

HSPT Practice Questions



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

Sample questions – DAY THREE

***** BASIC GRAMMAR *****

In July, my boss will be employed by our company for fifty-five years.

- A. will be employed by our company for fifty-five years.
- B. shall have been employed by the company for fifty-five years.
- C. will have been employed by the company for fifty-five years.
- D. will be employed by the company for fifty five years.
- E. will have employed for fifty-five years.

Answer C.

This is a verb tense problem. Since the employment has been on-going for fifty-five years, the correct verb tense is the future progressive tense — will have been.

The sheriff whispered, "Don't bother: the mayor will never check."

- A. sheriff whispered, "Don't bother: the mayor will
- B. sheriff whispered - "Don't bother, the mayor will
- C. sheriff whispered, Don't bother; the mayor will
- D. sheriff had whispered, "Don't bother: the mayor will
- E. sheriff whispered, "Don't bother; the mayor will

Answer E.

This is a conjunctions question. To join two sentences, neither a colon or a comma is sufficient. The semi-colon is.

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***** MATH QUESTIONS *****

Two angles of a triangle together add up to 90° . What is the measure of the third angle in degrees?

- A. 40°
- B. 270°
- C. -90°
- D. 90°
- E. 60°

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Answer D.

The three angles of a triangle must add up to 180° .

Which of the following fractions are correctly placed from the least in value to the greatest in value?

- A. $1/4$, $17/25$, $3/4$, $11/16$
- B. $17/25$, $1/4$, $11/16$, $3/4$
- C. $1/4$, $17/25$, $11/16$, $3/4$
- D. $1/4$, $3/4$, $17/25$, $11/16$
- E. $3/4$, $17/25$, $11/16$, $1/4$

Answer C.

These kind of fractions problems are challenging to work quickly. Unless an answer is seen immediately, it might be a good one to skip, and to then tackle if time allows.

In this case, it is fairly easy as it is just a matter of checking $17/25$ and $11/16$ against $3/4$. $3/4$ is $12/16$ and $18.25/25$. It is not necessary to check $17/25$ and $11/16$ against each other, as the only answer where $3/4$ is in the right spot at the end (and $1/4$ in the front) is letter C.