



# MCAT Verbal Reasoning Quiz

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Which of the following is true about the Verbal Reasoning section of the MCAT? Circle all that apply.

- a) 85 minutes allowed
- b) 105 minutes allowed
- c) 60 multiple choice questions with choices A-D
- d) 75 True/False Questions
- e) 9 passages and 4-10 questions each
- f) 1500-word (approximately) passages
- g) 600-word (approximately) passages
- h) 25 = top score
- i) 15 = top score

What are the first three steps when studying for the MCAT?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

T/F To increase your energy when taking the MCAT, you should **pull** your chair close to the table, sit up straight, and place your feet flat on the floor.

Which is **not** true about going back to parts of the passage?

- a. Go back only when you finish an exam on time
- b. Go back any time you are unclear
- c. Go back only when you know what you're looking for
- d. Go back only when you know where you can find the answer

Which is true about the answer choices on the MCAT? Circle all that apply.

- a. Three of the options are *distracters*
- b. "All of the above" is ***always*** the correct answer
- c. There are five categories of suspected distracters
- d. Round-About distracters move around the question
- e. Never guess. If you do not know the answer, skip it
- f. Contrary distracters are contrary to the main idea
- g. Simpleton distracters are too simple or easy to verify
- h. Unintelligible distracters are not able to be understood
- i. Correct answer usually includes softeners (*most likely, had a tendency to, seemed, etc.*)

Which is true about the writing sample? Circle all that apply.

- a. Two 30-minute periods
- b. Two 60-minute periods
- c. Take both sides of the argument
- d. Must have outside knowledge to answer
- e. Give guideline to determine which side is correct in which case
- f. 6 (or T) = top score



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Which is true about the writing sample directions? Circle all that apply.

- a. Explain the statement with an example
- b. Limit explanations and examples
- c. Give example contradicting statement
- d. Give guideline when statement is true and false
- e. Write outline of three steps above
- f. Do not waste time with outline or notes, just write
- g. Write 2 pages with correct grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and historical examples
- h. You will need to incorporate outside sources
- i. You will need to create a "References" or "Works Cited" page

T/F When writing your sample, you should divide your essay into separate paragraphs so the markers know you've completed each task.

T/F When writing your sample, you should not worry about inserting transitional links to unify your essay.

T/F When writing your sample, you should ***never*** use logic to make the first paragraph.

T/F You should be confident of your score and arrogant as you read.

T/F You should ***never*** assume that you have guessed correctly on any answer.

T/F You should not waste your time reading critically.

T/F You should assume it's the writer's fault that you are confused.

T/F The single most important thing you can do when taking the MCAT is to focus on the task at hand and ignore distractions.