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Sectional Test on English Language for CLAT UG

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This English Language sectional test for CLAT UG is designed to challenge your comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, and reasoning skills.

With moderately difficult and thoughtfully framed questions, this test will help you strengthen core language concepts essential for the exam.

Q1. *Passage excerpt: "While the scientist was venerated for his contributions, his dismissive attitude toward his colleagues left many disenchanted."*

What does the word *venerated* most nearly mean in the above context?

A. Ignored
B. Praised
C. Questioned
D. Suspected

Q2. Identify the grammatically correct sentence:

A. The team has completed their project successfully.
B. The committee have submitted its final report.
C. Neither the teacher nor the students was present.
D. Everyone in the room were silent during the announcement.

Q3. *"Despite the proliferation of digital tools, handwriting continues to play a vital role in cognitive development, particularly among young learners."*

Which of the following can be inferred from the sentence?

A. Digital tools are superior to handwriting.
B. Handwriting has become obsolete in modern times.
C. Handwriting contributes to learning in ways digital tools may not.
D. Young learners only use handwriting in schools.

Q4. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

"Her voice had a calming _____ on the frightened child."

A. affect

B. effect

C. infect

D. reflect

Q5. *"The school has decided to install surveillance cameras to curb rising incidents of vandalism."*

Which assumption is most implicit in the statement?

A. Vandalism has no other cause besides lack of cameras.

B. Cameras will completely eliminate vandalism.

C. Surveillance can deter acts of vandalism.

D. Vandalism is caused only by students.

Q6. *"The policy, though ambitious on paper, lacks practical feasibility and seems destined for bureaucratic entanglements."*

What is the tone of the sentence?

A. Optimistic

B. Neutral

C. Critical

D. Enthusiastic

Q7. What does the idiom *"burning the midnight oil"* mean?

A. Wasting time on unimportant work

B. Working late into the night

C. Ignoring responsibilities

D. Trying to solve a mystery

Q8. Arrange the following sentences into a logical order:

1. It is important to stay hydrated.
2. Dehydration can impair brain function.
3. Many people do not drink enough water daily.

4. This can lead to fatigue and headaches.

A. 1–3–4–2

B. 1–2–3–4

C. 3–1–2–4

D. 1–3–2–4

Q9. Identify the correct form of the verb: “By the time we arrived, the show _____.”

A. has begun

B. had begun

C. began

D. will begin

Q10. Choose the word that is closest in meaning to *“ephemeral”*:

A. Permanent

B. Eternal

C. Fleeting

D. Predictable

Answer Key with Explanations

Q. No.	Answer	Explanation
1	B	Venerated means “respected or praised deeply” – used to show admiration.
2	C	The subject is “Neither…nor,” which takes a singular verb – “was” is correct.
3	C	The statement contrasts digital tools with handwriting, suggesting handwriting has unique cognitive benefits.
4	B	Effect is a noun (the result), while affect is typically a verb. “Calming effect” is correct.
5	C	Installing surveillance implies the belief that being watched will discourage vandalism.
6	C	Words like “lacks feasibility” and “entanglements” suggest a critical view.

7	B	“Burning the midnight oil” means working late into the night.
8	D	The logical sequence introduces hydration, mentions its benefits and lack, and effects of dehydration.
9	B	The action happened before another past action — “had begun” is the past perfect tense.
10	C	Ephemeral means lasting a very short time – closest synonym is “fleeting.”