

CAT VERBAL ABILITY PRACTICE PAPER

Advanced Prep

Para Jumbles • Para Summary • Odd Sentence Out • Sentence Placement • Logical Flow & Coherence

Total Questions	20
Sections	Practice Questions Answer Key Solutions
Difficulty Range	Easy — Medium — Hard
Focus Area	Non-Reading Comprehension Verbal Ability

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SECTION 1 | PRACTICE QUESTIONS**Q1. Topic: Para Jumbles***Difficulty: Easy*

The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, and 4) given below, when properly sequenced, would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences.

1. The rise of instantaneous digital communication has fundamentally altered how we interact.
2. Consequently, the art of face-to-face, uninterrupted conversation has decreased significantly.
3. People now prefer sending quick texts or reacting to social media stories.
4. However, this frictionless convenience often comes at the cost of deep, meaningful relationships.

- A) 1324
- B) 1432
- C) 3124
- D) 1234

Q2. Topic: Para Summary*Difficulty: Medium*

The passage given below is followed by four alternate summaries. Choose the option that best captures the essence of the passage.

Behavioural economics suggests that human beings are not always rational actors making optimal decisions. Instead, they are prone to cognitive biases, emotions, and social influences that cause them to make predictably irrational choices. Traditional economic models, which assume absolute rationality, often fail to account for these psychological factors, leading to flawed predictions about market behaviors and consumer spending.

- A) Behavioural economics proves that traditional economic models are entirely useless because they cannot predict consumer spending.
- B) Unlike traditional economic models that assume absolute rationality, behavioural economics accounts for the predictable irrationality of human choices driven by psychological factors.
- C) Human beings are inherently emotional and irrational, which is why traditional economics has been replaced by behavioural economics in market predictions.
- D) Traditional economics fails to predict market behaviours because it focuses on cognitive biases rather than the rational decisions that consumers make.

Q3. Topic: Odd Sentence Out*Difficulty: Hard*

Five sentences related to a topic are given below. Four of them can be put together to form a coherent paragraph. Identify the odd sentence out.

1. Quantum mechanics challenged the deterministic worldview established by classical Newtonian physics.
2. It introduced the concept of probabilities, where outcomes at the subatomic level are not certain until they are observed.
3. Philosophers have long debated whether free will can exist in a purely deterministic universe.
4. This shift from absolute certainty to statistical probability has profound implications for how we understand the fundamental nature of reality.
5. Albert Einstein famously resisted this probabilistic interpretation, expressing his discomfort by stating that "God does not play dice with the universe."

- A) 1
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5

Q4. Topic: Sentence Placement*Difficulty: Medium*

There is a sentence missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide where (option A, B, C, or D) the following sentence would best fit.

Sentence: To address this, massive investments are currently pouring into battery technology and pumped hydro storage.

Paragraph: The transition to renewable energy is essential for combating climate change. [A]. Solar and wind power have seen massive cost reductions over the past decade, making them highly competitive. [B]. However, the intermittent nature of these weather-dependent sources presents a significant challenge for grid stability. [C]. Without these reliable, large-scale energy storage solutions, a fully renewable and stable power grid remains a distant dream. [D].

- A) [A]
- B) [B]
- C) [C]
- D) [D]

Q5. Topic: Logical Flow & Coherence*Difficulty: Easy*

Which of the following sentences logically concludes the paragraph below?

Many startups fail within their first five years, not because of a flawed product, but due to poor market fit. Founders often fall in love with their ideas and completely ignore customer feedback. They build complex features nobody actually wants and burn through their capital.

- A) Therefore, securing a massive round of venture capital is the most critical step for any startup.
- B) Thus, ultimate success hinges on listening to the consumer and adapting to what the market actually demands.
- C) Consequently, most founders lack the technical coding skills needed to succeed in the modern era.
- D) As a result, rapid product development should be the sole focus of any aspiring entrepreneur.

Q6. Topic: Para Jumbles*Difficulty: Medium*

The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, and 4) given below, when properly sequenced, would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences.

1. The printing press democratized knowledge by making books affordable and accessible to a wider audience.
2. Prior to its invention, manuscripts were painstakingly copied by hand, making them rare luxury items.
3. This monopoly on information kept the masses in intellectual darkness for centuries.
4. By breaking this monopoly, the press acted as a catalyst for the Renaissance and the Scientific Revolution.

- A) 2314
- B) 1234
- C) 2143
- D) 3214

Q7. Topic: Para Summary*Difficulty: Medium*

The passage given below is followed by four alternate summaries. Choose the option that best captures the essence of the passage.

The advent of artificial intelligence in creative fields has sparked a fervent debate about the nature of art. While AI can generate stunning visuals and compose music in seconds, critics argue that these outputs lack the emotional depth and intentionality of human-made art; they view AI as a sophisticated tool rather than a true artist. Conversely, proponents argue that AI democratizes creativity, allowing anyone to express their ideas regardless of their technical skill.

- A) AI is rapidly replacing human artists because it is faster and more efficient at creating art, though it lacks emotional depth.
- B) The debate over AI in art centers on whether AI-generated works possess genuine artistic value and intentionality, despite democratizing the creative process.
- C) Both critics and proponents agree that AI is just a tool and cannot be considered a real artist without human intervention.
- D) AI's ability to democratize creativity proves that technical skill is no longer necessary for producing emotionally deep and intentional art.

Q8. Topic: Odd Sentence Out*Difficulty: Easy*

Five sentences related to a topic are given below. Four of them can be put together to form a coherent paragraph. Identify the odd sentence out.

1. Sleep is not merely a passive state of rest, but an active period of neurological maintenance.
2. During deep sleep phases, the brain consolidates memories and clears out metabolic toxins.
3. Chronic sleep deprivation has been heavily linked to a host of physical health issues, including obesity and heart disease.
4. Many office workers consume excessive amounts of caffeine to stay awake during long night shifts.
5. Without this adequate restorative sleep, our emotional regulation and cognitive problem-solving abilities are severely impaired.

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5

Q9. Topic: Sentence Placement*Difficulty: Hard*

There is a sentence missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide where (option A, B, C, or D) the following sentence would best fit.

Sentence: Sacrificing one healthy, innocent person to harvest their organs and save five dying patients is a classic thought experiment that exposes this terrifying flaw.

Paragraph: Utilitarianism dictates that an action is morally right if it maximizes overall happiness and well-being. [A]. This consequentialist approach seems highly intuitive when making large-scale public policy decisions. [B]. For instance, taxing the wealthy to fund public healthcare increases the net well-being of a society. [C]. Critics, however, point out that this framework can justify horrific acts against individuals if it mathematically benefits the majority. [D].

- A) [A]
- B) [B]
- C) [C]
- D) [D]

Q10. Topic: Logical Flow & Coherence*Difficulty: Medium*

What is the logical function of the underlined sentence in the context of the paragraph?

Urban sprawl has led to the destruction of natural habitats, threatening local biodiversity. To mitigate this, some cities have introduced 'green belts'—protected areas where construction is strictly prohibited. While these policies aim to contain city limits, they inadvertently drive up housing prices within the urban core. As a result, low-income families are often pushed further out, leading to longer commutes and increased carbon emissions.

- A) It provides a definitive solution to the environmental problem introduced in the first sentence.
- B) It introduces an unintended negative socioeconomic consequence of the environmental mitigation strategy.
- C) It contradicts the core claim that urban sprawl destroys natural habitats.
- D) It serves as a concluding thought that summarizes the long-term success of green belts.

Q11. Topic: Para Jumbles*Difficulty: Medium*

The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, and 4) given below, when properly sequenced, would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences.

1. Antibiotics revolutionized modern medicine by making once-fatal bacterial infections easily treatable.
2. However, the widespread overuse and misuse of these drugs in both humans and agriculture have accelerated the evolution of resistant bacteria.
3. If this evolutionary trend continues unchecked, we may soon enter a dangerous post-antibiotic era.
4. In such an era, routine surgeries and minor scrapes could once again become deadly threats to humanity.

- A) 1243
- B) 1234
- C) 2134
- D) 1324

Q12. Topic: Para Summary*Difficulty: Hard*

The passage given below is followed by four alternate summaries. Choose the option that best captures the essence of the passage.

The modern phenomenon of "hustle culture" glorifies overwork, framing constant busyness as a badge of honor and a strict prerequisite for success. This ethos equates a person's intrinsic worth with their economic productivity, often severely at the expense of their mental health and personal relationships. Sociologists argue that hustle culture is essentially a neoliberal coping mechanism—a way for individuals to reclaim a psychological sense of agency in an increasingly precarious economic landscape where traditional job security is virtually nonexistent.

- A) Hustle culture is a positive modern trend that encourages people to work hard and reclaim their agency in a tough, precarious economy.
- B) The glorification of overwork in modern society is the sole reason for the decline of personal relationships and mental health globally.
- C) Hustle culture, which toxically links self-worth to productivity, is viewed by sociologists as a psychological defense mechanism against modern economic instability.
- D) Neoliberalism has deliberately created a precarious economic landscape to force individuals to overwork in order to maintain their job security.

Q13. Topic: Odd Sentence Out*Difficulty: Medium*

Five sentences related to a topic are given below. Four of them can be put together to form a coherent paragraph. Identify the odd sentence out.

1. The concept of corporate social responsibility (CSR) has evolved from mere corporate philanthropy to a core strategic imperative.
2. Companies are now expected by the public to be deeply accountable for their environmental footprint and supply chain ethics.
3. Consumers increasingly vote with their wallets, preferring to buy from brands that align with their personal ethical values.
4. High-frequency algorithmic trading has dramatically increased the daily volatility of the global stock markets.
5. Consequently, investors are also using ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) criteria to rigorously evaluate a company's long-term viability.

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5

Q14. Topic: Sentence Placement*Difficulty: Medium*

There is a sentence missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide where (option A, B, C, or D) the following sentence would best fit.

Sentence: This is a delicate balancing act, as policymakers must navigate the narrow path between taming price surges and triggering a deep recession.

Paragraph: Inflation acts as a hidden tax on purchasing power, disproportionately affecting those on fixed incomes. [A]. Central banks typically respond to this threat by aggressively raising interest rates to cool down an overheating economy. [B]. By making borrowing more expensive, they aim to reduce reckless consumer spending and corporate investment. [C]. If the rate hikes are too aggressive, however, they can choke off economic growth entirely, leading to massive job losses. [D].

- A) [A]
- B) [B]
- C) [C]
- D) [D]

Q15. Topic: Logical Flow & Coherence*Difficulty: Easy*

Which transition phrase best connects the two sentences below to maintain logical coherence?

Sentence 1: Introverts are frequently stereotyped by society as being fundamentally shy, anxious, or anti-social.

Sentence 2: _____, they simply possess a different neurological baseline, recharging their energy by spending time alone rather than in highly stimulating, large groups.

- A) Furthermore
- B) In reality
- C) Similarly
- D) Consequently

Q16. Topic: Para Jumbles*Difficulty: Hard*

The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, and 4) given below, when properly sequenced, would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences.

1. Thus, translation is never a purely mechanical transfer of words; it is inherently a subjective act of interpretation.
2. A literary translator must bridge not only linguistic gaps but also deep, often unspoken, cultural divides.
3. Finding the exact equivalent for a metaphor rooted in a specific historical context is, in many cases, entirely impossible.
4. To convey the original author's true intent, the translator is frequently forced to adapt, omit, or entirely recreate idioms.

- A) 2341
- B) 2431
- C) 3421
- D) 1234

Q17. Topic: Para Summary*Difficulty: Easy*

The passage given below is followed by four alternate summaries. Choose the option that best captures the essence of the passage.

Fast fashion has transformed the global clothing industry by providing consumers with inexpensive, trendy garments at lightning speed. However, this rapid business model generates massive amounts of waste, as clothes are discarded after only a few wears. Furthermore, the production process consumes vast quantities of water and relies heavily on toxic, environmentally damaging dyes. Environmentalists are urgently urging consumers to embrace sustainable fashion by buying fewer, higher-quality items.

- A) Fast fashion is popular globally because it is cheap, but environmentalists believe it should be banned immediately due to toxic water pollution.
- B) Despite its massive popularity and affordability, fast fashion is highly environmentally destructive, prompting calls for more sustainable consumption habits.
- C) Sustainable fashion is the only proven way to stop the massive water consumption and toxic dye usage completely in the clothing industry.
- D) The clothing industry has revolutionized consumer habits by producing trendy clothes fast, which has unfortunately but inevitably increased global waste.

Q18. Topic: Odd Sentence Out*Difficulty: Medium*

Five sentences related to a topic are given below. Four of them can be put together to form a coherent paragraph. Identify the odd sentence out.

1. Cryptocurrencies operate on decentralized networks based on complex blockchain technology.
2. This decentralization theoretically makes them immune to central government interference and monetary manipulation.
3. Fiat currencies, like the US Dollar or the Euro, are issued, regulated, and stabilized by central banking authorities.
4. However, the extreme, unpredictable price volatility of these digital coins currently makes them impractical as everyday mediums of exchange.
5. Furthermore, the massive energy consumption required for cryptocurrency mining has drawn severe criticism from environmental groups.

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5

Q19. Topic: Sentence Placement*Difficulty: Hard*

There is a sentence missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide where (option A, B, C, or D) the following sentence would best fit.

Sentence: This antagonistic paradigm shifted dramatically with the advent of advanced genomic sequencing.

Paragraph: The human microbiome consists of trillions of symbiotic microbes living in and on our bodies. [A]. Historically, bacteria were viewed by the medical community almost exclusively as deadly pathogens to be eradicated. [B]. We now understand that these resident microbes play a crucial, life-sustaining role in digesting food, synthesizing vitamins, and training our immune system. [C]. Disruptions to this delicate microbial ecosystem have recently been linked to a rise in autoimmune diseases and severe allergies. [D].

- A) [A]
- B) [B]
- C) [C]
- D) [D]

Q20. Topic: Logical Flow & Coherence*Difficulty: Medium*

Which of the following sentences best completes the paragraph?

The Industrial Revolution fundamentally altered the fabric of human society. Agrarian economies, which had remained largely unchanged for millennia, were rapidly replaced by urban, industrialized centers. The introduction of large factories centralized production, drawing massive populations away from the countryside and into expanding cities in search of steady wage labor. _____.

- A) The Renaissance had previously laid the necessary intellectual groundwork for these technological innovations.
- B) This unprecedented urban migration led to overcrowded living conditions and the rapid rise of a new industrial working class.
- C) Consequently, agriculture was completely abandoned by humanity as a viable means of economic survival.
- D) Technological advancements in the late 20th century further accelerated this global internet connectivity.

SECTION 2 | ANSWER KEY

Q.No	Answer	Q.No	Answer
Q1	A (1324)	Q11	B (1234)
Q2	B	Q12	C
Q3	B (Sentence 3)	Q13	C (Sentence 4)
Q4	C ([C])	Q14	D ([D])
Q5	B	Q15	B
Q6	A (2314)	Q16	A (2341)
Q7	B	Q17	B
Q8	C (Sentence 4)	Q18	B (Sentence 3)
Q9	D ([D])	Q19	B ([B])
Q10	B	Q20	B

SECTION 3 | SOLUTIONS & EXPLANATIONS**Q1** **Correct Answer: A (1324)****Step-by-step explanation:**

Sentence 1 introduces the core premise (digital communication altering interaction). Sentence 3 builds directly on this by providing the explicit forms of this alteration (texting/reacting). Sentence 2 details the consequence of these preferences (decrease in face-to-face interaction). Sentence 4 concludes by highlighting the ultimate trade-off (cost of deep relationships).

Elimination strategy:

“Consequently” (2) requires a preceding action that causes it, which is the behavioral shift detailed in 3. “However” (4) introduces a contrast to the “convenience” established across the 1-3-2 progression. This seals the 1324 narrative arc.

Q2 **Correct Answer: B****Step-by-step explanation:**

The passage draws a sharp contrast between traditional economic models (which assume perfect human rationality and fall short on predictions) and behavioral economics (which builds upon psychological biases and predictable irrationality).

Elimination strategy:

Option A uses unauthorized extreme language (“entirely useless”). Option C alters the truth by stating traditional models have been fully “replaced.” Option D contains a logical reversal, falsely attributing a focus on cognitive biases to traditional economics. Option B maps perfectly to the text without adding distortion.

Q3 **Correct Answer: B (Sentence 3)****Step-by-step explanation:**

Sentences 1, 2, 4, and 5 construct a targeted paragraph discussing the scientific shift from classical Newtonian physics to the statistical, probabilistic mechanics of the subatomic realm, closing out with Einstein's historic pushback.

Elimination strategy:

While sentence 3 touches upon “determinism,” it introduces the philosophical problem of “free will.” This shifts the focus entirely away from the pure physics context defined by the other four sentences.

Q4 **Correct Answer: C ([C])****Step-by-step explanation:**

The phrase “To address this” requires a specific challenge or flaw to act as its referent. The sentence immediately preceding slot [C] explicitly notes that “the intermittent nature of these weather-dependent sources presents a significant challenge for grid stability.”

Elimination strategy:

Placing the sentence at [C] sets up a mandatory transition. It defines the investments in storage technologies that are immediately referenced in the subsequent sentence: “Without these reliable, large-scale energy storage solutions...”

Q5

Correct Answer: B

Step-by-step explanation:

The text diagnoses the exact operational pathways that cause early-stage startups to fail: ignoring consumer feedback and building unneeded features due to founder bias. The logical conclusion must directly reflect or address this root vulnerability.

Elimination strategy:

Option A switches focus exclusively to venture capital. Option C moves out-of-scope to technical coding skills. Option D advocates for rapid production, which directly ignores the passage's warnings about building blindly. Option B delivers the exact logical corrective.

Q6

Correct Answer: A (2314)

Step-by-step explanation:

Sentence 2 frames the historical baseline (pre-press, hand-copied luxury manuscripts). Sentence 3 fastens onto this with a demonstrative link ("This monopoly..."), exposing its restrictive social impact. Sentence 1 marks the systemic shift (the introduction of the press), and sentence 4 seals the macro-historical result.

Elimination strategy:

Sentences 2 and 3 form an unresolvable mandatory pair due to the pronoun clue "This monopoly." Placing sentence 1 before 2 creates a structural fracture, leaving the phrase "Prior to its invention" hanging disconnected from the timeline.

Q7

Correct Answer: B

Step-by-step explanation:

The text maps out a complex, balanced debate within creative fields: critics emphasize a stark deficit in intentionality and emotional depth, while proponents champion the democratization of structural tools.

Elimination strategy:

Option A assumes an outright replacement of human artists, which overstates the text. Option C states that both sides share a view on AI being "just a tool," which ignores the proponents' position. Option D treats a subjective argument as a settled fact. Option B maintains the correct objective, balanced posture.

Q8

Correct Answer: C (Sentence 4)

Step-by-step explanation:

Sentences 1, 2, 3, and 5 function as a cohesive medical text focusing on the neurobiological mechanisms of sleep, internal metabolic clearing, and the severe cognitive and systemic costs of long-term deprivation.

Elimination strategy:

Sentence 4 describes a specific human behavioral adaptation (office workers consuming excessive caffeine). While related to staying awake, it breaks away from the biological and clinical framing maintained by the rest of the text.

Q9 **Correct Answer: D ([D])****Step-by-step explanation:**

The target sentence presents an extreme ethical scenario that “exposes this terrifying flaw.” The preceding sentence ends by explicitly noting that critics point out the framework “can justify horrific acts against individuals if it mathematically benefits the majority.”

Elimination strategy:

Placing the sentence at any point prior to [D] disrupts the paragraph's initial explanation of utilitarianism's intuitive, positive applications in large-scale public policy. The thought experiment serves as the ultimate proof of the criticism introduced at the end.

Q10 **Correct Answer: B****Step-by-step explanation:**

The paragraph builds out a sequential narrative: problem (urban sprawl), intentional green belt intervention, unexpected economic consequence (rising urban housing costs), and downstream social impact.

Elimination strategy:

The words “While” and “inadvertently” reveal a shift from an environmental objective to an unintended economic consequence. Option B matches this structural pivot perfectly.

Q11 **Correct Answer: B (1234)****Step-by-step explanation:**

Sentence 1 charts the foundational medical breakthrough. Sentence 2 introduces a counter-trend (overuse leading to bacterial resistance). Sentence 3 projects this path forward into a “post-antibiotic era,” and sentence 4 directly unpacks the dangerous clinical realities of that era.

Elimination strategy:

The phrase “In such an era” in sentence 4 acts as a direct reference to the “post-antibiotic era” explicitly named in sentence 3. This establishes 3-4 as an unbreakable concluding sequence.

Q12 **Correct Answer: C****Step-by-step explanation:**

The passage provides a multi-layered critique of hustle culture, detailing its toxic connection between personal value and economic output, alongside the core sociological thesis that frames it as a defensive coping mechanism against structural economic instability.

Elimination strategy:

Option A completely misreads the tone by labeling the culture positive. Option B relies on a heavy absolute trap word (“sole reason”). Option D invents a conspiracy theory regarding deliberate neoliberal actions that oversteps the analytical text. Option C accurately covers both definition and thesis.

Q13 **Correct Answer: C (Sentence 4)****Step-by-step explanation:**

Sentences 1, 2, 3, and 5 trace the strategic expansion of business metrics into corporate social accountability, mapping out the pressures coming from consumers (3) and institutional investors (5).

Elimination strategy:

Sentence 4 addresses high-frequency algorithmic trading and day-to-day market volatility. This introduces a technical, fast-paced financial mechanism that shares no structural connection with the overarching theme of ESG and long-term corporate ethics.

Q14

Correct Answer: D ([D])

Step-by-step explanation:

The target sentence centers on a “delicate balancing act” between two opposing risks: “taming price surges” and “triggering a deep recession.” The paragraph systematically lays out both sides of this coin, ending right before [D] with the danger of aggressive rate hikes choking off growth and triggering massive job losses.

Elimination strategy:

Placing the sentence at any earlier point creates an analytical mismatch, because the risk of a deep recession is not contextualized or explicitly introduced until the sentence right before slot [D].

Q15

Correct Answer: B

Step-by-step explanation:

Sentence 1 profiles a pervasive societal myth or external caricature (that introverts are shy, anxious, or anti-social). Sentence 2 details the internal, biological reality of their baseline processing.

Elimination strategy:

The logical relationship requires a pivot away from a misconception toward an underlying truth. “In reality” serves as the only transition explicitly built to handle this myth-versus-fact juxtaposition.

Q16

Correct Answer: A (2341)

Step-by-step explanation:

Sentence 2 opens with the broad structural premise (literary translators bridging deep linguistic and cultural divides). Sentence 3 isolates a specific roadblock (metaphors fixed in historical contexts). Sentence 4 outlines the necessary corrective action (adapting or recreating idioms), and sentence 1 delivers the philosophical conclusion via the transition word “Thus.”

Elimination strategy:

The concluding transition “Thus” signals that sentence 1 must anchor the end of the paragraph. Sentence 3 establishes the specific translation barrier that sentence 4 attempts to resolve, dictating a strict 3-4 sequence.

Q17

Correct Answer: B

Step-by-step explanation:

The passage documents the fast fashion model (cheap, fast, trendy) alongside its major environmental costs (waste, water consumption, chemical dyes), concluding with the environmentalist push for higher-quality, lower-volume consumption.

Elimination strategy:

Options A and C fall into prescriptive traps by using extreme, unmentioned dictates (“banned immediately,” “only proven way”). Option D leaves out the entire closing argument regarding the push for sustainable consumption. Option B captures the entire text objectively.

Q18**Correct Answer: B (Sentence 3)****Step-by-step explanation:**

Sentences 1, 2, 4, and 5 build a balanced exploration of cryptocurrencies, covering their decentralized engineering, theoretical benefits, day-to-day medium of exchange volatility, and high-energy environmental costs.

Elimination strategy:

Sentence 3 presents a definition of fiat currencies. While fiat currency is a related economic concept, here it stands as an abrupt break in focus that splits an otherwise unified pros-and-cons profile of decentralized digital assets.

Q19**Correct Answer: B ([B])****Step-by-step explanation:**

The target sentence refers back to an “antagonistic paradigm.” The sentence immediately preceding slot [B] outlines exactly this paradigm by stating: “Historically, bacteria were viewed by the medical community almost exclusively as deadly pathogens to be eradicated.”

Elimination strategy:

Placing the sentence at slot [B] creates a perfect bridge. It explains how advanced genomic sequencing broke the historical adversarial view and directly opened up the modern, life-sustaining understanding detailed in the subsequent sentence.

Q20**Correct Answer: B****Step-by-step explanation:**

The paragraph builds out a physical and demographic progression: detailing the industrial shift away from agrarian settings, the centralization of factories, and the subsequent mass migration of workers out of rural areas and into expanding cities.

Elimination strategy:

Option A jumps backward chronologically to the Renaissance. Option C deploys an absolute exaggeration (“completely abandoned”). Option D creates anachronistic confusion by leaping forward to the late 20th-century internet. Option B provides the exact structural next step by addressing the direct socioeconomic consequences of urban migration.