

EduTest Year 10 Entry Verbal Reasoning Practice Paper 1

Verbal Reasoning

60 questions · 5 options each (A–E) · 30 minutes · No dictionary or calculator

How to use this booklet

- There are 60 questions in this paper. For each question there are five possible answers, A, B, C, D and E. Choose the one best answer.
- You will not lose marks for incorrect answers, so attempt all 60 questions.
- Dictionaries and calculators are not allowed. You have 30 minutes.

VERBAL REASONING — 60 QUESTIONS

Multiple choice · 30 minutes

Use vocabulary and logic to answer quickly: there are many questions in a short time. Choose the single best answer.

1. Choose the word that is most SIMILAR in meaning to UNWILLING.

- A avid
- B rash
- C hidden
- D candid
- E disinclined

2. Rearrange the letters of STREAM to make a word that means 'a person with great skill'.

- A meagre
- B square
- C rested
- D actors
- E master

3. Pilot is to passenger as architect is to _____. Choose the best word to complete the second pair.

- A plans
- B client
- C passenger
- D mammal
- E building

4. If the ducks leave, then the ranger closes the path. If the pond freezes, then the ducks leave. The ranger does not close the path. Which conclusion MUST be true?

- A The pond freezes, and the ducks leave.
- B The pond freezes, and the ducks do not leave.
- C The pond does not freeze.
- D The ducks leave.
- E The pond freezes.

5. Remove one letter from the word BLAND to make a new word that means 'a group of musicians'. Which letter must be removed?

- A letter A
- B letter L
- C letter B
- D letter N
- E letter D

6. Four of these words belong together. Which one does not?

- A age-old
- B time-worn
- C primeval
- D contemporary
- E antique

7. Choose the word that is most nearly the reverse of SECLUSION.

- A company
- B nerve
- C solitude
- D integrity
- E concord

8. Remove one letter from the word SPINE to make a new word that means 'an evergreen tree with needles'. Which letter must be removed?

- A letter I
- B letter S
- C letter E
- D letter P
- E letter N

9. What comes next in this letter series? G, L, H, N, I, P, J, ?

- A S
- B J
- C R
- D K
- E P

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Answers & worked solutions

Answer Key

1	E	2	E	3	B	4	C	5	B	6	D
7	A	8	B	9	C	10	C	11	B	12	A
13	E	14	D	15	D	16	A	17	C	18	D
19	E	20	A	21	C	22	E	23	C	24	C
25	B	26	D	27	B	28	E	29	C	30	A
31	D	32	E	33	B	34	A	35	B	36	D
37	A	38	C	39	D	40	D	41	A	42	E
43	A	44	E	45	C	46	B	47	E	48	A
49	A	50	C	51	B	52	D	53	D	54	E
55	B	56	A	57	E	58	C	59	B	60	D

1. Choose the word that is most **SIMILAR** in meaning to **UNWILLING**. [Synonyms]

Correct answer: E — disinclined

- Step 1: 'unwilling' means not wanting to do something.
- Step 2: Look for the option with the same meaning. 'disinclined' also means not wanting to do something, so the two words are synonyms.
- Why the other options are wrong:
 - A (avid): 'avid' means wanting very much to do something, which is the **OPPOSITE** of 'unwilling', not the same.
 - B (rash): 'rash' means careless of danger or consequences. That is a different idea from 'unwilling' (not wanting to do something).
 - C (hidden): 'hidden' means kept out of sight, which has nothing in common with 'unwilling'.
 - D (candid): 'candid' means truthful and straightforward, which has nothing in common with 'unwilling'.

LOS: VR1 Synonyms (word meaning)

KEY TAKEAWAY

If you can't recall a word's meaning, think of where you have met it: a sentence, a book or a news story often reveals it.

2. Rearrange the letters of **STREAM** to make a word that means 'a person with great skill'. [Anagrams]

Correct answer: E — master

- Step 1: The answer must use exactly the same 6 letters as STREAM: A, E, M, R, S, T.
- Step 2: Rearranged, they make 'master', which means 'a person with great skill'.
- Why the other options are wrong:
 - A (meagre): 'meagre' contains E, G, which STREAM does not have, so it is not an anagram of