

# ARP 301 - END TERM DECEMBER EXAMINATION 2020

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## VERBAL APTITUDE

Number of Questions: 30

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- ☐ A. repulsive
- ☐ B. very aggressive
- ☒ C. inedible
- ☐ D. diseased



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- ☒ A. warn the predator
- ☐ B. attack the predator
- ☐ C. reveal itself
- ☐ D. defend itself

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- ☐ A. are passive animals
- ☐ B. are lazy
- ☐ C. cannot acquire weapons
- ☒ D. have no claws or jaws



Courage is not only the basis of virtue; it is its expression. faith, hope, charity and all the rest don't become virtues until it takes courage to exercise them. There are roughly two types of courage. the first an emotional state which urges a man to risk injury or death, is physical courage. The second, more reasoning attitude which enables him to take coolly his career, happiness, his whole future or his judgement of what he thinks either right or worthwhile, is moral courage. I have known many men, who had marked physical courage, but lacked moral courage. Some of them were in high places, but they failed to be great in themselves because they lacked moral courage. On the other hand I have seen men who undoubtedly possessed moral courage but were very cautious about taking physical risks. But I have never met a man with moral courage who couldn't, when it was really necessary, face a situation boldly. 34. A man of courage is \*

- ☐ A. cunning
- ☐ B. intelligent
- ☐ C. curious
- ☒ D. careful



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- ☒ A. emotions
- ☐ B. deliberation
- ☐ C. uncertainty
- ☐ D. defiance



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- ☐ A. defy his enemies
- ☐ B. overcome all difficulties
- ☐ C. face a situation boldly
- ☒ D. be very pragmatic



37. Ten years ago the number of taxpayers in Greenspace County was slightly greater than the number of registered voters. The number of taxpayers has doubled over the last ten years, while the number of registered voters has increased, but at a lower rate than has the number of taxpayers. Which of the following must be true in Greenspace County if the statements above are true? \*

- ☐ (A) The number of taxpayers is now smaller than the number of registered voters.
- ☐ (B) Everyone who is a registered voter is also a taxpayer.
- ☐ (C) The proportion of registered voters to taxpayers has increased over the last ten years.
- ☒ (D) The proportion of registered voters to taxpayers has decreased over the last ten years.
- ☐ (E) The proportion of registered voters to taxpayers has remained unchanged over the last ten years.

38. A computer equipped with signature-recognition software, which restricts access to a computer to those people whose signatures are on file, identifies a person's signature by analyzing not only the form of the signature but also such characteristics as pen pressure and signing speed. Even the most adept forgers cannot duplicate all of the characteristics the program analyzes. Which of the following can be logically concluded from the passage above? \*

- ☐ (A) The time it takes to record and analyze a signature makes the software impractical for everyday use.
- ☐ (B) Computers equipped with the software will soon be installed in most banks.
- ☒ (C) Nobody can gain access to a computer equipped with the software solely by virtue of skill at forging signatures.
- ☐ (D) Signature-recognition software has taken many years to develop and perfect.
- ☐ (E) In many cases even authorized users are denied legitimate access to computers equipped with the software.



39. Gartland has long been narrowly self-sufficient in both grain and meat. However, as per capita income in Gartland has risen toward the world average, per capita consumption of meat has also risen toward the world average, and it takes several pounds of grain to produce one pound of meat. Therefore, since per capita income continues to rise, whereas domestic grain production will not increase, Gartland will soon have to import either grain or meat or both. Which of the following is an assumption on which the argument depends? \*

- ☐ (A) The total acreage devoted to grain production in Gartland will not decrease substantially.
- ☐ (B) The population of Gartland has remained relatively constant during the country's years of growing prosperity.
- ☐ (C) The per capita consumption of meat in Gartland is roughly the same across all income levels.
- ☐ (D) In Gartland, neither meat nor grain is subject to government price controls.
- ☒ (E) People in Gartland who increase their consumption of meat will not radically decrease their consumption of grain.



40. Commemorative plaques cast from brass are a characteristic art form of the Benin culture of West Africa. Some scholars, noting that the oldest surviving plaques date to the 1400s, hypothesize that brass-casting techniques were introduced by the Portuguese, who came to Benin 1485 A.O. But Portuguese records of that expedition mention cast-brass jewelry sent to Benin's king from neighboring Ife. So it is unlikely that Benin's knowledge of brass casting derived from the Portuguese. Which of the following, if true, most strengthens the argument? \*

- ☐ (A) The Portuguese records do not indicate whether their expedition of 1485 included metalworkers.
- ☒ (B) The Portuguese had no contact with Ife until the 1500s.
- ☐ (C) In the 1400s the Portuguese did not use cast brass for commemorative plaques.
- ☐ (D) As early as 1500 A.O., Benin artists were making brass plaques incorporating depictions of Europeans.
- ☐ (E) Copper, which is required for making brass, can be found throughout Benin territory.





41. Meat from chickens contaminated with salmonella bacteria can cause serious food poisoning. Capsaicin, the chemical that gives chili peppers their hot flavor, has antibacterial properties. Chickens do not have taste receptors for capsaicin and will readily eat feed laced with capsaicin. When chickens were fed such feed and then exposed to salmonella bacteria, relatively few of them became contaminated with salmonella. In deciding whether the feed would be useful in raising salmonella-free chicken for retail sale, it would be most helpful to determine which of the following? \*

- ☒ (A) Whether feeding capsaicin to chickens affects the taste of their meat
- ☐ (B) Whether eating capsaicin reduces the risk of salmonella poisoning for humans
- ☐ (C) Whether chicken is more prone to salmonella contamination than other kinds of meat
- ☐ (D) Whether appropriate cooking of chicken contaminated with salmonella can always prevent food poisoning
- ☐ (E) Whether capsaicin can be obtained only from chili peppers

42. The sustained massive use of pesticides in farming has two effects that are especially pernicious. First, it often kills off the pests' natural enemies in the area. Second, it often unintentionally gives rise to insecticide-resistant pests, since those insects that survive a particular insecticide will be the ones most resistant to it, and they are the ones left to breed. From the passage above, it can be properly inferred that the effectiveness of the sustained massive use of pesticides can be extended by doing which of the following, assuming that each is a realistic possibility? \*

- ☐ (A) Using only chemically stable insecticides
- ☒ (B) Periodically switching the type of insecticide used
- ☐ (C) Gradually increasing the quantities of pesticides used
- ☐ (D) Leaving a few fields fallow every year
- ☐ (E) Breeding higher-yielding varieties of crop plants



43. Most people are too \_\_\_\_\_ in their own lives to \_\_\_\_\_ much about the agonies of others. \*

- ☒ a) absorbed, care
- ☐ b) concerned, think
- ☐ c) indulged, eradicate
- ☐ d) involved, console
- ☐ e) entangling, worry

44. Lawyers and doctors \_\_\_\_\_ that advertising will certainly \_\_\_\_\_ their profession adversely. \*

- ☐ a) trust, damage
- ☒ b) believe, affect
- ☐ c) plead, escalate
- ☐ d) argue, effect
- ☐ e) contemplate, boost

45. Because the \_\_\_\_\_ leading to cancellation of flight were murky, the Minister appointed a Commission to \_\_\_\_\_ and report the matter. \*

- ☐ a) staff members, undertake
- ☐ b) decisions, decide
- ☒ c) facts, underplay
- ☐ d) events, camouflage
- ☐ e) circumstances, investigate



46. Several plots \_\_\_\_\_ in various television episodes. \*

- ☒ a) screen, concurrently
- ☐ b) televised, consequently
- ☐ c) about, repeatedly
- ☐ d) exhibit, frequently
- ☐ e) demonstrate, violently prone

47. By \_\_\_\_\_ of their athletic activities, a few sportsmen are able to escape the pressures that living in \_\_\_\_\_ can create. \*

- ☐ a) knowledge, affluence
- ☐ b) way, prosperity
- ☐ c) contract, adversity
- ☒ d) virtue, poverty
- ☐ e) order, vicinity

48. Liberalization has removed all the legal \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ floodgates to multinational companies. \*

- ☐ a) hurdles, awarded
- ☒ b) barriers, opened
- ☐ c) obstacles, guarded
- ☐ d) manipulation, closed
- ☐ e) battles, threw



49. It \_\_\_\_\_ taught the meaning of true friendship. \*

- ☐ (1) It was only then that I realized that I had not taught my friend but it was he who had
- ☐ (2) Only then did I realize that I had not taught my friend and it was he had
- ☐ (3) I realized only then that I had not taught my friend and he had
- ☒ (4) Only then did I realize that I had not taught my friend and it was he who had

50. The United States \_\_\_\_\_ to financial resources. \*

- ☒ (1) has created a society in which anyone with talent, energy and an ability to organize has access
- ☐ (2) has created society in which anyone with talent, energy and the ability to organize has access
- ☐ (3) has created the society in which anyone with talent, energy and the ability to organize have access
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51. A writer \_\_\_\_\_ his own vision of life. \*

- ☐ (1) will always be having
- ☐ (2) every time is having
- ☒ (3) always has
- ☐ (4) every time will have



52. Neither the chairman nor the members of the committee

\_\_\_\_\_.\*

- ☒ (1) have attended the meeting
- ☐ (2) has attend the meeting
- ☐ (3) will have attended the meeting
- ☐ (4) is attending the meeting

53. Before the union leadership even began salary negotiations, it \_\_\_\_\_ up its mind to stand firm in its position.\*

- ☐ A) make
- ☐ B) made
- ☐ C) has made
- ☒ D) had made

54. Running down the street, \_\_\_\_\_.\*

- ☐ A) a brick fell on my head
- ☒ B) I was hit by a falling brick
- ☐ C) my head was hit by a falling brick
- ☐ D) a falling brick hit my head



55. The rules of written English are more stringent \_\_\_\_\_. \*

- ☐ A) than spoken English
- ☐ B) as spoken English
- ☒ C) than those of spoken English
- ☐ D) as those of spoken English

56. A leading figure in the Scottish Enlightenment, \_\_\_\_\_ Marx's Das Kapital is to socialism. \*

- ☐ A) Adam Smith's two major books are to democratic capitalism what
- ☐ B) Adam Smith's two major books are to democratic capitalism like
- ☐ C) Adam Smith wrote two major books that are to democratic capitalism similar to
- ☒ D) Adam Smith wrote two major books that are to democratic capitalism what

57. Demand usual picks up (A) / in the second half of (B) / the year due to (C) / the wedding season. (D) / No error (E) \*

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- ☐ (C). the year due to
- ☐ (D). the wedding season.
- ☐ (E). No error



58. Most people are used in (A) / abiding by rules (B) / and good manners (C) / when cohabiting with others. (D) / No error (E) \*

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- ☐ (E). No error

59. (A) I work / (B) in this / (C) school for / (D) 25 years. \*

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- ☐ (B) in this
- ☐ (C) school for
- ☐ (D) 25 years.

60. (A) Peter Abbs is both a poet and eloquent / (B) hard-hitting polemicist who practices / (C) and speaks for the transformative / (D) powers of imagination. \*

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- ☐ (C) and speaks for the transformative
- ☐ (D) powers of imagination.

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