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Answer Key for Sections 1-4



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Answer Key for Section 1. Verbal Reasoning 25 Questions

1. A — In various parts of the world, civilizations that could not make iron from ore fashioned tools out of fragments of iron from meteorites.
2. A — An increased focus on the importance of engaging the audience in a narrative
3. C — speak to
4. A — People with access to an electric washing machine typically wore their clothes many fewer times before washing them than did people without access to electric washing machines.
5. C — insular
Answer in Context: In the 1950s, the country's inhabitants were **insular**: most of them knew very little about foreign countries.
6. E — insincere
Answer in Context: Since she believed him to be both candid and trustworthy, she refused to consider the possibility that his statement had been **insincere**.

7. A — maturity

Answer in Context: It is his dubious distinction to have proved what nobody would think of denying, that Romero at the age of sixty-four writes with all the characteristics of **maturity**.

8. C — comparing two scholarly debates and discussing their histories

9. D — identify a reason for a certain difference in the late 1970s between the origins debate and the debate over American women's status

10. D — Their approach resembled the approach taken in studies by Wood and by Mullin in that they were interested in the experiences of people subjected to a system of subordination.

11. A — gave more attention to the experiences of enslaved women

12. Blank (i) A. construe

Blank (ii) F. collude in

Answer in Context: The narratives that vanquished peoples have created of their defeat have, according to Schivelbusch, fallen into several identifiable types. In one of these, the vanquished manage to **construe** the victor's triumph as the result of some spurious advantage, the victors being truly inferior where it counts. Often the winners **collude in** this interpretation, worrying about the cultural or moral costs of their triumph and so giving some credence to the losers' story.

13. Blank (i) B. settled
Blank (ii) E. ambiguity
Blank (iii) G. similarly equivocal

Answer in Context: I've long anticipated this retrospective of the artist's work, hoping that it would make **settled** judgments about him possible, but greater familiarity with his paintings highlights their inherent **ambiguity** and actually makes one's assessment **similarly equivocal**.

14. Blank (i) A. a debased
Blank (ii) E. goosebumps

Answer in Context: Stories are a haunted genre; hardly **a debased** kind of story, the ghost story is almost the paradigm of the form, and **goosebumps** was undoubtedly one effect that Poe had in mind when he wrote about how stories work.

15. Blank (i) C. patent
Blank (ii) E. improbable

Answer in Context: Given how **patent** the shortcomings of the standard economic model are in its portrayal of human behavior, the failure of many economists to respond to them is astonishing. They continue to fill the journals with yet more proofs of yet more **improbable** theorems. Others, by contrast, accept the criticisms as a challenge, seeking to expand the basic model to embrace a wider range of things people do.

16. Blank (i) B. startling
Blank (ii) D. jettison

Answer in Context: The playwright's approach is **startling** in that her works **jettison** the theatrical devices normally used to create drama on the stage.

17. Blank (i) B. create
Blank (ii) F. logical

Answer in Context: Scientists are not the only persons who examine the world about them by the use of rational processes, although they sometimes **create** this impression by extending the definition of "scientist" to include anyone who is **logical** in his or her investigational practices.

18. C — It presents a specific application of a general principle.

19. A — outstrip

20. B — It is a mistake to think that the natural world contains many areas of pristine wilderness.

21. C — coincident with

22. Sentence to be completed: Dreams are _____ in and of themselves, but, when combined with other data, they can tell us much about the dreamer.

Answer: D — inscrutable, F — uninformative

23. Sentence to be completed: Linguistic science confirms what experienced users of ASL—American Sign Language—have always implicitly known: ASL is a grammatically _____ language, as capable of expressing a full range of syntactic relations as any natural spoken language.

Answer: A — complete, F — unlimited

24. Sentence to be completed: The macromolecule RNA is common to all living beings, and DNA, which is found in all organisms except some bacteria, is almost as _____.

Answer: D — universal, F — ubiquitous

25. Sentence to be completed: Early critics of Emily Dickinson's poetry mistook for simplemindedness the surface of artlessness that in fact she constructed with such _____.

Answer: B — craft, C — cunning

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Answer Key for Section 2. Verbal Reasoning 25 Questions

1. Sentence to be completed: In the long run, high-technology communications cannot _____ more traditional face-to-face family togetherness, in Ms. Aspinall's view.

Answer: C — supersede, F — supplant

2. Sentence to be completed: Even in this business, where _____ is part of everyday life, a talent for lying is not something usually found on one's resume.

Answer: B — mendacity, C — prevarication

3. Sentence to be completed: A restaurant's menu is generally reflected in its decor; however, despite this restaurant's _____ appearance it is pedestrian in the menu it offers.

Answer: A — elegant, F — chic

4. Sentence to be completed: International financial issues are typically _____ by the United States media because they are too technical to make snappy headlines and too inaccessible to people who lack a background in economics.

Answer: A — neglected, B — slighted

5. Sentence to be completed: While in many ways their personalities could not have been more different—she was ebullient where he was glum, relaxed where he was awkward, garrulous where he was _____—they were surprisingly well suited.

Answer: D — laconic, F — taciturn

6. D — spirituals
7. B — They had little working familiarity with such forms of American music as jazz, blues, and popular songs.
8. E — neglected Johnson's contribution to classical symphonic music
9. C — The editorial policies of some early United States newspapers became a counterweight to proponents of traditional values.
10. A — insincerely
11. Blank (i) C. multifaceted
Blank (ii) F. extraneous

Answer in Context: The **multifaceted** nature of classical tragedy in Athens belies the modern image of tragedy: in the modern view tragedy is austere and stripped down, its representations of ideological and emotional conflicts so superbly compressed that there's nothing **extraneous** for time to erode.

12. Blank (i) C. ambivalence
Blank (ii) E. successful
Blank (iii) H. assuage

Answer in Context: Murray, whose show of recent paintings and drawings is her best in many years, has been eminent hereabouts for a quarter century, although often regarded with **ambivalence**, but the most **successful** of these paintings **assuage** all doubts.

13. B — a doctrinaire

Answer in Context: Far from viewing Jefferson as a skeptical but enlightened intellectual, historians of the 1960s portrayed him as **a doctrinaire** thinker, eager to fill the young with his political orthodoxy while censoring ideas he did not like.

14. C — recapitulates

Answer in Context: Dramatic literature often **recapitulates** the history of a culture in that it takes as its subject matter the important events that have shaped and guided the culture.

15. E — affirm the thematic coherence underlying Raisin in the Sun

16. C — The painter of this picture could not intend it to be funny; therefore, its humor must result from a lack of skill.

17. E — Sentence 5 — But the play’s complex view of Black self-esteem and human solidarity as compatible is no more “contradictory” than Du Bois’s famous, well-considered ideal of ethnic self-awareness coexisting with human unity, or Fanon’s emphasis on an ideal internationalism that also accommodates national identities and roles.

18. C — Because of shortages in funding, the organizing committee of the choral festival required singers to purchase their own copies of the music performed at the festival.

19. Blank (i) C. mimicking
Blank (ii) D. transmitted to

Answer in context: New technologies often begin by **mimicking** what has gone before, and they change the world later. Think how long it took power-using companies to recognize that with electricity they did not need to cluster their machinery around the power source, as in the days of steam. Instead, power could be **transmitted to** their processes. In that sense, many of today's computer networks are still in the steam age. Their full potential remains unrealized.

20. Blank (i) B. opaque to
Blank (ii) D. an arcane

Answer in context: There has been much hand-wringing about how unprepared American students are for college. Graff reverses this perspective, suggesting that colleges are unprepared for students. In his analysis, the university culture is largely **opaque to** entering students because academic culture fails to make connections to the kinds of arguments and cultural references that students grasp. Understandably, many students view academic life as **an arcane** ritual.

21. Blank (i) C. defiant
Blank (ii) D. disregard for

Answer in context: Of course anyone who has ever perused an unmodernized text of Captain Clark's journals knows that the Captain was one of the most **defiant** spellers ever to write in English, but despite this **disregard for** orthographical rules, Clark is never unclear.

22. A — There have been some open jobs for which no qualified FasCorp employee applied.
23. C — presenting a possible explanation of a phenomenon
24. A — The pull theory is not universally accepted by scientists;
B — The pull theory depends on one of water's physical properties.
25. E — the mechanism underlying water's tensile strength

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Answer Key for Section 3. Quantitative Reasoning 25 Questions

1. A: Quantity A is greater.
2. B: Quantity B is greater.
3. B: Quantity B is greater.
4. D: The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.
5. D: The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.
6. A: Quantity A is greater.
7. D: The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.
8. C: The two quantities are equal.
9. D: The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.
10. B: $\frac{3}{2}$

11. The answer to question 11 consists of four of the answer choices.
- A: 12°
 - B: 15°
 - C: 45°
 - D: 50°
12. A: 10
13. D: 15
14. A: 299
15. In question 15 you were asked to enter either an integer or a decimal number. The answer to question 15 is 3,600.
16. A: 8
17. In question 17 you were asked to enter either an integer or a decimal number. The answer to question 17 is 250.
18. C: Three
19. B: Manufacturing
20. A: 5.2

21. B: More than half of the titles distributed by M are also distributed by L .
22. A: $c + d$
23. In question 23 you were asked to enter either an integer or a decimal. The answer to question 23 is 36.5.
24. D: $\frac{2}{5}$
25. D: $\frac{3}{2}$

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Answer Key for Section 4. Quantitative Reasoning 25 Questions

1. A: Quantity A is greater.
2. D: The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.
3. D: The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.
4. D: The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.
5. B: Quantity B is greater.
6. A: Quantity A is greater.
7. C: The two quantities are equal.
8. A: Quantity A is greater.
9. C: The two quantities are equal.
10. D: $jk + j$

11. In question 11 you were asked to enter a fraction. The answer to question 11 is the fraction $\frac{1}{4}$.
12. The answer to question 12 consists of four of the answer choices.
B: \$43,350
C: \$47,256
D: \$51,996
E: \$53,808
13. E: 676,000
14. E: $s^2 - p^2$
15. B: $k - 1$
16. B: 110,000
17. B: 3 to 1
18. E: 1,250
19. C: 948
20. The answer to question 20 consists of two answer choices.
B: Students majoring in either social sciences or physical sciences constitute more than 50 percent of the total enrollment.
C: The ratio of the number of males to the number of females in the senior class is less than 2 to 1.

21. B: $33\frac{1}{3}\%$

22. A: 12

23. D: 4,400

24. In question 24 you were asked to enter either an integer or a decimal number. The answer to question 24 is 10.

25. The answer to question 25 consists of five answer choices.

B: 3.0

C: 3.5

D: 4.0

E: 4.5

F: 5.0

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