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20 practice questions with answer key and explanations

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VERBAL ABILITY

1. Choose the word closest in meaning to the word in CAPITAL letters.

The new supervisor was known for her TACITURN manner during meetings, rarely speaking unless asked directly.

A. Talkative
B. Hostile
C. Reserved
D. Cheerful

VERBAL ABILITY

2. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

The committee will not approve the request _____ the applicant submits all the required documents.

A. because
B. unless
C. although
D. since

VERBAL ABILITY

3. Identify the part of the sentence that contains an error.

Each of the new employees / are required / to attend / the orientation on Monday.

A. are required
B. Each of the new employees
C. to attend
D. the orientation on Monday

VERBAL ABILITY

4. Piliin ang salitang pinakamalapit ang kahulugan sa salitang naka-CAPITAL.

MASINOP si Aling Rosa sa paghawak ng pera ng kooperatiba.

A. Maramot
B. Pabaya
C. Maingat at matipid
D. Mayabang

VERBAL ABILITY

5. Arrange the sentences to form a logical paragraph.

1. First, they listed every expense the family had in a single month.
2. The Santos family wanted to save for their eldest child's college tuition.
3. Finally, they set aside a fixed amount every payday before spending on anything else.
4. Next, they cut subscriptions and services they rarely used.

A. 2, 1, 4, 3
B. 1, 2, 4, 3
C. 2, 4, 1, 3
D. 1, 4, 2, 3

VERBAL ABILITY

6. Read the passage, then answer the question.

In one coastal barangay, the council required all new houses to install a rainwater collection tank. Within three years, households reported lower water bills, and during a two-week water shortage, the barangay hall supplied drinking water to families with infants and elderly members. Critics noted that poorer families found the tanks expensive, so the council later allowed installment payments.

Which statement is best supported by the passage?

A. The council adjusted the policy in response to concerns about cost.
B. The rainwater tanks completely eliminated water shortages in the barangay.
C. All families supported the requirement from the very start.
D. The national government gave the tanks to residents for free.

NUMERICAL ABILITY

7. Simplify: 3/4 + 2/3 − 1/6

A. 1 1/6
B. 1 1/3
C. 1 1/4
D. 1 5/12

NUMERICAL ABILITY

8. What number comes next in the series?

3, 7, 15, 31, 63, ___

A. 125
B. 126
C. 129
D. 127

NUMERICAL ABILITY

9. A rice dealer bought a sack of rice for P2,400 and sold it at a 15% profit. What was the selling price?

A. P2,760
B. P2,640
C. P2,415
D. P2,860

NUMERICAL ABILITY

10. Pipe A can fill a water tank in 6 hours, while Pipe B can fill the same tank in 3 hours. If both pipes are opened together, how long will it take to fill the empty tank?

A. 4.5 hours
B. 2 hours
C. 3 hours
D. 1.5 hours

NUMERICAL ABILITY

11. Maria is three times as old as her son. In 12 years, she will be twice as old as her son. How old is Maria now?

A. 24
B. 36
C. 48
D. 30

ANALYTICAL ABILITY

12. BOOK is to LIBRARY as PAINTING is to _____.

A. Gallery
B. Artist
C. Canvas
D. Frame

ANALYTICAL ABILITY

13. DROUGHT is to RAIN as FAMINE is to _____.

A. Hunger
B. Farmer
C. Food
D. Poverty

ANALYTICAL ABILITY

14. All licensed engineers in the office passed the board exam. Some employees in the office are licensed engineers.

Which conclusion MUST be true?

A. All employees in the office passed the board exam.
B. Some employees who passed the board exam are not engineers.
C. Some employees in the office passed the board exam.
D. No employee who is not an engineer passed the board exam.

ANALYTICAL ABILITY

15. A municipal office processed the following number of business permits:

January – 120
February – 150
March – 180
April – 150

By what percent did the number of permits increase from January to March?

A. 50%
B. 60%
C. 33.3%
D. 30%

ANALYTICAL ABILITY

16. Assume this statement is true: "If it rains, the event will be moved indoors." The event was NOT moved indoors.

Which of the following must be true?

A. It did not rain.
B. It rained.
C. The event was cancelled.
D. The event was held both indoors and outdoors.

GENERAL INFORMATION

17. Under the 1987 Philippine Constitution, what is the term of office of the Chairman and Commissioners of the Civil Service Commission?

A. Six years with one reappointment
B. Five years with reappointment
C. Seven years without reappointment
D. Until they reach 70 years old

GENERAL INFORMATION

18. Under R.A. 6713, within how many working days from receipt must public officials and employees respond to letters and requests from the public?

A. 30 working days
B. 10 working days
C. 15 working days
D. 5 working days

GENERAL INFORMATION

19. Human Rights Day, celebrated every 10 December, commemorates the adoption of which document by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948?

A. Universal Declaration of Human Rights
B. The 1987 Philippine Constitution
C. The Geneva Conventions
D. The Charter of the United Nations

GENERAL INFORMATION

20. A barangay plans to build a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and require households to segregate waste at the source. Which law primarily mandates these measures?

A. R.A. 8749 (Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999)
B. R.A. 9275 (Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004)
C. R.A. 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000)
D. R.A. 9147 (Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act)

Answer key and explanations

1. C. Reserved
Taciturn means habitually quiet and sparing with words, so 'Reserved' fits. The clue is 'rarely speaking unless asked directly.' 'Hostile' is tempting, but being quiet is not the same as being unfriendly.

2. B. unless
'Unless' means 'except if': no approval until the documents are complete. 'Because' and 'since' give a reason, and 'although' shows contrast, so none of them states the condition this sentence needs.

3. A. are required
The subject is 'Each,' which is singular, so the verb should be 'is required.' Don't be misled by 'employees' right before the verb: 'of the new employees' only describes 'Each' and does not make it plural.

4. C. Maingat at matipid
Ang 'masinop' ay taong maayos, maingat, at matipid sa pera o gamit. Madaling mapagkamalan ang 'maramot,' pero ang maramot ay ayaw magbahagi, samantalang ang masinop ay marunong humawak ng pera. Kabaligtaran nito ang 'pabaya.'

5. A. 2, 1, 4, 3
Sentence 2 sets up the goal, so it opens the paragraph. The signal words then give the order: 'First' (1), 'Next' (4), 'Finally' (3). Starting with sentence 1 fails because 'they' would have nothing to refer to yet.

6. A. The council adjusted the policy in response to concerns about cost.
Critics raised the cost and the council 'later allowed installment payments,' so the policy changed in response. 'Completely eliminated' is too strong because the passage itself mentions a two-week shortage, and free tanks are never mentioned.

7. C. 1 1/4
Use the LCD 12: 9/12 + 8/12 − 2/12 = 15/12 = 1 3/12 = 1 1/4. A common slip is forgetting to subtract the 2/12, which gives 17/12 = 1 5/12.

8. D. 127
Each term is the previous term × 2 + 1, so 63 × 2 + 1 = 127. You can also see that the gaps double (4, 8, 16, 32), so the next gap is 64: 63 + 64 = 127.

9. A. P2,760
Profit = 15% × P2,400 = P360, so the selling price = P2,400 + P360 = P2,760. Shortcut: P2,400 × 1.15 = P2,760. P360 is only the profit, so remember to add it to the cost.

10. B. 2 hours
Add the rates, not the hours: 1/6 + 1/3 = 1/6 + 2/6 = 3/6 = 1/2 tank per hour, so the tank fills in 2 hours. Averaging the times (4.5 hours) is the trap: two pipes together must beat the faster pipe alone.

11. B. 36
Let the son's age be s, so Maria is 3s. Then 3s + 12 = 2(s + 12) → 3s + 12 = 2s + 24 → s = 12. Maria is 3 × 12 = 36. Check: in 12 years she is 48 and he is 24. (48 is her future age, not today's.)

12. A. Gallery
A library is the place where books are kept for the public, and a gallery is the place where paintings are kept for the public. 'Artist' and 'Canvas' are related to paintings, but neither is a place.

13. C. Food
A drought is a severe lack of rain, and a famine is a severe lack of food. 'Hunger' is tempting, but it is a result of famine, not the thing that is lacking.

14. C. Some employees in the office passed the board exam.

Some employees are licensed engineers, and all licensed engineers passed, so those employees passed. That is all we know. Nothing is said about the other employees, so the 'all employees' and 'no employee' choices go too far.

15. A. 50%

Increase = 180 − 120 = 60. Percent increase = 60 ÷ 120 × 100 = 50%. Always divide by the starting value (January). Dividing by 180 gives 33.3%, which is the common mistake.

16. A. It did not rain.

If rain always moves the event indoors, and it was not moved indoors, then it did not rain. This reasoning is called modus tollens. Nothing in the statement says the event was cancelled, so that choice can't be concluded.

17. C. Seven years without reappointment

Article IX-B, Section 1(2) gives the Chairman and Commissioners a term of seven years without reappointment. Only the first appointees had staggered terms (7, 5, and 3 years), so 'five years' is not the rule.

18. C. 15 working days

Section 5(a) of R.A. 6713 requires a response to letters and other communications from the public within 15 working days from receipt. Don't mix this up with R.A. 11032, which sets 3, 7, or 20 working days for processing transactions.

19. A. Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948. The tempting UN Charter is a different document, signed in 1945, and the 1987 Constitution is Philippine law.

20. C. R.A. 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000)

R.A. 9003 requires segregation at the source (Section 21) and a Materials Recovery Facility in every barangay or cluster of barangays (Section 32). The Clean Air and Clean Water Acts deal with air and water pollution, not waste sorting.

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