

ANSWER KEY

SECTION I

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

SECTION II

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| 1. D | 8. D | 15. D | 22. C |
| 2. C | 9. D | 16. D | 23. A |
| 3. B | 10. C | 17. B | 24. A |
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SECTION III

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

SECTION IV

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

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 successful and politically active lawyer is deciding between two career moves: either to accept an appointment as a judge in the regional courts, or to run, with support from a major party, for a seat in the national legislature. Using the facts below, write an essay in which you argue for one choice over the other based on the following two criteria:

- The lawyer wants to have a significant impact on public policy and the future of the country.
- The lawyer wants to maintain a close-knit and prosperous family.

The judicial appointment is a permanent position. Regional judges are rarely removed from office. The regional courts decide at most one or two cases of wide significance in a year. A few regional judges advance to positions in the national courts where most significant cases are decided. Regional judges train law clerks, many of whom go on to important positions in public life. Judges work regular hours and are not required to travel. Judges have personal contact with important figures in government and business. Judges rarely have success in seeking other political office.

The legislative seat is in a highly competitive district and the holder faces frequent elections. New legislators seldom have much effect on legislation or government policy. Successful long-time legislators can greatly affect government policies and programs. The legislature is in session 36 weeks of the year. Legislators spend many hours campaigning and fundraising. They travel frequently between the national capital and their district. The national capital is a short flight from the lawyer’s legislative district. Legislators are widely known in their districts and some eventually gain national recognition. A close and supportive family is a strong asset in politics.

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