



GMAT

Verbal Section Test [READING COMPREHENSION] - Solutions

QUESTION NO	CONCEPT TESTED	HINT FOR THE ANSWER	REASONS FOR ELIMINATION	DIFFICULTY LEVEL
1	As the question is asking you to understand the Main theme of the passage, It is a Big picture question.	<p>Here the first and the last paragraph summaries match.</p> <p>Both the paragraphs deal with the idea that an overdose of attention is paid to positive effect that bilingualism has on human mind.</p> <p>As both the paragraphs are similar in their theme the main theme can be located in the first paragraph. Further, opening and closing lines of the first paragraph becomes the most important</p>	<p>Option A: This is opposite to the idea stated in the passage</p> <p>Option B: Correct. This is what the last sentence of the first paragraph states “This overwhelming attention to the advantages of bilingualism is not warranted, and is not founded on augmented results due to publication bias”</p> <p>Option C: This is stated in the second paragraph but it is used as supporting reason by the author. It is not the main theme.</p> <p>Option D: not mentioned</p> <p>Option E: mentioned. But this option misses on the aspect that author feels that such optimism is misplaced. So, the option only partially quotes the main theme.</p> <p>Answer: B</p>	Difficult

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2	It is a referential question as it is dependent on meaning contained in specific lines of the passage	<p>As the lines ask you why the author says “Bilingualism presents in many shapes and sizes,” We should locate the effect that he tries to establish with this statement. That brings us to the line:</p> <p>“Accurate understanding of the way bilingualism affects human mind is thus imperative before we can come to a certain conclusion about its effect on human mind”</p>	<p>Option A: This is the stated meaning in that line, not the reason behind it</p> <p>Option B: Out of scope</p> <p>Option C: Out of scope</p> <p>Option D: Can be the inferred meaning from the line but is not the reason behind it</p>	Medium

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3	It is a referential question as it is asking you to define the tone of author to certain element in the passage	<p>We should focus on the tone words that the author uses towards journals and researches that “accentuate the positives”</p> <p>These words are given in lines: The imbalance is further exacerbated</p> <p>and</p> <p>This overwhelming attention to the advantages of bilingualism is not warranted, and is not founded on augmented results due to publication bias.</p>	<p>Option A: “Annoyed” is too strong</p> <p>Option B: not stated</p> <p>Option C: positives of the cognitive skills are never mentioned</p> <p>Option D: correct. stated in the word “not warranted”</p> <p>Option E: “Vexed” is too strong</p> <p>Answer: D</p>	Medium

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4	It is a referential question as it asks you to refer to a certain idea in the passage	<p>The reason behind these examples are given in the lines:</p> <p>“There are thoughts in the writings of Atticus Finch that can sound feminine, and then there are those in Dorris Lessing’s that can sound masculine. We may be prepared to admit rhetorically that no man could have written Jane Eyre and no woman James Bond”</p>	<p>Option A: This is opposite to the idea stated in the passage</p> <p>Option B: Correct. This is what the last reasons through the examples</p> <p>Option C: Not stated</p> <p>Option D: Not stated</p> <p>Option E: Not mentioned</p> <p>Answer: B</p>	Difficult

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5	It is a referential question as it asks you to refer to a certain idea in the passage	<p>The reason behind these questions is given in the lines:</p> <p>“The same can be true of literary characters. Looking at female characters separately has resulted in many false conclusions”</p>	<p>Option A: Not stated</p> <p>Option B: Not stated</p> <p>Option C: restatement of the lines pointed out by the question</p> <p>Option D: A thought from the previous paragraph but not related to the question</p> <p>Option E: opposite of what is stated</p> <p>Answer: C</p>	Easy

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6	It is a Big picture question as the question is asking you to understand the Main theme of the passage	<p>Here the first and the last paragraph summaries match. Both the paragraphs deal with the idea that demarcation of women's literature by literary institutions has been degrading, and the teaching of women's literature in English departments, a subversion of women's liberation.</p> <p>As both the paragraphs are similar in their theme the main theme can be located in the first paragraph. Further, opening and closing lines of the first paragraph becomes the most important</p>	<p>Option A: Not stated in the passage</p> <p>Option B: Not stated in the passage</p> <p>Option C: This is stated in the last line of the first paragraph</p> <p>Option D: not Mentioned</p> <p>Option E: these "problem" are never pointed out in the passage</p> <p>Answer: C</p>	Difficult

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7	It is a referential question as it asks you to refer to a certain idea in the passage. The question here though wants the examinee to mark an answer that is not mentioned in lines	<p>The reason behind these questions is given in the lines:</p> <p>“Have women problems charting one’s identity?” well so is the case with almost all the heroes of the “Bildungsroman”. Do women end up choosing between personal life and a career? So must the other sex....Are many women ruined by not being able to choose the man they love? So are many men forced to let go their chosen mates. Do the women get discouraged by double standards and stereotypes associated with them? Can we not see men suffering in the same manner?”</p>	<p>Option A: stated</p> <p>Option B: stated</p> <p>Option C: Correct as it is not stated</p> <p>Option D: stated</p> <p>Option E: stated</p> <p>Answer: C</p>	Medium

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8	It is a big idea question as it asks you to locate how the ideas are linked or structured in the passage	<p>The answer to these questions are contained in the sentences that have linking words as these words are the flag points in a passage</p> <p>“Clearly, this demarcation of women’s literature by literary institutions thus has been degrading, and the teaching of women’s literature in English departments, a subversion of women’s liberation.”</p> <p>“but truly, if we try to define what is specifically masculine or feminine about them, the task can only turn futile.”</p> <p>“So, Focusing on the writer’s gender is inherently confining and directed at a reading that is biased, a thing that proponents of women’s literature fought to begin with”</p>	<p>Option A: out of scope</p> <p>Option B: the claim is never revised</p> <p>Option C: Correct as this is what the lines containing linking words point</p> <p>Option D: out of scope</p> <p>Option E: out of scope</p> <p>Answer: C</p>	Difficult

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9	It is a Big picture question as the question is asking you to understand the Main theme of the passage	<p>The opening and the closing lines as well as the lines that contain the linking words should give us the picture.</p> <p>These lines go on to say that the recent trend of growth in temporary employment is due to advantages that it offers to the employers and that these rules tend to be exploitative thus government should intervene to safeguard the interest of the employees</p>	<p>Option A: out of scope</p> <p>Option B: out of scope</p> <p>Option C: meaning stated in the important lines</p> <p>Option D: out of scope</p> <p>Option E: out of scope</p> <p>Answer: C</p>	Medium

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10	It is a referential question as it asks you to refer to a certain idea in the passage. The question here though wants the examinee to mark an answer that is not mentioned in lines	<p>The reason behind these questions is given in the lines:</p> <p>“government should make it mandatory for the employers to issue benefit coverage for temporary employees, promoting pay equity between temporary and permanent workers, assisting labor unions in organizing temporary workers, and encouraging firms to assign temporary jobs primarily to employees who explicitly indicate that preference.”</p>	<p>Option A: stated</p> <p>Option B: stated</p> <p>Option C: Stated</p> <p>Option D: Correct as it is not stated</p> <p>Option E: stated</p> <p>Answer: D</p>	Easy

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