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SAT* Verbal

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- I. The Brain-Power Verbal Method
- II. Sentence Completions
- III. Analogies
- IV. Critical Reading
- V. Vocabulary

The Standard Deviants Brain Power Method:

1. Order of Difficulty

In sentence completions and analogies sections, problems start out easy and get harder. Spend time on the easy ones.

2. Guessing

As long as you can eliminate one answer choice, guessing is in your favor.

3. Time Management

Spend more time on the easy and medium level questions, less time on the tough questions.

The PROVE Technique (for Sentence Completions)

P: Positive or negative

Decide whether the word that goes in the blank is positive or negative.

R: Reveal the compass words and the Prove-It phrase

Compass words indicate the direction the sentence is heading.

Prove-It phrases ultimately lead you to the correct answer choice.

O: Off wrong answers

Cross out answers you know are wrong.

V: View the relationship between the blanks

For two-blank sentence completion questions, understand the relationship between them.

E: Everything works together!

Use these techniques in any order

And, an extra bonus 'E':

E: Easy questions have easy answers, hard questions have hard answers.

The MARRIAGE Method (for Analogies)

M: Make a marriage sentence

Create a sentence that defines one word by using the other word.

A: Ax incorrect answer choices

Cross out answers that don't make sense when you use the relationship sentence.

R: Rewrite your relationship sentence

Be as specific as possible.

R: Remove bad marriages

Cross out answers where you can't make a good marriage sentence.

I: Insert good relationships into question analogy

Take relationships that work from the answer choices, make a sentence using that relationship with the question analogy words, and choose the answer that makes the most sense.

A: Avoid traps

Don't ax what you don't know!

G: Guess

Easy questions have easy answers, hard questions have hard answers.

E: Exhale and relax

Don't spend too much time on the hard questions.

The CHART Method (for Critical Reading)

C: Chart the passage

Quickly skim the reading passage to find out where the information is located.

H: Hello, line reference!

Answer the questions that use reference line numbers by reading that section of the text closely.

A: Answer the flotsam

Then move on to the flotsam: those questions that don't use reference line numbers.

R: Rate the passages

For double-passage questions, rate the passages and do the easier one first.

T: Tenacity

Remain focused and persistent. Don't give up!