

REVIEW YOUR CRITICAL VERBAL REASONING PRACTICE TEST 4 ANSWERS

QUESTION (1)

*What is it about Janette Cross's response that makes the passage's author "somewhat surprised"? Within the context of the passage, and the tone of the author's message it's most likely that the author does not believe Janette Cross. therefore the correct answer is; **d) It's dubious nature.***

QUESTION (2)

Which of the following opinions forms part of the anti-climate change agenda (described in the passage)?

Taking each of the answer options one at a time:

- *(a) Mandatory reductions in greenhouse gas emissions could work.*
The passage provides the anti-climate change opinion on this issue - via the Greentree Trust representative - that *we are still opposed to mandatory reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.*
- *(b) There is a clear link between global warming and climate change.*
According to the passage, certain book authors are commissioned to write about the *lack of scientific evidence linking global warming and climate change.* (b) is the first of two opinions forming part of the anti-climate change agenda.
- *(c) Government agreements on climate change reform need to be encouraged.*
The passage mentions, *almost 100 advocacy groups, think tanks and industry associations whose mission is to block the agreement of any governmental action on climate change.* (c) is the second of two opinions forming part of the anti-climate change agenda.
- *(d) Donor names should be kept anonymous.*
This is not mentioned specifically in the passage.
- *(e) Climate change is a misnomer.*
A "misnomer" is a word that misrepresents something. So, the meaning of this opinion is that the term "climate change" is wrong in implying that the climate is changing. This is one of the fundamental opinions of the anti-climate change agenda. Specifically the passage states the *climate-change counter movement - who do not believe world climates are changing.* (e) is the third of two opinions forming part of the anti-climate change agenda.

QUESTION (3)

What does the author mean by the term *characterized as pseudoscience*?

This term is applied to misleading "facts" that are justified on the basis of scientific methods when in fact the research has not followed scientific principles. Of the options shown this unscientific practise could best be described as **(e) misleading.**

QUESTION (4)

Which of the following statements is false?

- (a) The US media has sent mixed messages of the effects of climate change.
- (e) There has been insufficient global efforts to turnaround the effects of climate change.**

QUESTION (5)

Which of the following is the most accurate summary of the first paragraph? This Interpretation type of verbal critical reasoning question requires you to précis the first paragraph into a more concise summary. Let's start by reducing the first paragraph to just two sentences that cover the main 3-4 points:

- Linking anti-climate change funding with the purchase of political power that is a distortion of democracy.
- TV coverage and the commissioning of authors being leveraged to promote the anti-climate change agenda, such as the *lack of scientific evidence linking global warming and climate change*.

Now, taking each of the answer options one at a time, consider which one is the *most accurate summary* of the main 1-2 points from these 3-4 points:

- (a) *English and American democracies have been distorted by climate change.* American democracies not mentioned specifically in the first paragraph.
- (b) *The climate-change counter movement is one of the most dominant political forces.* Within the first paragraph it does state that the *anti climate-change movement...* (has become) *a large-scale political effort*. However, it does not state that globally it has become one of the most dominant political forces.
- (c) *The anti climate change agenda has been hijacked by UK and US politicians.* US politicians are not mentioned specifically in the first paragraph.
- (d) *Well-paid writers and publicity agents are behind many anti climate change headlines.* Publicity agents are not mentioned specifically in the first paragraph.
- **(e) *Unsurprisingly there is some political coercion behind the anti-climate change movement.***

Answer option (e) is in fact a "watered-down" version of answer option (c). The question is does that then make it the most accurate summary. There are three key phrases that are most relevant from the first paragraph: firstly that *throughout history individual wealth has been used to purchase political power*; secondly that the *anti climate-change movement...* (has become) *a large-scale political effort*; and thirdly that the *national democracy is thus distorted*. Whilst the application of the subjective word *unsurprisingly* does make this statement an opinion rather than fact, the three points highlighted previously are summarized quite effectively by answer option (e)'s statement.

QUESTION (6)

The passage includes which one or more of the following facts?

Taking each of the answer options one at a time: The first answer option [(**a**) **North London's Allied Group sponsors researchers**] is indeed true since the passage states that the Allied Group (is) *an influential think tank based in North London*.

As a check of your answer - and assuming that you have spare time in a test - it's worth casting your eye over the other four answer options to check that there isn't another contender for the only true statement. In this case, the other four answers options (b) to (e) are each clearly false.

QUESTION (7)

Some members of which group are identified in the passage as opponents of climate change policy? is a Comprehension type of verbal critical reasoning question. A valid approach is to eliminate possible answers that are not mentioned in the passage. Thus, four of the "groups" listed as answer options are not *a) Activists (c) Conservative corporations; (d) Unaccountable organisations deciding what our politics should be; and (e) Top-tier conservative think tanks*. That leaves only answer option (**b**) **Billionaires as the correct answer and the passage states that a recent investigation of secret funding operations found that is was mainly billionaires, supporting an anti-climate change agenda - who were footing the bills.**