Verbal Reasoning Mock Test 18 Answers

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	A	Moving **g** leaves **love** and makes **glad**. Taking any other letter out of glove does not leave a word.
2	B	Moving **r** leaves **tend** and makes **bird**. 't' leaves rend, but no word can be made by putting t into bid.
3	D	Moving **i** leaves **clam** and makes **pain**. 'l' would make plan, but caim is not a word.
4	C	Moving **r** leaves **shed** and makes **cord**. 'e' is the trap: it makes code, but shrd is not a word.
5	E	Moving **l** leaves **pear** and makes **colt** (or clot). 'a' is the trap: it makes coat, but perl is not a word; 'r' leaves peal, but crot is not a word.
6	A	Moving **s** leaves **tray** and makes **ship**. 'r' is the trap: it leaves stay, but no word can be made by putting r into hip.
7	D	Moving **s** leaves **beat** and makes **past** (or spat). 'a' is the trap: it leaves best, but no word can be made by putting a into pat.
8	C	The first letters move one step **forward**: G, H, I, J, so the next is K. The second letters move one step **back**: U, T, S, R, so the next is Q. The pair is **KQ**.
9	A	The first letters move **three** steps forward: B, E, H, K, so the next is N. The second letters move **two** steps back: Z, X, V, T, so the next is R. The pair is **NR**.
10	E	The first letters move **one** step forward: A, B, C, D, so the next is E. The second letters move **two** steps forward: C, E, G, I, so the next is K. The pair is **EK**.
11	B	The first letters move forward +3, +4, +5, +6: C, F, J, O, so the next is U. The second letters move forward +1, +2, +3, +4: A, B, D, G, so the next is K. The pair is **UK**.

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12	D	The first letters move **two** steps back: P, N, L, J, so the next is H. The second letters move **three** steps forward: L, O, R, U, so the next is X. The pair is **HX**.
13	A	Two series take turns. The 1st, 3rd and 5th pairs run **forwards** from the start of the alphabet, five steps at a time: AB, FG, KL. The 2nd and 4th pairs run **backwards** from the end, five steps at a time: ZY, UT, so the next is **PO**. PQ would continue the wrong series, and OP is written the wrong way round.
14	E	The first letters move forward by a step that **doubles** each time: +1, +2, +4, +8, giving A, B, D, H, P. The second letters go S, S, T, T, so the next is U. The pair is **PU**.
15	B	**Open** is the opposite of **closed**. Noisy means loud, and big means large.
16	D	**Sweet** is the opposite of **sour**. To giggle is to laugh, and a shop is a store.
17	A	An **entrance** is the way in and an **exit** is the way out. To hurl is to throw, and to weep is to cry.
18	E	**Polite** is the opposite of **rude**. To gleam is to shine, and tidy means neat.
19	C	To **increase** is to make bigger; to **decrease** is to make smaller. To mend is to repair, and to chat is to talk.
20	D	A **benevolent** person wishes others well, while a **malicious** person wishes them harm. Wholesome means healthy, and weary means exhausted.
21	B	A **lethargic** person is sluggish and has no energy, the opposite of **energetic**. Cunning means crafty, and shabby means scruffy.
22	C	The end of **the** and the beginning of **robin** make **hero**: t-**hero**-bin. None of the other joins hides a word.
23	E	The last letter of **that** and the whole of **one** make **tone**: tha-**tone**. A hidden word can take just one letter from one of the two words.
24	B	The end of **local** and the first letter of **mayor** make **calm**: lo-**calm**-ayor. None of the other joins hides a word.

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25	A	The last letter of **Two** and the beginning of **athletes** make **oath**: tw-**oath**-letes. The hidden word is in the very first pair, so check every join.
26	C	The last letter of **was** and the beginning of **nowhere** make **snow**: wa-**snow**-here. 'here' and 'now' sit inside 'nowhere' on their own, so they do not count.
27	D	The last letter of **leap** and the beginning of **into** make **pint**: lea-**pint**-o. 'pond' sits inside 'ponds' on its own, so it does not count.
28	B	The last letter of **dog** and the beginning of **owner** make **gown**: do-**gown**-er. 'own' sits inside 'owner' on its own, so it does not count.
29	D	Each letter moves **one** place forward: N→O, E→F, S→T, T→U. So WORM becomes W→X, O→P, R→S, M→N, which is **XPSN**. VNQL moves the letters back instead.
30	B	Each letter moves **three** places back: P→M, I→F, N→K, K→H. To decode, move each letter three places **forward**: Q→T, F→I, A→D, B→E, which spells **TIDE**. TIME would be QFJB.
31	E	The letters are swapped **in pairs**: the 1st and 2nd change places (SH→HS), then the 3rd and 4th (OE→EO). So MA becomes AM and ST becomes TS, giving **AMTS**. TSAM writes the word backwards, which only looks right.
32	A	The letters move **+1**, **−2**, **+3**, and then the pattern starts again: B→C, R→P, E→H, A→B, D→B. So PLATE becomes P→Q, L→J, A→D, T→U, E→C, which is **QJDUC**. QJDUG carries on with +3 at the end instead of starting the pattern again.
33	C	Every letter moves forward by the **number of letters in the word**: the 3-letter BUS moves 3 places (B→E), and the 4-letter COMB moves 4 (C→G). SCARF has 5 letters, so S→X, C→H, A→F, R→W, F→K, which is **XHFWK**. WGEVJ moves only 4 places, as COMB did.
34	E	The first letter moves **one** place back, the second **two**, the third **three** and the fourth **four**: R→Q, I→G, N→K, G→C. To decode, move forward the same amounts: C→D, S→U, P→S, G→K, which spells **DUSK**. DUST would end in P, not G.

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35	B	Only the 1st, 3rd and 5th letters move, each **one** place forward; the 2nd and 4th stay the same: C→D, H stays, A→B, I stays, R→S. So TABLE becomes T→U, A stays, B→C, L stays, E→F, which is **UACLF**. UBCMF moves every letter.
36	A	A **fly** is an insect, and to fly is to soar or glide through the air. Beetle and ant are only insects; hover and float only describe movement.
37	C	A **present** is a gift, and the present is the time now. Parcel and prize fit only the first pair; current and moment fit only the second.
38	E	An animal's **hide** is its skin, and to hide something is to conceal it. Fur and leather fit only the first pair; mask and shield fit only the second.
39	B	The **heart** is the organ that pumps blood, and the heart of something is its centre. Lung and kidney are organs but do not mean centre; middle and hub mean centre but are not organs.
40	D	A **port** is a harbour, and port is also the left-hand side of a ship. Starboard is the trap: it is the *right*-hand side. Quay, wharf and marina are only places where ships stop.
41	A	An **object** is an item or article, and to object is to oppose or protest. Thing and entity fit only the first pair; dispute and complain only the second.
42	C	To **clutch** is to grip or grasp, and a clutch is a set of eggs laid together. Litter is the trap: it is a group of young animals, not eggs. Clasp and grab fit only the first pair, and a nest only holds the eggs.
43	E	The last two letters of 'sea' and the first letter of 'rug' make 'ear'. In the same way, the last two letters of 'cow' and the first letter of 'nut' make **own**. 'now' and 'won' have the right letters in the wrong order.
44	B	The first letter of 'bulb' and the last three letters of 'tone' make 'bone'. In the same way, the first letter of 'hush' and the last three letters of 'pair' make **hair**.

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45	D	The last letter of 'hat' and the last two letters of 'cub' make 'tub'. In the same way, the last letter of 'sip' and the last two letters of 'hat' make **pat**. 'tap' has the right letters in the wrong order.
46	A	'cart' takes the 1st letter of 'carve' (c), the last letter of 'extra' (a), the 3rd letter of 'carve' (r) and the 3rd letter of 'extra' (t). In the same way, b from 'beach', e from 'force', a from 'beach' and r from 'force' make **bear**. 'bare' has the same letters in the wrong order.
47	C	The last letter of 'fresh' followed by the 2nd, 3rd and 4th letters of 'sandy' make 'hand'. In the same way, the last letter of 'throw' followed by the 2nd, 3rd and 4th letters of 'links' make **wink**. 'link' takes its first letter from the wrong word.
48	B	'soap' takes letters from the two words **in turn**: s from 'salt', o from 'open', a from 'salt', p from 'open'. In the same way, m, e, a and n make **mean**. 'mane' and 'name' use the same letters in the wrong order.
49	D	'tore' is the last two letters of 'shot' written **backwards** (t, o), then the first two letters of 'rest' (r, e). In the same way, the last two letters of 'grit' backwards (t, i) and the first two of 'desk' (d, e) make **tide**. 'tied', 'edit' and 'diet' use the same letters in other orders.
50	C	The letter **d** makes **cold**, **dice**, **hand** and **duck**. 't' is the trap: it gives colt and tuck, but tice is not a word. 'g' gives hang, but colg is not a word.
51	A	The letter **p** makes **jump**, **park**, **ship** and **pond**. 'n' gives shin, but jumn and nond are not words.
52	D	The letter **t** makes **boat**, **tribe**, **feet** and **twig**. 'r' gives boar, 'l' gives feel and 'd' gives feed, but rribe, lwig and dwig are not words.
53	B	The letter **w** makes **claw**, **whisk**, **brow** and **wasp**. 'm' gives clam, 'n' gives clan and 'y' gives clay, but none of them begins a word ending in 'hisk'.
54	E	The letter **n** makes **lemon**, **nephew**, **rain** and **nation**. 'd' gives raid and 'l' gives rail, but lemod, dation and lation are not words.

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55	A	The letter **o** makes **radio**, **olive**, **tango** and **odour**. 'y' is the trap: it gives tangy, but radiy and ylive are not words.
56	C	The letter **k** makes **shirk**, **knock**, **break** and **knife**. 't' gives shirt, 'e' gives shire and 'd' gives bread, but tnock, enock and dnife are not words.

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