

Section 1 – VERBAL REASONING (8 questions – 8 points)

Text Completion Questions:

Select **one answer for each blank space** from the corresponding column of choices. Fill the blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. The young man was quickly promoted when his employers saw how _____ he was.
A listless
B unconcerned
C assiduous
D lethargic
E cursory
2. No act of _____ was more pronounced than his refusal of any rewards for his discovery.
A abeyance
B submission
C egoism
D denunciation
E abnegation

Select **one answer for each blank space** from the corresponding columns. Fill all the blanks in the way that best completes the text. There is a single correct answer consisting of one correct choice for each blank: **no credit is awarded for partially correct answers.**

3. It may be useful to think of character in fiction as a function of two (i) _____ impulses: to individualise and the impulse to (ii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A flippant	D humanise
B disparate	E aggrandise
C analogous	F typify
4. Relatively few politicians willingly (i) _____ centre stage, although a touch of (ii) _____ on their part now and again might well increase their popularity with the voting public.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A take	D self-effacement
B forsake	E garrulity
C enjoy	F misanthropy

5. The shortcomings of his analysis are (i) _____ his (ii) _____ in explaining financial complexity and the sheer importance of his text.

Blank (i)

A extolled for

B enhanced by

C offset by

Blank (ii)

D ineptitude

E clarity

F equivocation

Sentence Equivalence Questions:

Select the **two** answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

6. They denied the charges and the trial collapsed for _____ of evidence.

A paucity

B propensity

C accuracy

D dearth

E brunt

F predominance

7. The reasoning in this editorial is so _____ that we cannot see how anyone can be deceived by it.

A false

B coherent

C cogent

D astute

E specious

F dispassionate

8. Modern architecture has discarded the _____ trimming on buildings and has concentrated on an almost Greek simplicity of line.

A flamboyant

B austere

C inconspicuous

D ostentatious

E aesthetic

F derivative

Section 2 – GRAMMATICAL REASONING (8 questions – 8 points)

Select one answer from the corresponding column of choices to complete the sentence.

1. The bank lists the businesses that it lends capital to and _____.
- A required that it makes a positive impact
- B required to have made a positive impact
- C requires that they make a positive impact
- D requires it made a positive impact

2. Parents have a legal obligation to ensure their child _____.
- A to receive a proper education.
 - B receiving a proper education
 - C had received a proper education
 - D receives a proper education

*Select the two answer choices to complete the sentence. There is a single correct answer consisting of one correct choice for each blank: **no credit is awarded for partially correct answers.***

3. The panel recommended that governors (i) _____ commissioners within the first three months of (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- A would appoint
- B will have appointed
- C appoint
- D are appointing

Blank (ii)

- E the assumption of office
- F assumption of office
- G the assumption of the office
- H assumption of the office

4. They admitted they (i) _____ their brains for a long time, but they still (ii) _____ figure it out.

Blank (i)

- A were racking
- B have been racking
- C had been racking
- D racked

Blank (ii)

- E haven't been able to
- F couldn't
- G are not able to
- H can't

5. If it (i) _____ April when your parents first met in New York, as they say, the cherry trees (ii) _____ to bloom in the parks.

Blank (i)

- A was
- B were
- C had been
- D has been

Blank (ii)

- E were to start
- F would have started
- G would start
- H should have started

*For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given. **The word must not be altered in any way.***

EXAMPLE: He was offended when he was left out of he team.

exception

ANSWER: He took exception to being left out of the team.

6. They were brought up in a conventional, middle-class way.
theirs

_____.

7. They realised it was necessary to take action.
incumbent

_____.

8. The athlete's hopes of an international career were dashed by an accident during training.
paid

_____.

Section 3 – ANALYTICAL WRITING (4 points)

The following appeared in a petition presented by Classen University students to the school's administration.

*Your task is to analyse the text and summarise it using your own vocabulary. **You may not, however, present your personal views on the topic.** The emphasis is on accurate interpretation of the information presented and your ability to convey the gist of it relying on your own reading comprehension skill coupled with your language competence. Since you are expected to write a summary, **limit your answer to five sentences.***

The purpose of higher education is to prepare students for the future, but Classen students are at a serious disadvantage in the competition for post-college employment due to the University's burdensome breadth requirements. Classen's job placement rate is substantially lower than placement rates of many top-ranked schools. Classen students would be more attractive to employers if they had more time to take advanced courses in their speciality, rather than being required to spend fifteen percent of their time at Classen taking courses outside of their subject area. We demand, therefore, that the University abandon or drastically cut back on its breadth requirements.