

Verbal Ability

1. Which of the following words are incorrectly spelt?

- A) separate
- B) ordnance
- C) obviously
- D) sucess
- E) none of these

2. Choose the pair of words that best completes the sentence:

The ----- of the timetable caused some -----

- A) rivision/inconvenience
- B) revision/inconvenience
- C) reversion/inconvenience
- D) revition/inconvenience

3. The following list of 20 words contains 10 that are incorrectly spelt. Write the letter that corresponds to each incorrectly spelt word in the answer box

- A) occurrence
- B) dissipate
- C) weird
- D) accommodate
- E) embarrassment
- F) ecstasy
- G) repetition
- H) battalion
- I) despair
- J) irritable
- K) accidentally
- L) liaison
- M) memento
- N) millennium
- O) yield
- P) existence
- Q) independent
- R) insistent
- S) exceed
- T) privilege

Answers

1. D

2. B A

3. A E F H I K N P R S

4. Which of these words completes the sentence in the way that makes most sense?

A spirit-level should be used to ensure that the surface is -----

- A) straight
- B) flat**
- C) horizontal
- D) parallel
- E) aligned

5. Which of these words completes the sentence in the way that makes most sense?

He avoided ----- because he was -----

- A) redundancy
- B) indispensable**
- C) redundancy
- D) indispensable

6. Which of these words completes the sentence in the way that makes most sense?

The plan must be ----- to make the project -----

- A) feasible
- B) revised**
- C) rivised
- D) feaseable

Answers

4. C

5. C B

6. B A

7. Which of these is the missing word?

kick, -----, walk

- A) throw
- B) toes
- C) shin
- D) feet
- E) hand

8. Which of these is the missing word?

key, -----, walk

- A) lock
- B) stand
- C) board
- D) fob
- E) stone

9. Which of these is the missing word?

water, -----, over

- A) ice
- B) drive
- C) wet
- D) flow
- E) fall

Answers

7. D – Feet are used for both kicking and walking.

8. C – Board forms the words ‘keyboard’ and ‘boardwalk’

9. E – Fall forms ‘waterfall’ and ‘fall over’

10. Which of two of these words are opposite in meaning?

- A) lose
- B) winner
- C) victor
- D) loser
- E) vanquish

11. Which of these words is the odd one out?

- A) swindle
- B) harass
- C) provoke
- D) annoy
- E) pester

12. Which of these words is the odd one out?

- A) verify
- B) authenticate
- C) confirm
- D) ask
- E) substantiate

Answers

10. B D – are exact opposites.

11. A – The others are synonyms

12. D – The others are synonyms

13. Dog is to canine as wolf is to -----

- A) vulpine
- B) ursine
- C) piscine
- D) bovine
- E) lupine

14. Sadness is to happiness as defeat is to -----

- A) joy
- B) victory
- C) tears
- D) victor
- E) none of these

14. Paper is to timber as ----- is to hide

- A) tree
- B) seek
- C) ox
- D) animal
- E) leather

Answers

13. E – lupine means ‘relating to the characteristics of wolves’

14. B – The word pairs are opposites

15. E – Paper is made from timber, leather is made from hide

16. Read the following short passage and say whether or not the statements are true.

There are seven species of deer living wild in Britain. The Red Deer and the Roe Deer are native species. Fallow Deer were introduced by the Romans and, since the seventeenth century, have been joined by three other non-native species: Sika, Muntjac and Chinese Water Deer which have escaped from parks. In addition, a herd of Reindeer was established in Scotland in 1952. Most of the Red Deer in Britain are found in Scotland, but there are significant wild populations in south-west and north-west England, East Anglia and the north Midlands. Red deer can interbreed with the introduced Japanese Sika deer and in some areas, hybrids are common.

16a. All of the Red Deer in Britain are found in Scotland.

A) true

- B) false
- C) can't say

16b. Red Deer can interbreed with Fallow Deer.

- A) true
- B) false
- C) can't say

16c. The Fallow Deer is not native to Britain.

- A) true
- B) false
- C) can't say

16d. There are no Reindeer in England.

- A) true
- B) false
- C) can't say

Answers

16a. B

16b. C*

16c. A

16d. C

17. Working together, Tom, Dick and Harry need 9 hours to paint a 400 meter long fence. Working alone, Tom could complete the task in 18 hours. Dick can not work as fast and needs 36 hours to paint the fence by himself. If Tom and Dick take the day off, how long will it take Harry to paint the fence by himself?

A) 9

B) 12

C) 18

D) 36

Answer



17. D – In 9 hours Tom would have painted half of the fence and Dick would have painted one quarter of it. This leaves one quarter to be painted by Harry who must therefore work at the same speed as Dick.