

GMAT Verbal Reasoning

The Verbal Reasoning section contains 36 questions in three categories: Reading Comprehension, Critical Reasoning and Sentence Correction. You will have 65 minutes to complete this section of the GMAT.

Question #1

According to a recent study, the amount of work people are tasked with rank as one of the high causes of workplace stress for American adults.

- (A) rank as one of the high causes of workplace stress
- (B) ranks as one of the more high causes of workplace stress
- (C) rank as one of the leading causes of workplace stress
- (D) ranks as one of the leading causes of workplace stress
- (E) rank as one of the higher causes of workplace stress

#1 Answer: D. The correct answer is "ranks as one of the leading causes of workplace stress". This is the option that creates the most effective sentence without awkwardness or grammatical error. The verb "ranks" agrees with the subject of this sentence (amount of work). The word "leading" is also a better fit idiomatically than "high" and makes the sentence less awkward.

Question #2

The cost of purchasing raw materials from Company A is fifteen percent less than the cost of purchasing raw materials from Company B. Even after taxes and transportation fees are added, it is still cheaper to purchase raw materials from Company A and have them transported than to purchase raw materials from Company B.

Which of the following assertions is supported by the above statement?

- (A) Labor costs at Company A are fifteen percent less than labor costs at Company B.
- (B) The taxes on raw materials from Company A are more than fifteen percent of the cost of purchasing raw materials from Company B.
- (C) Company B inflates their prices to be more competitive than Company A.
- (D) It takes less time for Company A to mine raw materials.
- (E) The cost of transporting raw materials from Company A is less than fifteen percent of the cost of purchasing raw materials from Company B.

#2 Answer: D. The cost of transporting raw materials from Company A is less than fifteen percent of the cost of purchasing raw materials from Company B. This is the only answer option supported by the statement. The statement does not mention labor costs, price inflation, or the amount of time to mine raw materials. The statement also clearly indicates that even with taxes and transportation fees, it is still costs LESS to purchase raw materials from Company A than Company B.