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**Basic Skills Test -
Practice Test**

Wonderlic Basic Skills Test Practice Test Series

Verbal Form VS-B

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Welcome to the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test Practice Test.

Since 1937, more than 200 million people throughout the world have been evaluated with Wonderlic assessments in pursuit of new and exciting career training and employment opportunities.

The Wonderlic Basic Skills Test is a standardized test of adult math and language skills that is commonly administered by schools and employers across the United States. This booklet contains questions which represent the content and average difficulty of the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test – Verbal Skills. The questions and specific contexts contained in this booklet do not appear on any published form of the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test. Correct answers are provided inside the back cover.

The U.S. Department of Education has determined that a student's level of proficiency with the math and language skills represented in the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test is fundamental to his or her success in career training. Furthermore, the U.S. Department of Labor has deemed these skills to be critical for satisfactory job performance across a broad range of occupations.

Wonderlic, Inc. wishes you great success in working toward new and higher levels of achievement!

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to begin reviewing sample
questions for the

Wonderlic Basic Skills Test—
verbal skills
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Correct answers are provided inside the
back cover of this booklet.

For questions 1-4, choose the verb that correctly completes the sentence.

1. Anyone who _____ to go can leave now.
A. wants
B. want
C. with a want
D. wanting
2. Tonya and Kurt _____ in the store.
A. working
B. is working
C. are working
D. workers
3. Either the students or the teacher _____ the camera.
A. has broke
B. have broke
C. has broken
D. have broken
4. Has anyone _____ the bells yet?
A. ring
B. ringing
C. rung
D. rang

For questions 5-7, choose the word or phrase that best indicates the meaning of the underlined word.

5. A donation is a:
A. speech
B. gift
C. rule
D. tale
6. Contrary means:
A. sick
B. opposite
C. unhappy
D. unbelievable
7. A pose is a:
A. piece of wood
B. sign
C. sum of money
D. position

Refer to the used car price list below to answer questions 8-11.

Big Al's Used Car Price List

Model/Body Type	Original List Price	Current Wholesale Cost	Average Retail Price
2 Door Hatchback	\$13,931	\$4,500	\$5,345
4 Door Sedan SX	\$19,730	\$7,625	\$8,850
4 Door Sedan GT	\$15,282	\$5,475	\$6,400
4 Door Wagon LX	\$16,524	\$6,000	\$7,000

8. The original list price of the 4 Door Sedan GT was _____.
A. \$16,524
B. \$15,282
C. \$16,282
D. \$15,524
9. What is the Model/Body Type of the car on Big Al's list that has an average retail price of \$8,850?
A. 2 Door Hatchback
B. 4 Door Sedan SX
C. 4 Door Sedan GT
D. 4 Door Wagon LX
10. About how much would you save over the average retail price if you bought a 4 Door Wagon LX at wholesale cost?
A. \$500
B. \$700
C. \$900
D. \$1,000
11. What is the Model/Body Type of the car on Big Al's list that has the lowest original list price?
A. 2 Door Hatchback
B. 4 Door Sedan SX
C. 4 Door Sedan GT
D. 4 Door Wagon LX

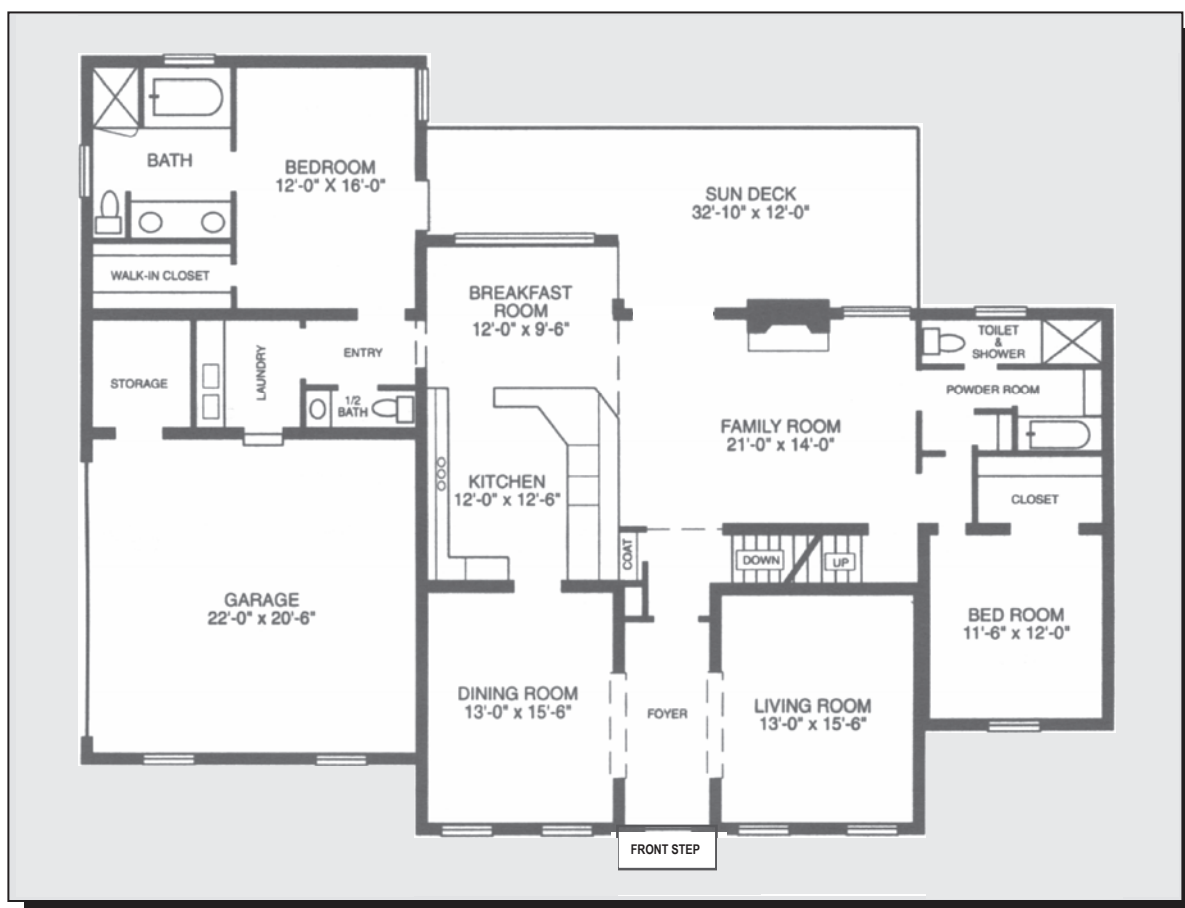
For questions 12-14, choose the sentence that is most correctly written.

12. A. Our next softball in Leeds at Harly Field is game on Monday.
B. On Monday is at Harly Field our next softball game in Leeds.
C. Our next softball game is on Monday at Harly Field in Leeds.
D. At Harly Field, in our next Leeds softball game is on Monday.
13. A. They connected the pipes for the kitchen and bathrooms.
B. They connected for the kitchen the pipes and bathrooms.
C. For the kitchen, the pipes they connected and bathrooms.
D. For the pipes they connected the kitchen and bathrooms.
14. A. The crying baby will perhaps calm a bottle of juice or a cookie.
B. Will a bottle of juice perhaps calm the crying baby or a cookie?
C. Calm the crying baby perhaps a bottle of juice or a cookie will.
D. Perhaps a bottle of juice or a cookie will calm the crying baby.

For questions 15-17, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

15. Not being able to read and write is referred to as _____.
A. illness
B. illiteracy
C. illegality
D. illegitimacy
16. Would you like _____ with your meal? It's made with lettuce and tomatoes.
A. salt
B. butter
C. rolls
D. salad
17. The new student has a great deal of _____. She gets to class early and always does her homework.
A. determination
B. money
C. difficulty
D. excitement

Refer to the house design below to answer questions 18-21.



18. What are the dimensions of the family room?

- A. 13' x 15'6"
- B. 22' x 20'6"
- C. 21' x 14'
- D. 12' x 16'

19. How many bathtubs are in the design?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

20. There is no entrance that connects:

- A. the garage and the dining room.
- B. the family room and the sun deck.
- C. the dining room and the kitchen.
- D. the garage and the laundry.

21. What is the foyer?

- A. hall closet
- B. extended family room
- C. serving area
- D. entrance hall

For questions 22-24, choose the sentence in which the underlined word has the same meaning as it does in the sentence within the brackets.

22. { The cabin has a good stock of food for the winter. }
- A. I sold my stock in that company.
 - B. The pigs, cows, and other stock are in the barn.
 - C. The store workers stock the shelves.
 - D. I'm collecting a stock of books for my vacation this summer.
23. { The boat will drift onto the rocks. }
- A. How did the hot-air balloon drift away from town?
 - B. A deep snow drift blocked the door.
 - C. Here your essay begins to drift from the topic.
 - D. She said, "Do you get my drift?"
24. { Write today's date at the top of the page. }
- A. To date, there has never been a parade in this town.
 - B. Who was your date on Saturday night?
 - C. July 14, 1975, is the date of my birth.
 - D. A date grows on a palm tree.

For questions 25-27, choose the word that best indicates the meaning of the underlined word.

25. The affluence of the family could be seen in their large home and many expensive cars.
- A. power
 - B. wealth
 - C. insight
 - D. intelligence
26. Her gauche manner embarrassed everyone at the party.
- A. friendly
 - B. intelligent
 - C. kind
 - D. clumsy
27. He pretended to be nonchalant, but we could see he was nervous.
- A. greedy
 - B. easy-going
 - C. tired
 - D. old-fashioned

Read the recipe below for Chicken Gumbo Soup then answer questions 28-31.

Chicken Gumbo Soup

2 cups boned chicken	1 green pepper, chopped
2 cups corn	2 cups sliced okra
4 cups chicken broth	1 can (8 oz.) tomatoes
1 medium onion, chopped	2 tablespoons file powder
3 tablespoons oil	1 clove garlic, minced

Simmer one chicken in 1 ½ quarts of water until tender. Refrigerate. When cool, remove the meat from bones and skim the fat from the broth. In a pot, saute the onions, garlic, and green pepper in oil until tender. Add broth, tomatoes, okra and corn and simmer for 30 minutes. Add chicken at the last minute. Blend in file powder just before serving.

Yield: 8 servings, 180 calories per serving.

28. Following this recipe, which activity should be done first?
- A. boil water in a pot
 - B. saute onions and garlic
 - C. remove the meat from the bones
 - D. simmer the broth, tomatoes, okra, and corn
29. The recipe does not call for two cups of:
- A. chicken
 - B. tomatoes
 - C. okra
 - D. corn
30. Which ingredient should be sliced?
- A. chicken
 - B. pepper
 - C. onion
 - D. okra
31. Which of the following should be added to the soup last?
- A. tomatoes and okra
 - B. corn
 - C. chicken
 - D. file powder

For questions 32-34, if there is an error in one of the underlined sections below, choose the letter below the line as your answer. If there is no error, choose D.

32. The members of the board are going to meet here tonight, but only one of them know
A. B. C.
about the demonstration. No error.
D.
33. At age 85, Mr. Robinson's father, that had been the city mayor in the 1970's, now lives
A. B.
in Florida, with his dog Rico. No error.
C. D.
34. Over 40 percent of our nation's trash is paper, which includes newspaper, magazines,
A. B.
and books, while food scraps and yard waste makes up another 20 percent or so. No error.
C. D.

For questions 35-37, choose the group of words that forms a complete sentence.

35. A. Anytime after 6:00 p.m., or all day Sunday.
B. A tornado warning was posted.
C. Replacing the roof tomorrow.
D. A picture of Uncle Lou holding a cat.
36. A. In my car, did you drink milk?
B. An unbelievable amount of bacon!
C. Wishing everyone at your house well.
D. Although Dr. Gomez was not there.
37. A. Looking forward to July?
B. On Central Avenue, near the library.
C. Pay the bill.
D. The three most important tools.

Refer to the article below to answer questions 38-42.

Line

1. The world's first postcard was invented in Austria in 1869. The
2. United States issue its first postcard on May 13, 1873. About 31
3. million of these plain, one-penny cards were eventually printed.
4. Soon, colorful postcards of famous cities and people appeared, and
5. a postcard rage spread through Europe and north America. Having an
6. album bulging with postcards was a way to show one's wealth and
7. worldliness. With the coming of world War I in 1914, however, the
8. postcard craze began to wane. Today collectors seek these early
9. cards as antiques. Most hobbyists collect in one of the following categories:
10. railroad stations, disasters, royal families, or automobiles.
11. What cards are most valuable? Early Chinese cards,
12. which were hand-painted command especially high prices.

38. What change, if any, is needed in lines 1 and 2?

- A. Change world's to worlds.
- B. Change issue to issued.
- C. Change May to may.
- D. Make no change.

39. What change, if any, is needed in lines 3 and 4?

- A. Remove the comma after plain.
- B. Change were to was.
- C. Change appeared to apeared.
- D. Make no change.

40. What change, if any, is needed in lines 5 and 6?

- A. Change north America to North America.
- B. Change was to were.
- C. Change one's to ones.
- D. Make no change.

41. What change, if any, is needed in lines 7 and 8?

- A. Change world War I to World War I.
- B. Change began to begun.
- C. Change collectors to collecters.
- D. Make no change.

42. What change, if any, is needed in lines 11 and 12?

- A. Change the question mark after valuable to a period.
- B. Change Chinese to chinese.
- C. Add a comma after hand-painted.
- D. Make no change.

For questions 43-45, choose the sentence that best joins the sequence of events stated in brackets without omitting any details or changing the meaning.

43. { Jill reread the letter.
She made corrections.
She printed and mailed it. }

A. After Jill reread and corrected her letter, she printed and mailed it.
B. Jill reread the corrections in her letter before she printed and mailed it.
C. Jill mailed the corrections before she printed and reread her letter.
D. After Jill mailed the letter, she corrected, printed, and reread it.

44. { A reporter was at the store Monday.
She talked to store employees there.
A camera crew took pictures. }

A. A reporter and camera crew talked to store employees Monday while taking pictures.
B. After talking to store employees Monday, a reporter and camera crew took pictures.
C. A reporter was at the store Monday, and a camera crew talked and took pictures.
D. A reporter talked to employees at the store Monday, and a camera crew took pictures.

45. { A water pipe burst in Kate's house last night.
Kate called Tom this morning.
Tom rescheduled Kate's appointments for today. }

A. Kate called Tom this morning to reschedule her appointments for today because a water pipe burst in her house last night.
B. Last night, after a water pipe burst in her house, Kate called Tom and he rescheduled her appointments for today.
C. Tom rescheduled Kate's appointments for today because Kate called him this morning to let him know that a water pipe burst in her house last night.
D. A water pipe burst in Kate's house last night because she called Tom this morning and he rescheduled her appointments for today.

Refer to the article below then answer questions 46-50.

Things are popping at the Mudge household on Ridge Road. A series of small explosions and popping sounds have had the family on edge since August 15. “I’ve been keeping a log,” said Ed Mudge. His record shows twelve occurrences in the last three weeks. “Window shades and lamps have been knocked down,” added Joanna Mudge. “Ten tiles in the bathroom broke.”

At first the Mudges thought there was a problem in their water or sewer lines. But town inspectors found nothing. The Mudges next called Central Power, who sent a team to check the gas and electrical service. Everything was in order, but an explosion occurred while the inspectors were there.

There have been no earthquakes in the area, and the house does not seem to be settling since there are no cracks in the foundation. At last, Mudge called Dr. Walter Goldberg of the state geological survey. “I’m going to set up a seismograph there,” said the scientist, hoping to find the source of the popping. “The ground freezing and expanding, or ‘frost quakes,’ sometimes makes popping sounds,” Goldberg added, “but not in August!”

46. How many explosions have taken place at the Mudges’ house?
- A. 3
 - B. 10
 - C. 12
 - D. 15
47. After checking out the sewer and water lines, the Mudges next:
- A. called Central Power to check the gas service.
 - B. contacted Dr. Walter Goldberg of the state Geological Survey.
 - C. called the newspaper reporter.
 - D. began to keep a log of explosions.
48. In the end, explosions were caused by:
- A. earthquakes.
 - B. the house foundation settling.
 - C. “frost quakes.”
 - D. something yet to be discovered.
49. What is a seismograph?
- A. a log of unusual occurrences
 - B. an instrument that can check gas lines
 - C. a machine that prevents explosions
 - D. a machine that measures shaking in the ground
50. The best title for this news story is:
- A. Central Power Investigates Explosions
 - B. Earthquakes and Frost Quakes Rattle Neighbors
 - C. Mysterious Explosions at Local House
 - D. Shake, Rattle, and Roll

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Question #	Wonderlic Basic Skills Test Sample Questions Profile Verbal Skills Form VS-B			Question #	
	Language Level*	Primary Skills Set Required	Full Correct Answer	Correct Answer	
1	1	Complete a sentence with an appropriate word in context	wants	A	1
2	1	Complete a sentence with an appropriate word in context	are working	C	2
3	1	Complete a sentence with an appropriate word in context	has broken	C	3
4	1	Complete a sentence with an appropriate word in context	rung	C	4
5	2	Recognize word meanings	gift	B	5
6	2	Recognize word meanings	opposite	B	6
7	2	Recognize word meanings	position	D	7
8	1	Locate specific information in various formats	\$15,282	B	8
9	1	Locate specific information in various formats	4 Door Sedan SX	B	9
10	1	Locate specific information in various formats	\$1,000	D	10
11	1	Locate specific information in various formats	2 Door Hatchback	A	11
12	1	Recognize standard sentence structure.	Our next softball game is on Monday at Harly Field in Leeds.	C	12
13	1	Recognize standard sentence structure.	They connected the pipes for the kitchen and bathrooms.	A	13
14	1	Recognize standard sentence structure.	Perhaps a bottle of juice or a cookie will calm the crying baby.	D	14
15	2	Complete a sentence with an appropriate word in context.	illiteracy	B	15
16	2	Complete a sentence with an appropriate word in context.	salad	D	16
17	2	Complete a sentence with an appropriate word in context.	determination	A	17
18	2	Locate specific information in various formats	21' x 14'	C	18
19	2	Locate specific information in various formats	2	B	19
20	2	Locate specific information in various formats	the garage and the dining room	A	20
21	3	Recognize word meanings	entrance hall	D	21
22	2	Recognize multiple meanings of words used in context	I'm collecting a <u>stock</u> of books for my vacation this summer.	D	22
23	2	Recognize multiple meanings of words used in context	How did the hot-air balloon <u>drift</u> away from town?	A	23
24	2	Recognize multiple meanings of words used in context	July 14, 1975, is the <u>date</u> of my birth.	C	24
25	3	Recognize word meanings	wealth	B	25
26	3	Recognize word meanings	clumsy	D	26
27	3	Recognize word meanings	easy-going	B	27
28	3	Understand and use "how-to" instructions	boil water in a pot	A	28
29	3	Understand and use "how-to" instructions	tomatoes	B	29
30	3	Understand and use "how-to" instructions	okra	D	30
31	2	Recognize common errors in standard sentence mechanics	file po der	D	31
32	2	Recognize common errors in standard sentence mechanics	<u>one of them know</u> (knows)	C	32
33	2	Recognize common errors in standard sentence mechanics	<u>that had been the city mayor</u> (who had been)	B	33
34	1	Identify a complete sentence.	<u>food scraps and yard waste makes up</u> (make up)	C	34
35	1	Identify a complete sentence.	A tornado warning was posted.	B	35
36	1	Identify a complete sentence.	In my car, did you drink milk?	A	36
37	2	Recognize common errors in standard sentence mechanics	Pay the bill.	C	37
38	2	Recognize common errors in standard sentence mechanics	Change <u>issue</u> to <u>issued</u> .	B	38
39	2	Recognize common errors in standard sentence mechanics	Make no change.	D	39
40	2	Recognize common errors in standard sentence mechanics	Change <u>north America</u> to <u>North America</u> .	A	40
41	2	Recognize common errors in standard sentence mechanics	Change <u>world War I</u> to <u>World War I</u> .	A	41
42	1	Recognize common errors in standard sentence mechanics	Add a comma after <u>hand-painted</u> .	C	42
43	3	Compound and complex sentence construction	After Jill reread and corrected her letter, she printed and mailed it.	A	43
44	3	Compound and complex sentence construction	A reporter talked to employees at the store Monday, and a camera crew took pictures.	D	44
45	3	Compound and complex sentence construction	Tom rescheduled Kate's appointments for today because...house last night.	C	45
46	2	Locate specific information in various formats	12	C	46
47	3	Use literature and other written information	called Central Power to check the gas service.	A	47
48	3	Use literature and other written information	something yet to be discovered.	D	48
49	3	Use literature and other written information	a machine that measures shaking in the ground	D	49
50	3	Use literature and other written information	Mysterious Explosions at Local House	C	50

* Language levels established in accordance with job-related General Education Development (GED) skills content published by the U.S. Department of Labor in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT).

