

# ANSWER KEY

## SECTION I

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

## SECTION II

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

## SECTION III

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

## SECTION IV

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

# 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.

Karen Dalton, the CEO and founder of a successful company, is deciding whether to remain CEO of the company or to step down to run for political office. Using the facts below write an essay in which you argue for one option over the other based on the following criteria:

- Dalton wants the company to continue to be successful.
- Dalton wants to advance political ideas that are important to her.

Dalton was instrumental in developing all of the product lines her company produces. The work needed to maintain and grow existing product lines is handled by Dalton’s employees and has generally been successful. Dalton has some ideas that she thinks might be developed into new product lines. She has been frustrated by some limitations to her company’s expansion due to regulations of her industry that she considers burdensome. She currently contributes heavily to politicians whose policies she supports. She is influential enough to get meetings with politicians across the political spectrum.

If Dalton runs for office, she has been promised the support of the leaders of her political party, which has been out of power but has seen its political representation steadily grow. The party has an antibusiness reputation. It would benefit from being represented by a successful businesswoman. Dalton agrees with the majority of its platform. She thinks that advancing the party’s platform would be good for the success of her company. Even if she is elected to office, her party might not achieve majority status. If her party does achieve majority status, it is likely to focus on regulatory reform that affects her industry.

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