Verbal Reasoning Mock Test 16 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	B	The letter **b** makes **club**, **bench**, **knob** and **bush**. 't' gives knot and 'w' gives know, but clut and cluw are not words.
2	D	The letter **k** makes **task**, **king**, **soak** and **keep**. 'p' is the trap: it gives soap and peep, but tasp is not a word.
3	A	The letter **h** makes **fresh**, **hedge**, **rash** and **hope**. 'p' is the trap: it gives rasp and pope, but fresp is not a word.
4	E	The letter **l** makes **cool**, **lamb**, **sail** and **lace**. 'k' gives cook, 'p' gives coop and 'd' gives said, but kamb, pamb and damb are not words.
5	C	The letter **y** makes **very**, **yield**, **pray** and **yawn**. 'b' gives verb and 'm' gives pram, but bield and mawn are not words.
6	A	The letter **e** makes **state**, **envy**, **sense** and **echo**. All five choices are vowels, but none of the others makes a word in front of 'nvy' or 'cho'.
7	D	The letter **g** makes **shrug**, **glare**, **wrong** and **grief**. 'b' is the trap: it makes shrub, blare and brief, but wronb is not a word.
8	C	The end of **have** and the beginning of **stripes** make **vest**: ha-**vest**-ripes. None of the other joins hides a word.
9	B	The end of **kid** and the beginning of **eats** make **idea**: k-**idea**-ts. None of the other joins hides a word.
10	E	The last letter of **crab** and the whole of **ran** make **bran**: cra-**bran**. A hidden word can take just one letter from one of the two words.
11	B	The last letter of **was** and the beginning of **tired** make **stir**: wa-**stir**-ed. 'tire' and 'even' sit inside single words, but a hidden word must cross from one word into the next.

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12	C	The last letter of **his** and the beginning of **hedge** make **shed**: hi-**shed**-ge. 'edge' sits inside 'hedge' on its own, so it does not count.
13	D	The end of **tiger** and the first letter of **mask** make **germ**: ti-**germ**-ask. 'ask' sits inside 'mask' on its own, so it does not count.
14	A	The last letter of **Three** and the beginning of **venomous** make **even**: thre-**even**-omous. The hidden word can be in the very first pair, so check every join.
15	B	**Heavy** is the opposite of **light**. Sleepy means much the same as tired, and shiny much the same as bright.
16	D	To **win** is the opposite of to **lose**. Jump and leap mean the same, and to shut something is close to fastening it.
17	A	To **import** goods is to bring them into a country; to **export** them is to send them out. Vacant means empty, and gather means collect.
18	E	To **lend** is to give something for a while; to **borrow** is to take something for a while. Quarrel means argue, and to dismiss someone from a job is to sack them.
19	C	An **ally** is on your side and an **enemy** is against you. Brave means bold, and to tug is to pull.
20	B	**Tranquil** means calm and peaceful, while **turbulent** means wild and stormy. Vivid means bright, and famished means starving.
21	D	An **optimistic** person expects the best and a **pessimistic** person expects the worst. Frugal means thrifty, careful with money, and obscure means hidden or little known.
22	C	Each letter moves **two** places forward: S→U, O→Q, C→E, K→M. So BOOT becomes B→D, O→Q, O→Q, T→V, which is **DQQV**.
23	A	Each letter moves **three** places forward: B→E, R→U, I→L, C→F, K→N. To decode, move each letter three places **back**: V→S, K→H, H→E, O→L, I→F, which spells **SHELF**. SHELL would be VKHOO.

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24	D	Each letter moves **two** places back: M→K, U→S, S→Q, T→R. To decode, move each letter two places **forward**: F→H, M→O, Q→S, R→T, which spells **HOST**. MOST would be KMQR.
25	B	The letters move **one forward**, **then one back**, in turn: C→D, O→N, R→S, N→M. Carrying on the same way, W→X, H→G, E→F, E→D, L→M gives **XGFDM**. XIFFM moves every letter forward, and XGFFM loses the pattern at the fourth letter.
26	E	The first letter moves **one** place forward, the second **two**, the third **three** and the fourth **four**: S→T, E→G, E→H, D→H. So BULB becomes B→C, U→W, L→O, B→F, which is **CWOF**. CVMC moves every letter just one place.
27	C	This is a **mirror** code: each letter swaps with the letter the same distance from the other end of the alphabet (A↔Z, B↔Y, C↔X, and so on). G↔T, L↔O, O↔L, V↔E, E↔V. Swapping back, H→S, G→T, V→E, V→E, O→L spells **STEEL**. SLEET has the same letters but would be HOVVG.
28	A	The first letter moves **four** places forward, the second **three**, the third **two** and the fourth **one**: C→G, A→D, L→N, F→G. To decode, move back the same amounts: L→H, H→E, T→R, P→O, which spells **HERO**.
29	D	The first letter of ‘fog’ and the last two letters of ‘can’ make ‘fan’. In the same way, the first letter of ‘wet’ and the last two letters of ‘rig’ make **wig**.
30	B	The last two letters of ‘real’ and the first two letters of ‘soup’ make ‘also’. In the same way, the last two letters of ‘grin’ and the first two letters of ‘tops’ make **into**.
31	E	The first letter of ‘top’, followed by the last two letters of ‘pin’, makes ‘tin’. In the same way, the first letter of ‘hen’, followed by the last two letters of ‘mat’, makes **hat**. ‘mat’ is the trap: the word must start with a letter from the second word.
32	A	‘coat’ takes the 1st and 3rd letters of ‘crowd’ (c, o) and then the 2nd and 4th letters of ‘halt’ (a, t). In the same way, the 1st and 3rd letters of ‘maize’ (m, i) and the 2nd and 4th letters of ‘fled’ (l, d) make **mild**. ‘mile’ is the trap: it takes the 3rd letter of ‘fled’ instead of the 4th.

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33	C	'sent' is the last letter of 'tops', then the first two letters of 'envy', then the first letter of 'tops'. In the same way, r from 'dear', oa from 'oath' and d from 'dear' make **road**. 'read' is the trap: every one of its letters comes from 'dear', and none from 'oath'.
34	D	The last two letters of 'lurch' and the first three letters of 'artist' make 'chart'. In the same way, the last two letters of 'blast' and the first three letters of 'ample' make **stamp**. 'lamps' has the right letters in the wrong order.
35	B	'tile' takes the 3rd then the 1st letter of 'into' (t, i), then the 3rd then the 2nd letter of 'belt' (l, e). In the same way, the 3rd and 1st letters of 'noon' (o, n) and the 3rd and 2nd letters of 'used' (e, s) make **ones**. 'nose' is the trap: it has the right letters but takes them in the wrong order.
36	A	**Kind** can mean gentle and caring, as in a kind nurse, and it can mean a sort or type, as in a kind of bird. Soft and sweet fit only the first pair; variety and brand fit only the second.
37	C	A **mine** is a pit dug to take out coal or metal, and 'mine' also means belonging to me. A shaft and a cave are holes in the ground, but ours and yours belong to other people.
38	E	A **club** is a group of people who meet, such as a chess club, and a club is also a heavy stick for hitting, as in a golf club. Team and band fit only the first pair; racket and cane only the second.
39	B	A **bow** is a knot tied with loops of ribbon, and to bow is to bend forward from the waist. Tie, lace and loop fit only the first pair; crouch fits only the second.
40	D	A **firm** is a company or business, and firm also means solid and steady, as in firm ground. Stable and stiff describe something solid but are not businesses; shop and trade are the other way round.
41	A	A **stern** teacher is strict and severe, and the stern is the rear of a ship. Grim and harsh fit only the first pair. Aft means towards the back of a ship, and the keel runs along its bottom, but neither means strict.

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42	C	A **hamper** is a large basket with a lid, and to hamper someone means to restrict them or hold them back. Trunk and chest are boxes but do not mean hold back; impede and delay mean hold back but are not containers.
43	B	The first letters move one step **forward** each time: H, I, J, K, so the next is L. The second letters move one step **back**: P, O, N, M, so the next is L. The pair is **LL**.
44	D	Both letters move **three** steps forward each time. The first letters run D, G, J, M, so the next is P; the second run E, H, K, N, so the next is Q. The pair is **PQ**.
45	A	Both letters move **two** steps forward, and each pair is written back to front. The first letters run B, D, F, H, so the next is J; the second run A, C, E, G, so the next is I. The pair is **JI**, not IJ.
46	E	Both letters move forward by **one more step each time**: +1, +2, +3, +4. The first letters run C, D, F, I, so the next is M; the second run M, N, P, S, so the next is W. The pair is **MW**.
47	C	The first letters move **two** steps back: Y, W, U, S, so the next is Q. The second letters move **three** steps forward: B, E, H, K, so the next is N. The pair is **QN**.
48	B	The first letters move forward +2, +3, +4, +5: D, F, I, M, so the next is R. The second letters move back −1, −2, −3, −4: M, L, J, G, so the next is C. The pair is **RC**.
49	E	The pairs come in twos: a pair, then the same pair **reversed** (KP, PK; LQ, QL). Each new pair moves both letters one step forward, so after LQ, QL comes **MR**. RM would come after MR, not before it.
50	C	**bath** and **room** join to make **bathroom**. Teacup is a word, but the word from the first group must come first, and cuptea is not a word.
51	A	**cross** and **word** join to make **crossword**. Angry, cross and mad all mean the same, and temper and shout go with them, but none of those joins makes a word.
52	D	**pig** and **let** join to make **piglet**, a young pig. Goat's milk and lamb's wool go together, but goatmilk and lambwool are not single words.

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53	E	**bran** and **dish** join to make **brandish**, which means to wave something about. The other pairs are all about food, which is the trap, but none of them makes one word.
54	B	**ham** and **mock** join to make **hammock**, a hanging bed. A rasher of bacon and a pork sausage are meat, which is the trap, but they do not make single words.
55	D	**for** and **tune** join to make **fortune**. The second group is all about music, but aftersong, sincemusic and forsong are not words.
56	A	**pan** and **try** join to make **pantry**, a cupboard or small room for storing food. Pottry is not a word, and pot, jar and pan are all containers, which makes the others look likely.

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