

# ANSWER KEY

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## SECTION I

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| 1. E | 8. D  | 15. B | 22. E |
| 2. D | 9. A  | 16. B | 23. C |
| 3. D | 10. C | 17. B | 24. E |
| 4. D | 11. E | 18. C | 25. D |
| 5. E | 12. B | 19. A |       |
| 6. D | 13. A | 20. C |       |
| 7. E | 14. C | 21. C |       |

## SECTION II

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| 1. E | 8. C  | 15. B | 22. E |
| 2. A | 9. B  | 16. D | 23. B |
| 3. E | 10. C | 17. C |       |
| 4. D | 11. E | 18. A |       |
| 5. A | 12. A | 19. C |       |
| 6. A | 13. A | 20. E |       |
| 7. B | 14. C | 21. A |       |

## SECTION III

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| 1. C | 8. C  | 15. A | 22. B |
| 2. D | 9. D  | 16. B | 23. E |
| 3. B | 10. A | 17. C | 24. A |
| 4. E | 11. A | 18. D | 25. A |
| 5. C | 12. A | 19. D | 26. E |
| 6. D | 13. E | 20. B |       |
| 7. A | 14. B | 21. A |       |

## SECTION IV

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| 1. A | 8. B  | 15. E | 22. B |
| 2. E | 9. C  | 16. A | 23. E |
| 3. D | 10. D | 17. A | 24. D |
| 4. B | 11. A | 18. C | 25. C |
| 5. E | 12. A | 19. D | 26. B |
| 6. D | 13. D | 20. A | 27. C |
| 7. B | 14. D | 21. B |       |

# LSAT® Writing Sample Topic

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**Directions:** The scenario presented below describes two choices, either one of which can be supported on the basis of the information given. Your essay should consider both choices and argue for one over the other, based on the two specified criteria and the facts provided. There is no “right” or “wrong” choice: a reasonable argument can be made for either.

An organization whose members are professors in a certain discipline holds an important annual conference centered around a full schedule of academic presentations. Most job interviews for positions in the discipline are also conducted at this conference. The organization is deciding whether to continue holding the conference on its usual meeting dates or to hold it two weeks later. Using the facts below, write an essay in which you argue for one option over the other based on the following two criteria:

- The organization wants to encourage its members to attend the conference.
- The organization wants to encourage attendees to go to conference presentations.

The usual meeting dates fall at a time when none of the members’ universities hold classes, just after a major family-oriented holiday. In order to spend more time with their families, many potential conference attendees do not attend. The organization recently began offering lodging subsidies and childcare to make attending with family more attractive. Some conference attendees now spend time with their families that they could spend attending presentations. Many members attend the conference to conduct interviews, which take up most of their time. Air travel to the conference is very expensive during the usual meeting dates. Hotel accommodations cost less than at any other time of year.

The later dates fall at a time when a relatively small percentage of members’ universities hold classes. These members would be unable to attend or conduct interviews at the conference. No holidays occur within a week of the later dates. The organization could take the money it currently spends on lodging subsidies and childcare and use it to fund additional presentations of interest to more of its members. Air travel is much less expensive during the later dates. Hotel accommodations cost somewhat more.

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