

2.1 Verbal: text completion and sentence equivalence

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KEY WORDS arduous • equivalence

Objective

Complete one-, two- and three-blank passages using context; Select two sentence-equivalence choices yielding coherent equivalent meanings; Use logical cues rather than vocabulary similarity alone.

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1 Key knowledge and worked examples

arduous : Requiring much effort.

equivalence : Matching meaning in the completed sentence.

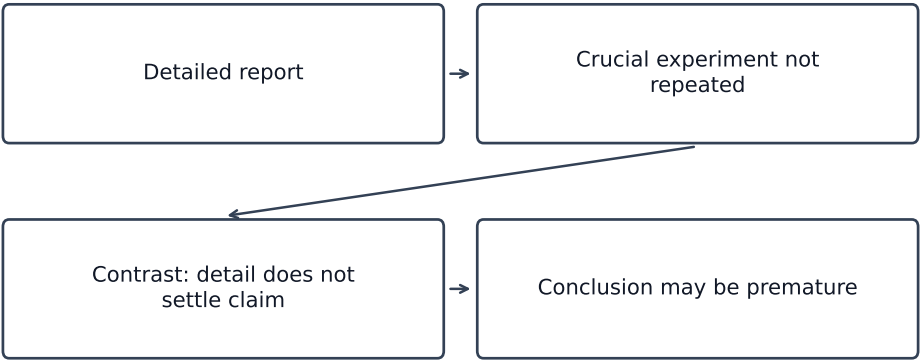
For text completion, predict each blank from the passage. Support for a later blank may appear earlier.

A two- or three-blank item requires all blanks correct; do not treat choices as independent mini-scores.

Sentence equivalence requires two choices that both fit and produce equivalent sentence meanings.

A pair of synonyms can both fail the sentence. Check grammar, tone and logic as well as word meaning.

Although the design looked simple, building it was arduous. Although signals a contrast between appearance and effort. For equivalence, difficult and demanding could both fit this sentence; easy and effortless would reverse the needed contrast.



A detailed report does not settle a claim whose crucial experiment was never repeated

2 Practice

2.1 Complete the original sentence: “Although the reviewer admired the report’s detail, she found its conclusion _____ because its crucial experiment had not been repeated.”
A. conclusive B. premature C. exhaustive D. irrelevant E. inevitable

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Sentence Equivalence: select exactly two of six choices. “Far from endorsing the proposal without reservation, the committee offered only _____ support.” A. qualified B. unconditional C. cautious D. unanimous E. enthusiastic F. immediate
