

NMAT Verbal Ability Answer Key

Set 2: Reading Comprehension

- 1. B.
- 2. B.
- 3. B.
- 4. A.
- 5. A.
- 6. A.
- 7. B.
- 8. B.
- 9. B.

10. D.

11. A. Meridians are imaginary geographical circles intersecting the poles. Imaginary lines parallel to the equator (B) are latitudes. The International Date Line is a specific meridian, not an area (C). It is not a land mass (D) as it crosses both water and land.

12. B. The passage was found near 50 degrees S latitude. Latitudes are measured horizontally, in relation to the equator or central imaginary line, equidistant between the North and South Poles. Longitudes are measured vertically. Greenwich (A), the location of zero degrees longitude, adopted as the global standard, is both incorrect and never named in the passage. Spain (C) and Portugal (D) are also incorrect.

13. C. A peninsula is a piece of land connected to the mainland by an isthmus and projecting into the ocean such that it is surrounded on three sides by water. A peninsula is not a coast (A); it is not found inland (B); and it is not a border (D).

14. C. Topography means the physical features of a land mass. It does not mean coastline (A), mountain range (B), or islands (D).

15. A. Longitudes are imaginary geographical lines running north and south. Latitudes run east and west. The other choices do not equal either latitude or longitude in direction.

16. A. "Quagmire" means literally a bog or marsh, and figuratively an involved situation difficult to escape; entanglement is a synonym, more specifically similar than the other choices.

17. B. "Terrestrial" means land. No choice here offers a synonym for "marine," e.g., nautical/naval/water/seagoing, and no other choices match either marine or terrestrial.



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- 18. B.
- 19. C.
- 20. B.
- 21. A.
- 22. B.
- 23. D.
- 24. B.
- 25. C.
- 26. C.
- 27. B.
- 28. A.
- 29. C.
- 30. D.



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