

1. **Answer:** C.

Explanation: Someone who is HARRIED, or stressed, lacks EQUANIMITY, or serenity. Likewise, someone who is DISSOLUTE, meaning lacking moral restraint, lacks MODERATION.

2. **Answer:** B.

Explanation: Laconic is characterized by a lack of words and parched is characterized by a lack of moisture.

3. **Answer:** C.

Explanation: Wheat is an antonym of chaff, and quality is an antonym of inadequacy.

4. **Answer:** B.

Explanation: A cushion is a part of a sofa, and a shelf is part of a bookcase.

5. **Answer:** C.

Explanation: Mean is a synonym for average, and kind is a synonym for variety.

6. **Answer:** C.

Explanation: Aesop is known for writing fables, and Homer is known for writing epics.

7. **Answer:** A.

Explanation: To outrage is more intense than to peeve, and to strive is more intense than to attempt.

8. **Answer:** A.

Explanation: To slight causes hurt, and to lag causes tardiness.

9. **Answer:** A.

Explanation: Furtive is more intensely secret, and resonant is more intensely audible.

10. **Answer:** B.

Explanation: Privy is sharing in a secret, and sympathetic is sharing in grief.

11. **Answer:** A.

Explanation: To follow is less intense than to chase, and to nudge is less intense than to thrust.

12. **Answer:** D.

Explanation: A marathon is a long race and hibernation is a lengthy period of sleep. The answer is not choice a or b because even though a bear and winter are related to hibernation, neither completes the analogy. (Choice c) is incorrect because sleep and dream are not synonymous.

13. **Answer:** A.

Explanation: This is a classic function/purpose bridge—the purpose of MEDICINE is to prevent or cure ILLNESS in the same way that the purpose of LAW is to prevent or cure ANARCHY in the society.

14. **Answer:** C.

Explanation: Scruff is the back of the neck, and stern is the back of a boat.

15. **Answer:** D.

Explanation: A principle is another word for a doctrine, and a living is another word for livelihood.

16. **Answer:** D.

Explanation: Something PALTRY lacks SIGNIFICANCE. Does something BANAL lack ORIGINALITY? Well, if something is BANAL it is predictable, so yes. That pair has the same relation as the stem pair.

17. **Answer:** D.

Explanation: To chatter is to talk rapidly, and to flutter is to flap rapidly.

18. **Answer:** A.

Explanation: To conjugate means to pair, and to partition means to divide.

19. **Answer:** B.

Explanation: Chagrin can be the result of criticism, and sag is the result of pressure

20. **Answer:** B.

Explanation: When you EXTORT something, you obtain it by force or threats. To EXTORT is to OBTAIN dishonestly. Plagiarism is borrowing material from another writer without giving him or her acknowledgment. That would fit the description of borrowing dishonestly.

21. **Answer:** D.

Explanation: Pallid means lacking in color, and tactless means lacking diplomacy.

22. **Answer:** B.

Explanation: To vaunt means to boast, and to skewer means to criticize.

23. **Answer:** C.

Explanation: A kennel houses dogs, and an aerie houses bird.

24. **Answer:** A.

Explanation: Something SODDEN is very wet, so it is, by definition, extremely MOIST. This is a bridge of DEGREE. Similarly, something MAUDLIN is, by definition, extremely SENTIMENTAL.

25. **Answer:** D.

Explanation: A group of lions is called a pride. A group of fish swim in a shoal. Teacher (choice a) and student (choice b) refer to another meaning of the word school. The answer is not (choice c) because self-respect has no obvious relationship to this particular meaning of school.

26. **Answer:** B.

Explanation: A hilt is part of a sword, and a needle is part of the compass.

27. **Answer:** D.

Explanation: By definition, a MAVEN, meaning expert, has expertise. Likewise, a SUPPLICANT, or humble beggar, has HUMILITY.

28. **Answer:** B.

Explanation: To defer is a synonym of to postpone, and to proffer is a synonym of to tender.



**NMAT Verbal
Ability Answer Key**

**Set 1:
*Word Analogies***

29. **Answer:** B.

Explanation: To gall is to vex, and to hex is to jinx.

30. **Answer:** A.

Explanation: A mercenary performs a task for wages, and a dilettante does for enjoyment.



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