

2007 MBA - VERBAL REASONING ENGLISH STUFF QUESTION PAPER

English – Language comprehension test for MBA and Bank PO exams

Questions (1-5)

Select the word which is similar in meaning to the word given.

1. garnish
a) paint ,b) garner, c) adorn, d) abuse
2. frugality
a) foolishness, b) extremity, c) enthusiasm, d) economy
3. foray
a) excursion, b) contest, c) ranger , d) intuition
4. garrulity
a) credulity, b) senility, c) loquaciousness, d) speciousness
5. Furore
a) excitement, b) worry, c) flux, d) anteroom

Question (6-13)

In questions 6-13, there may be a mistake in the sentence. Indicate that part of the sentence which contains the error. Note that you don't have to correct the error. You only need to indicate its number. If there is no error, indicate (4) as the answer.

6. His (1)/ salary is lower (2)/ than a caretaker. (3)/ No error (4).
7. Not (1)/ one of the children (2)/ has ever sang (3)/ in public. No error (4).
8. The book must (1)/ be old, for (2)/ it's (3)/ cover is torn. No error (4).
9. Neither the players nor (1)/the trainer were (2)/ in the locker room when (3)/ the thief broke in. No error(4)
10. After (1)/ he had drank (2)/ the milk, he began to (3)/ feel sleepy. No error (4)
11. Every woman in the ward (1)/hoped (2)/ that their (3)/ would be healthy. No error (4)
12. That (1)/ is the kind of a (2)/ house in which (3)/ I would (4) like to live.
13. Charles asked (1) I would (2)/ go to the movies with him (3)/ No error (4)

Questions (14 – 18)

For questions 14 to 18, select the word which has the opposite meaning to the word given.

14. hapless
a) cheerful, b) consistent, c) fortunate, d) shapely
15. haphazard
a) fortuitous, b) indifferent, c) deliberate, d) accidental
16. gregarious
a) antisocial, b) glorious, c) horrendous, d) simil

17. hirsute

a) scaly, b) bald, c) erudite, d) quiet

18. gullible

a) incredulous, b) fickle, c) easy, d) stylish

Questions (19-23)

In questions 19 to 23, rearrange the group to form a meaningful sentence.

19. His (1)/ tall form (2)/ cassock is (3)/ buttoned to the ground (4)/ to his already (5)/ giving a heightened effect (6).

a) 1 3 4 5 6 2 b) 1 3 4 6 5 2 c) 1 6 5 4 3 2 d) 1 4 6 5 3 2

20. Igneous rocks (1)/ from molten lava (2)/ are called (3)/ solidified directly (4) / rocks which had (5).

a) 1 2 3 4 5 b) 5 4 2 3 1 c) 5 2 4 1 3 d) 1 3 5 2 4

21. A weather (1)/ geography (2)/ map is (3)/ tool for (4)/ an important (5).

a) 5 4 2 3 1 b) 1 4 5 3 2 c) 1 3 5 4 2 d) 4 3 5 2 1

22. Developed countries (1)/ in regions of (2)/ high (3)/ occurs (4)/ population density (5).

a) 1 2 3 4 5 b) 5 4 3 2 1 c) 5 1 2 3 4 d) 3 5 4 2 1

23. The last speaker (1)/ that of (2) is no (3)/ your argument (4)/ different from (5)

a) 1 5 3 2 4 b) 4 3 5 2 1 c) 1 3 5 2 4 d) 5 4 1 2 3

Questions (24 – 30)

Questions 24 to 30 consist of two words which have a certain relationship to each other followed by four pairs of related words. Choose the pair which has the same relationship.

24. Pain : sedative

a) comfort : stimulant, b) grief : consolation, c) trance : narcotic, d) ache : extraction

25. Pork : pig

a) rooster : chicken , b) mutton : sheep, c) steer : beef , d) lobster : crustacean

26. Filter : water

a) curtail : activity, b) expurge : book, c) edit : text, d) censor : play

27. mundane : spiritual

a) common : ghostly, b) worldly : unworldly, c) routine : novel, d) secular : clerical

28. Indigent : wealthy

a) angry : rich, b) native : affluent, c) gauche : graceful, d) scholarly : erudite

29. Thrust : spear

a) mangle : iron, b) scabbard : sword, c) bow : arrow, d) fence : epee

30. wan : colour

a) copulent : weight, b) insipid : flavour, c) pallid : complexion, d) enigmatic : puzzle

Answers

1. adorn, 2. economy, 3. excursion, 4. loquaciousness, 5. excitement,
6. Part 3: It should be 'than that of a caretaker' or 'than a caretakers'
7. Part 3: It should 'has ever sung', 8. part 3: It should be 'its'
9. Part 2: It should be 'the trainer was', 10. Part 2: It should be 'he had drunk'
11. Part 3: It should be 'that she', 12. Part 2: It should be 'is the kind of'
13. Part 2: It should be 'if I would', 14. fortunate, 15. deliberate, 16. antisocial, 17. bald
18. incredulous, 19. 1 3 4 6 5 2, 20. 5 4 2 3 1, 21. 1 3 5 4 2, 22. 3 5 4 2 1, 23. 4 3 5 2 1
24. grief : consolation, 25. mutton : sheep, 26. censor : play, 27. worldly : unworldly
28. gauche : graceful, 29. fence : epee, 30. pallid : complexion

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