

ANSWER KEY

SECTION I

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

SECTION II

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

SECTION III

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

SECTION IV

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

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.

A brother and sister, Hector and Teresa, are deciding whether to spend the upcoming summer recording music and playing in cafes and bars together, or to continue in the summer along their original career paths. Using the facts below, write an essay in which you argue for one option over the other based on the following two criteria:

- They want the risks they take in their lives to reflect the potential rewards.
- They want to be responsible with respect to their educational preparation and the choices they have already made.

Hector and Teresa each have extensive musical training. They are talented enough that if they spend the summer on music, there is a good chance that they will become popular enough to get steady work performing and selling albums. It is unlikely that they will have another occasion to spend so much time together. Spending the summer on music could allow them to develop their sibling relationship, which has not been very close because of their five-year age difference. Spending so much time together could reveal personality clashes.

Teresa is pursuing her PhD in economics. She completed all the coursework and general examinations four years ago. Spending the summer on music might delay finishing her dissertation. This could further jeopardize her job prospects in a field where the opportunities have been diminishing. Hector has been working in a medical laboratory since receiving his undergraduate degree five years ago. To advance in his field, he is scheduled to begin a difficult master's program in biochemistry early in the fall. Hector and Teresa each might have to go into debt as a consequence of spending the summer on music.

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