

# Infosys Verbal Ability (for 2025 onwards) By – Mr. Durgesh StudyHub

## Verbal Ability (Hard Level – 50+ Questions + Explanations)

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1. Choose the correct sentence:

- a) He don't like coffee.
- b) He doesn't likes coffee.
- c) He doesn't like coffee.
- d) He don't likes coffee.

**Answer:** c) He doesn't like coffee.

**Explanation:** "Doesn't" takes the base verb; correct form = "doesn't like."

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2. Identify the correctly punctuated sentence.

- a) It's raining, aren't it?
- b) Its raining, isn't it?
- c) It's raining, isn't it?
- d) Its raining isn't it?

**Answer:** c) It's raining, isn't it?

**Explanation:** Correct contraction ("it's" = it is) and tag question.

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3. Fill in the blank:

If I \_\_\_\_ you, I would take the offer.

- a) was
- b) were
- c) am
- d) had been

**Answer:** b) were

**Explanation:** Use “were” in conditional (subjunctive) mood.

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4. Choose the synonym of “Meticulous.”

a) Careless

b) Precise

c) Quick

d) Lazy

**Answer:** b) Precise

**Explanation:** “Meticulous” = very careful and exact.

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5. Antonym of “Obscure.”

a) Hidden

b) Vague

c) Clear

d) Unknown

**Answer:** c) Clear

**Explanation:** Opposite of obscure (not clear) is clear.

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6. Choose the correct indirect speech:

He said, “I am watching a movie.”

a) He said he was watching a movie.

b) He said he is watching a movie.

c) He said he had watched a movie.

d) He said that he watched a movie.

**Answer:** a) He said he was watching a movie.

**Explanation:** Present continuous → past continuous in reported speech.

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7. Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence:

1. intelligent 2. an 3. is 4. boy 5. Rahul

a) 5,4,2,1,3

b) 5,3,2,1,4

c) 5,2,1,4,3

d) 2,1,5,3,4

**Answer:** c) 5,2,1,4,3 → Rahul is an intelligent boy.

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8. Choose the correct form of verb:

Neither the teacher nor the students \_\_\_\_ present.

- a) was
- b) were
- c) have
- d) are

**Answer:** b) were

**Explanation:** Verb agrees with the nearest subject (“students” → plural).

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9. One word substitution:

A person who loves books —

- a) Bibliophile
- b) Philatelist
- c) Numismatist
- d) Linguist

**Answer:** a) Bibliophile

**Explanation:** “Biblio” = books; “phile” = lover.

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10. Correct the error:

She is senior than me.

- a) correct
- b) more senior than me
- c) senior to me
- d) most senior to me

**Answer:** c) senior to me

**Explanation:** “Senior” takes preposition “to,” not “than.”

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11. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

“To burn the midnight oil”

- a) To waste time
- b) To work late into the night
- c) To sleep early
- d) To read in sunlight

**Answer:** b) To work late into the night.

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*12. Find the error:*

Each of the boys have submitted their homework.

- a) Each
- b) have
- c) their
- d) homework

**Answer:** b) have

**Explanation:** "Each" is singular → should be "has."

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*13. Fill in the blank:*

He is very good \_\_\_\_ playing chess.

- a) in
- b) at
- c) on
- d) for

**Answer:** b) at

**Explanation:** "Good at" is correct collocation.

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*14. Replace with correct preposition:*

She insisted \_\_\_\_ going to the party.

- a) on
- b) in
- c) to
- d) for

**Answer:** a) on

**Explanation:** "Insist on" is the correct usage.

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*15. Choose the correctly spelled word:*

- a) Accomodation
- b) Accommodation
- c) Acommodation
- d) Accommadation

**Answer:** b) Accommodation

**Explanation:** Double "c" and double "m."

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16. Choose the correct sentence:

- a) I prefer coffee than tea.
- b) I prefer coffee over tea.
- c) I prefer coffee to tea.
- d) I prefer to coffee than tea.

**Answer:** c) I prefer coffee to tea.

**Explanation:** “Prefer X to Y” is correct idiom.

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17. Choose the best connector:

He didn't study; \_\_\_\_ he failed the test.

- a) because
- b) and
- c) so
- d) although

**Answer:** c) so

**Explanation:** Cause–effect relationship.

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18. Reading Comprehension (short):

*“Global warming is the rise in Earth’s average surface temperature due to greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide.”*

Question: What is the main cause of global warming?

- a) Sunlight
- b) Greenhouse gases
- c) Earth’s orbit
- d) Ocean currents

**Answer:** b) Greenhouse gases.

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19. Choose the correct option to make sentence meaningful:

Hardly had I reached home \_\_\_\_ it started raining.

- a) when
- b) than
- c) that
- d) and

**Answer:** a) when

**Explanation:** “Hardly...when” is the correct correlative pair.

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20. Find the error:

He did not knew about it.

- a) did
- b) not
- c) knew
- d) about

**Answer:** c) knew

**Explanation:** After “did,” use base form → “know.”

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21. Fill in the blank:

Despite his efforts, he could not succeed \_\_\_\_ his goal.

- a) on
- b) at
- c) in
- d) for

**Answer:** c) in

**Explanation:** “Succeed in” is correct phrase.

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22. Antonym of “Diligent.”

- a) Careless
- b) Hardworking
- c) Sincere
- d) Responsible

**Answer:** a) Careless

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23. Synonym of “Erudite.”

- a) Ignorant
- b) Wise
- c) Uneducated
- d) Naive

**Answer:** b) Wise

**Explanation:** “Erudite” = scholarly, learned.

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24. Choose the correct passive voice:

“They will complete the project soon.”

- a) The project will be completed soon.
- b) The project was completed soon.
- c) The project has been completed soon.
- d) The project completes soon.

**Answer:** a) The project will be completed soon.

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25. Choose the sentence with correct article usage:

- a) She is a honest girl.
- b) She is an honest girl.
- c) She is the honest girl.
- d) She is honest girl.

**Answer:** b) She is an honest girl.

**Explanation:** “Honest” begins with vowel sound → “an.”

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26. Parajumble: Arrange the sentences.

- 1. The teacher entered the class.
- 2. The students stood up.
- 3. She asked them to sit down.
- 4. Everyone became silent.

**Correct order:** a) 1, 2, 3, 4

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27. Identify the correct reported speech:

She said, “I will help you tomorrow.”

- a) She said she will help me tomorrow.
- b) She said she would help me the next day.
- c) She said she helps me tomorrow.
- d) She said that she would helps me next day.

**Answer:** b) She said she would help me the next day.

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28. Choose the sentence with correct tense:

- a) He has went to Delhi yesterday.
- b) He has gone to Delhi yesterday.
- c) He went to Delhi yesterday.
- d) He gone to Delhi yesterday.

**Answer:** c) He went to Delhi yesterday.

**Explanation:** “Yesterday” → past simple.

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29. Correct preposition:

We discussed \_\_\_\_ the problem.

- a) about
- b) on
- c) to
- d) (no preposition)

**Answer:** d) (no preposition)

**Explanation:** “Discuss” doesn’t take “about” → correct: “discussed the problem.”

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30. Fill in the blank:

She has been waiting here \_\_\_\_ two hours.

- a) since
- b) for
- c) from
- d) over

**Answer:** b) for

**Explanation:** “For” used for duration; “since” for starting point.

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**Q31.** Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to *prosaic*:

- a) dull
- b) imaginative
- c) realistic
- d) factual

**Answer:** b) imaginative

**Explanation:** *Prosaic* means unimaginative or dull; its opposite is *imaginative*.

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**Q32.** Identify the correct indirect speech:

He said, “I am working on the project.”



- a) He said that he has been working on the project.
- b) He said that he was working on the project.
- c) He said that he will work on the project.
- d) He said that he is working on the project.

**Answer:** b) He said that he was working on the project.

**Explanation:** Change tense of *am working* → *was working* when reporting in past.

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**Q33.** Select the correctly punctuated sentence:

- a) However I will go.
- b) However, I will go.
- c) However I, will go.
- d) However: I will go.

**Answer:** b) However, I will go.

**Explanation:** *However* as a conjunctive adverb is followed by a comma.

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**Q34.** Fill in the blank:

He is not only intelligent \_\_\_\_ also diligent.

- a) but
- b) and
- c) only
- d) though

**Answer:** a) but

**Explanation:** Correct correlative pair – *not only ... but also*.

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**Q35.** Find the correctly spelled word:

- a) Accomodation
- b) Accommodation
- c) Acommodation
- d) Accomodetion

**Answer:** b) Accommodation

**Explanation:** Correct spelling has double *c* and double *m*.

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**Q36.** Replace the underlined phrase with a suitable idiom:

He told me the secret accidentally.

- a) spilled the beans
- b) hit the sack
- c) burnt bridges
- d) made ends meet

**Answer:** a) spilled the beans

**Explanation:** *Spill the beans* = reveal a secret.

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**Q37.** Choose the correct synonym for *obstinate*:

- a) stubborn
- b) gentle
- c) polite
- d) humble

**Answer:** a) stubborn

**Explanation:** *Obstinate* means unreasonably stubborn.

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**Q38.** Choose the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement:

- a) Neither the teacher nor the students was ready.
- b) Neither the teacher nor the students were ready.
- c) Neither the teacher nor the students is ready.
- d) Neither the teacher nor the students are ready.

**Answer:** b) Neither the teacher nor the students were ready.

**Explanation:** Verb agrees with the nearer subject (*students* → *were*).

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**Q39.** One word for “A person who loves books”:

- a) Bibliophile
- b) Philanthropist
- c) Autocrat
- d) Cynic

**Answer:** a) Bibliophile

**Explanation:** *Biblio* = book, *phile* = lover.

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**Q40.** Correct the error:

Each of the boys have done their homework.

- a) Each of the boys has done their homework.
- b) Each of the boys has done his homework.
- c) Each of the boys have done his homework.
- d) No change.

**Answer:** b) Each of the boys has done his homework.

**Explanation:** *Each* is singular → *has* and *his* are correct.

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**Q41.** Choose the antonym of *candid*:

- a) honest
- b) secretive
- c) open
- d) direct

**Answer:** b) secretive

**Explanation:** *Candid* means open/honest; opposite is *secretive*.

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**Q42.** Choose the correct sentence:

- a) He did not knew the answer.
- b) He did not know the answer.
- c) He do not knew the answer.
- d) He doesn't knew the answer.

**Answer:** b) He did not know the answer.

**Explanation:** Use base verb with *did not*.

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**Q43.** Select the suitable word:

The medicine will \_\_\_\_ you of your pain.

- a) relief
- b) relieve
- c) relive
- d) released

**Answer:** b) relieve

**Explanation:** *Relieve* means to reduce pain.

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**Q44.** Choose the correctly framed question tag:

You're coming to the party, \_\_\_\_?

- a) isn't it
- b) aren't you
- c) don't you
- d) are you

**Answer:** b) aren't you

**Explanation:** Positive statement → negative tag.

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**Q45.** Choose the correct idiom for: "A blessing in disguise."

- a) Something good that seemed bad at first
- b) A punishment that was expected
- c) A hidden enemy
- d) A fake compliment

**Answer:** a) Something good that seemed bad at first.

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**Q46.** Identify the correct preposition:

He is good \_\_\_\_ painting.

- a) in
- b) at
- c) with
- d) for

**Answer:** b) at

**Explanation:** *Good at* is the correct preposition pair.

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**Q47.** Choose the synonym of *meticulous*:

- a) careless
- b) thorough
- c) lazy
- d) hurried

**Answer:** b) thorough

**Explanation:** *Meticulous* means showing great attention to detail.

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**Q48.** Select the correct meaning of the idiom:

“To beat around the bush.”

- a) Speak indirectly
- b) Hit something
- c) Waste time
- d) Be rude

**Answer:** a) Speak indirectly

**Explanation:** Avoiding the main point of discussion.

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**Q49.** Fill in the blank:

The company must act quickly to \_\_\_\_ the situation.

- a) avert
- b) advert
- c) convert
- d) divert

**Answer:** a) avert

**Explanation:** *Avert* = prevent something bad.

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**Q50.** Identify the figure of speech:

“The stars danced playfully in the moonlit sky.”

- a) Metaphor
- b) Personification
- c) Simile
- d) Hyperbole

**Answer:** b) Personification

**Explanation:** Giving human action (*danced*) to non-human objects (*stars*).

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**Q51.** Choose the antonym of *benevolent*:

- a) kind
- b) cruel
- c) charitable
- d) generous

**Answer:** b) cruel

**Explanation:** *Benevolent* = kind; opposite is *cruel*.

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**Q52.** Correct the error:

He has been working here since five years.

- a) for five years
- b) since five years
- c) working here for five year
- d) since the five years

**Answer:** a) for five years

**Explanation:** *For* is used with duration, not *since*.

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**Q53.** Choose the correct voice transformation:

They will announce the results tomorrow.

- a) The results are announced tomorrow.
- b) The results were announced tomorrow.
- c) The results will be announced tomorrow.
- d) The results announced tomorrow.

**Answer:** c) The results will be announced tomorrow.

**Explanation:** Passive = *will be* + *past participle*.

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**Q54.** Find the correct synonym of *dormant*:

- a) active
- b) asleep
- c) moving
- d) lively

**Answer:** b) asleep

**Explanation:** *Dormant* means inactive or in sleep mode.

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**Q55.** Replace the phrase:

*He made a mountain out of a molehill.*

- a) exaggerated the problem
- b) solved the problem
- c) ignored the problem
- d) simplified the issue

**Answer:** a) exaggerated the problem

**Explanation:** Idiom meaning = to overreact to a small issue.

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**Q56.** Fill in the blank:

She prefers tea \_\_\_\_ coffee.

- a) than
- b) over
- c) to
- d) for

**Answer:** c) to

**Explanation:** Correct usage: *prefer X to Y*.

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**Q57.** Correct the tense:

By next month, he \_\_\_\_ his project.

- a) completes
- b) will completed
- c) will have completed
- d) will completes

**Answer:** c) will have completed

**Explanation:** Future perfect tense for completion before a time.

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**Q58.** Choose the correct spelling:

- a) Reccommend
- b) Recommend
- c) Recomend
- d) Recomand

**Answer:** b) Recommend

**Explanation:** Correct spelling has double *c* and *m*.

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**Q59.** Identify the error:

Neither of the two girls have done it.

- a) Neither of the two girls has done it.
- b) Neither of the two girls have done this.
- c) None of the two girls have done it.
- d) No error.

**Answer:** a) Neither of the two girls has done it.

**Explanation:** *Neither* is singular, so *has* is correct.

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**Q60.** One word for: “A person who pretends to be what he is not.”

- a) Hypocrite
- b) Patriot
- c) Hermit
- d) Optimist

**Answer:** a) Hypocrite

**Explanation:** A *hypocrite* acts contrary to their stated beliefs.

