earn : salary :: inherit : _____

73. modern : antique :: modest : _____

Word Bank:

administrator
commitment
deterred
propeller
regrettable

Fill in the missing words from the Word Bank. Use the Key Concepts to spell each word correctly.

74. As the _____ of the Science Club, Paul kept the books.
75. He had made a _____ to careful accounting.
76. Only one thing _____ him from balancing the budget.
77. He had overlooked a check for model rocket _____.
78. His error was _____ but understandable.

Vocab/Latin Roots

Word Bank:

excelling
forbidden
propeller
traveling
unforgettable

Find clues to the correct answer. Write your choices on the lines.

79. Happy _____
Maps and Tour Books
123 Gogh Way
Waitfer, ME
80. Acme _____ Co.
360 Spin Circle
Aeronaut, TX
81. _____ with Electronics
Computer Sales & Service
500 Megahertz Drive
Didgit, AL
82. _____ Fruit Produce
Granny Smith, Mgr.
80 Pippin Place
Apple, CO
83. _____ Tunes
Band and Music Supplies
76 Trombones Square
Oompah, PA
84. Our St. Bernard is _____ preoccupied with food.
85. He likes nothing better than a _____ steak.
86. Though he may look _____, he is still just a puppy.
87. He has a big appetite and a _____ big heart.
88. We think he looks dignified, so we named him _____ Sam.

Word Bank:

advantageous	incitement
canoeist	judgment
decreeing	remorseful
endorsement	remorseless
foreseeable	replaceable

remorseless: unforgiving, cruel
remorseful: regretful, apologetic

89. By _____ taxes on basics such as tea, England's Parliament created hardships for American colonists.
90. King George's _____ of the taxes fueled colonists' anger.
91. The colonists' reaction to Parliament might have been _____, but apparently it was not.
92. Neither the king nor the members of Parliament seemed _____ when colonists protested.
93. This lack of concern added more _____ to revolution.

Word Bank:

comparably	juicy
confidence	legislator
doubly	menacing
imposing	senator
intriguing	wholly



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Word Bank:

courageous
entirely
guaranteeing
manageable
purposeful
tiptoeing

Fill in the word that best completes each tongue twister.

94. Tricia's _____ entrapped in truck tire trouble.
95. May my mammoth be _____, Ma'am.
96. The aged sage is _____.
97. Perfectly _____ persons pivot.
98. It's trim Tim Tripp _____.
99. Grand trees _____ teeming greenery grow.

Word Bank:

anthologies
clarifying
defiant
employer
essayist
glorifying
jeopardize
novelties
prepayment
verifiable

100. Mark Twain once wrote a humorous tale _____ a frog.
101. Twain seldom received _____ for his early work.
102. In Nevada, Twain's _____ was a newspaper editor.

103. Twain's _____ nature led him to criticize leading citizens.

104. His barbs did not _____ the newspaper's success.

Word Bank:

deployment
electrifying
pettily
pleasantries
strategies
undeniable

105. "My love of camping is _____," said Tom intently.

106. "This storm is _____!" said Tom currently.

107. "I have a dog, two cats, and a gerbil," said Tom _____.

108. "I've been exchanging _____ with my dad's dad," said Tom grandly and sunnily.

109. "Did you hear about the army's _____ in the combat zone?" asked Tom warily.

110. "Here are my _____ for getting that player out of the basketball game," said Tom foully.

Vocab/Latin Roots

Word Bank (review):

advantageous	essayist
anthologies	imposing
clarifying	intriguing
commitment	judgment
comparably	legislator
confidence	occurrence
controlling	remorseful
decreeing	replaceable
defiant	unfortunate
deterred	verifiable

111. Playing a professional sport requires _____ and dedication.
112. Martha's excellent test scores give her _____.
113. After sneaking into the kitchen and eating his sister's birthday cake, Mike felt _____.
114. Many people find mystery novels _____.
115. The antique china that Ellen broke was not _____.
116. When police checked the facts, they learned that the suspect's alibi was not _____.
117. Although both cars were expensive, they were _____ priced.
118. The _____ handed down by the jury surprised the lawyers.
119. Some pets may find their bossy owners too _____.
120. The grand crystal chandelier was quite _____.
121. Kate felt _____ that she had to leave the party so early.
122. If you read those _____, you may find the story you are looking for.
123. Christopher fell asleep while the teacher was _____ her point.
124. Stephen will not be _____ by challenges.
125. Since Jane became a state representative, she has proven herself a talented _____.
126. Candace is very stubborn and sometimes _____.
127. The fire in the nearby forest was an unfortunate _____.
128. In medieval times, nothing would stop a king from _____ banishment for debtors.
129. Jonathan Swift, who wrote *A Modest Proposal*, was a wonderful _____.
130. Knowing more than one language is _____ when traveling.

Answer Key

Analogies	29. D	68. unwieldly
1. C	30. B	69. veil
2. D	31. D	70. protein
3. D	32. C	71. counterfeit
denizen: resident.	33. A	72. heirloom
4. C	34. D	73. conceited
5. D	35. D	74. administrator
6. C	36. D	75. commitment
7. A	37. A	76. deterred
8. B	38. C	77. propeller
take or need	39. D	78. regrettable
Refugee takes (needs)	40. B	Vocab/Latin Roots
asylum.	Vocab/Latin Roots	79. Travelling
Opportunist takes	41. dismantle (E)	80. Propeller
(needs) advantage.	42. urban (J)	81. Excelling
9. D	43. tumult (D)	82. Forbidden
10. D	44. dilapidated (B)	83. Unforgettable
ceremony	45. settle (G)	84. wholly
coronation: the act or	46. bias (H)	85. juicy
ceremony of crowning a	47. personify (A)	86. menacing
king before reign.	48. proposal (I)	87. comparably
11. D	49. resolute (F)	88. Senator
12. D	50. astonish (C)	89. decreeing
13. D	51. antecedent	90. endorsement
14. C	52. supersedes	91. foreseeable
15. C	53. intercede	92. remorseful
16. B	54. concede	93. incitement
17. D	55. receding	94. guaranteeing
18. A	56. superseded	95. manageable
19. A	57. preceding	96. courageous
antonym	58. succeeding	97. purposeful
20. C	59. cede	98. tiptoeing
Sentence Completion	60. proceeds	99. entirely
21. B	Vocab/Latin Roots	100. glorifying
22. A	61. grievance	101. prepayment
23. B	62. sovereignty	102. employer
24. A	63. forfeiture	103. defiant
25. B	64. premier	104. jeopardize
26. C	65. menagerie	105. undeniable
27. D	66. achievement	106. electrifying
28. D	67. perceive	107. pettily

- 108. pleasantries
- 109. deployment
- 110. strategies
- Vocab/Latin Roots**
- 111. commitment
- 112. confidence
- 113. remorseful
- 114. intriguing
- 115. replaceable
- 116. verifiable
- 117. comparably
- 118. judgment
- 119. controlling
- 120. imposing
- 121. unfortunate
- 122. anthologies
- 123. clarifying
- 124. deterred
- 125. legislator
- 126. defiant
- 127. occurrence
- 128. decreeing
- 129. essayist
- 130. advantageous