

HSPT Practice Questions



Now on day two... don't forget to work quickly. Give yourself only one minute to answer all four.

Sample questions – DAY TWO

***** ANTONYMS *****

Rancor

- a. malice
- b. disgust
- c. easement
- d. respect

Answer D.

Rancor means bitter ill will. The first two are synonyms. Respect is the closest opposite.

***** SEQUENCES *****

7. What is the next number in the sequence? 6, 11, 21, 36, ____

- a. 56
- b. 47
- c. 39
- d. 59
- e. 72

Answer A.

The numbers are growing by factors of 5, then 10, then 15. Next is 20 (added to 36 equals 56). On these it is best to get the pencil going and to write the relationship. Start with subtracting to find differences, then use that information to see a pattern.

***** ADVANCED GRAMMAR *****

"Someone needs to move their car," the attendant shouted at the men in suits, their faces buried in wireless devices.

- a. Capitalization
- b. Punctuation
- c. Spelling
- d. Grammar

Answer D. These are finding an error in the sentence. In all of the sentences, there is one key error. Note that this error is agreement; "someone" is singular, and needs to be matched up with his/her, not "their." The test writers love these agreement questions.

***** SENTENCE CORRECTION *****

The Sycamore tree which prefers to live near rivers and streams have many related species in Europe.

- a. have many related species
- b. have similar species of many kinds
- c. has many similar species
- d. relate well with many species
- e. has species that are related

Answer C.

Again, the question highlights an agreement error. The subject is tree and needs to be matched with the singular verb has, not have. Again test writers love these questions, and so when you see the clause that modifies the subject, crossing it out in order to place the subject and verb side by side helps greatly. "The Sycamore tree which prefers to live near rivers and streams have many..." "...tree has..."