

2026-2027 PRE-FACULTY CAT TASK TYPES

The Pre-Faculty CAT exam will make use of one or more of the task types exemplified below.

READING

TASK: Read the main ideas below. Then, read the text and match the main ideas to the correct paragraph. There are extra options.

- A. By confronting dangers and adversity, superheroes teach us to face our fears and never give up.
- B. The example of the superhero leads us to develop our own talents and find strength in ourselves.
- C. There are different reasons why superheroes sometimes do bad things.
- D. A superhero is a powerful being with abilities beyond ordinary humans and the desire help others and fight evil.
- E. The image of the superhero is entertaining, but it also inspires us to use our lives for something good.
- F. A character that has superpowers is not necessarily a superhero. The character must also have the desire to do the right thing.
- G. Superheroes do not share their real identity with people for several reasons.

1. D

Many writers, artists, and other people who create the stories of superheroes believe that these characters embody our deepest hopes and fears.....(the text continues)

TASK: Read the following text and answer the questions by writing your answer in the box provided.

Noisy neighbours, uncollected litter and graffiti are among the things that really annoy us, according to a new survey.....(the text continues)

1 How many people took part in the survey?

More than 2,000 people

2 Which groups of people have a particular problem with noisy neighbours?

- 3 Why is transport noise not a bigger problem? **Do not write more than 1/2/3/4 word(s).**

- 4 In paragraph 2, which phrase is used to describe the fact that people become unaffected by certain things?

- 5 Which word in paragraph 10 is closest in meaning to 'fair'?

TASK: Read the following text and complete the chart by writing ONE to THREE word(s) or number(s) in each blank.

Climate change is constantly on the news these days - you can't avoid it. We hear about how it will affect the geography of the planet: heavier rains will cause coasts to flood in some areas, while drought conditions will create deserts in others.....(the text continues)

Environmental Issue	Problems It Causes
Climate Change	-1. causes the death of <u>300,000 people</u> per year
Rising Sea Levels	-saltier drinking water -2. _____ in pregnant women -complications in the delivery of babies
Increasing Temperatures	-3. _____ living longer -4. outbreaks of _____ -communities unprepared to handle the health emergency

- 5 Which of the following would be the best title for this text?

- A Climate Change: How Media Reports the Crisis
B Climate Change: Redrawing the Earth's Geography
C Climate Change: Global Solutions for the Future
D Climate Change: The Main Causes Explained
E Climate Change: Preparing Society to Adapt

TASK: Read the following text and answer the questions by choosing A, B, C, D or E or by writing your answer in the box provided.

Shopaholics

I am a nerdy American researcher. (1) . What I do know about is shops and shopping. I've always been good at watching

people..... (the text continues)

- 1 Which of the following would best complete the blank in paragraph 1?
- A No one has ever thought of me as fashionable
 - B I love going shopping
 - C I have carried out research into many subjects
 - D No one is interested in what I buy
 - E I like learning new things
- 2 The writer is a researcher who...
- A creates window displays.
 - B compares shopping at different stores.
 - C observes how people shop.
 - D interviews salespeople.
 - E shops a lot.
- 3 In paragraph 3, the word "pedestrians" refers to people who...
- A buy things.
 - B drive.
 - C walk.
 - D sell things.
 - E do research.
- 4 In paragraph 4, the writer refers to a specific group of customers in order to...
- A show that people have different shopping habits.
 - B criticise salespeople who are not careful with customers.
 - C exemplify the difficulties salespeople might experience.
 - D list the various reasons why people go shopping.
 - E prove that people do too much shopping.
- 5 "many" in paragraph 5 refers to...
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- 6 "those" in paragraph 6 refers to...
- A customers.
 - B salespeople.
 - C people's experiences.
 - D shopping habits.
 - E window displays.

- 7 In the text, the writer's attitude towards customers is...
- A tolerant.
 - B critical.
 - C supportive.
 - D disinterested.
 - E objective.
- 8 According to paragraph 6, which of the following reactions would a shopaholic give if they were told they need treatment?
- A Using offensive words
 - B Going shopping more frequently
 - C Experiencing great levels of anxiety
 - D Consulting family members
 - E Being unable to follow a daily routine
- 9 The main idea of paragraph 7 is that shopaholics...
- A readily display negative behaviour.
 - B are unaware that they need treatment.
 - C experience great levels of anxiety.
 - D tend to buy more than they can afford.
 - E are unable to follow a daily routine.
- 10 In paragraph 7, the word "illicit" is closest in meaning to...
- A prohibited by laws.
 - B inexpensive.
 - C surprising.
 - D annoying.
 - E approved of by society.
- 11 Which word in paragraph 7 is closest in meaning to 'not allowed by laws'?
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- 12 This text is written for...
- A customers.
 - B the public.
 - C researchers.
 - D shop owners.
 - E salespeople.

- 13 This text is taken from a(n)...
- A sociology book.
 - B newspaper.
 - C research paper.
 - D handbook.
 - E advertisement.
- 14 The writer's main purpose in writing this text is to...
- A give the readers some shopping tips.
 - B illustrate how people behave as they shop.
 - C inform the readers on the history of shopping.
 - D discourage people from shopping unnecessarily.
 - E advise salespeople on how to sell more.
- 15 The main idea of the text is that shopaholism...
- A must be treated as a problem.
 - B seems to be on the rise.
 - C has far-reaching consequences.
 - D has become a significant concern in society.
 - E is associated with females.
- 16 The writer's tone in this text is...
- A irritated.
 - B amused.
 - C objective.
 - D threatening.
 - E suspicious.

TASK: Read the following text and answer the questions by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

Chasing Sunken Gold

With its romance, tragedy, and sunken gold, the Fischer family story sounds straight out of a Hollywood movie. Mel and Deo Fischer, both now in their sixties, are the most successful underwater treasure hunters in the world.

It all started in 1953. When they got married, Deo knew nothing about diving. But Mel had been hooked on the sport since age ten, when he built his own diving gear out of paint cans. He quickly taught Deo how to dive. "We've been underwater ever since," Deo says with a smile.

The couple started out running a scuba diving business, but they couldn't stay away from the thrill of treasure hunting.....(the text continues)

1 Which of the following best describes how Mel feels about diving?

- A Eager
- B Indifferent
- C Bored
- D Undecided
- E Reluctant

TASK: Read the following text and answer the questions by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

I shifted uncomfortably inside my best suit and eased a finger inside the tight white collar. It was hot in the little bus and I had taken a seat on the wrong side where the summer sun beat on the windows. It was a strange outfit for the weather, but a few miles ahead my future employer might be waiting for me and I had to make a good impression.....(the text continues)

1 As he travelled, the writer regretted his choice of...

- A seat.
- B clothes.
- C career.
- D means of transport.
- E time of travel.

2 In paragraph 2, the writer uses the phrase "I had grabbed the lifeline" to show that he felt

- A confident of his ability.
- B ready to consider any offer.
- C cautious about accepting the invitation.
- D forced to make a decision unwillingly.
- E uncomfortable during the interview.

3 What impression had the writer previously had of Yorkshire?

- A It was a beautiful place.
- B It was a boring place.
- C It was a charming place.
- D It was an unhappy place.
- E It was a dangerous place.

LANGUAGE

TASK: For each question, choose the option that has the closest meaning to the sentence in bold. Mark the letter A, B, C, D or E.

1 **Having spent so long doing my homework, I had no time to read my book.**

- A I did not want to read my book because I had spent so long doing my homework.
- B I did not have any time to read my book because I had spent so long doing my homework.
- C I had no time to read my book, so I decided to do my homework.
- D I wanted to read my book before I did my homework, but I couldn't.
- E Although I had some time after I did my homework, I did not read my book.

TASK: Fill in the blanks in the short texts by choosing A, B, C, D or E for the correct combination of answers.

1 If he _____ careful and _____ on the ice, he _____ a broken leg now.

- A have been/ haven't slipped/ wouldn't have had
- B were/ didn't slip/ wouldn't have
- C had been/ didn't slip / wouldn't have
- D were / had not slipped/ wouldn't have had
- E had been/ hadn't slipped / wouldn't have

TASK: Fill in the blank in each sentence by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

1 If he had been careful, he _____ a broken leg now.

- A wouldn't have had
- B wouldn't have
- C didn't have
- D would have had
- E would have

TASK: Fill in the blanks in the text by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

His parents lent him the money he needed. They did this (1)_____ help him afford the trip.(the text continues)

1 A likewise B nevertheless C so as to D and yet E hence

TASK: There are five underlined sections in each sentence. Select the one which is wrong and mark the letter A, B, C, D or E. Give only one answer to each question.

The old ship was known to be full of gold. Mel and Deo, supported by a tiny crew, had been searching the ocean for twenty years before finding the main wreck.

Having been spent all their money on the project, the couple, must have felt immense relief when they finally made their historic discovery.

TASK: Choose the word that matches the given dictionary definition and mark A, B, C, D or E.

To make it possible for someone to do something, or for something to happen

- A Provide
- B Enable
- C Overlap
- D Innovate
- E Sustain

TASK: Fill in the blank in each sentence by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

1 The high cost of the vaccine has severely _____ its use.

- A hindered
- B accumulated
- C bothered
- D recalled
- E sacrificed

TASK: Fill in the blanks in the text by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

Have you ever thought , "Oh, no! Not another grey, rainy day!" Bad weather can really affect your mood, can't it? Most of us get (1)_____ at some point during the winter, and we can't wait for spring to come.

1 A indifferent B humble C sincere D depressed E talented

TASK: Read the following sentences. Select the one in which the word "ignorant" is used incorrectly and mark the letter A, B, C, D or E. Give only one answer to each question.

- A He was a careless workman, ignorant of details - he did not take enough care over the things that he was responsible for.
- B I didn't like to ask him to explain more clearly because I didn't want to appear ignorant.
- C I'm very ignorant about politics.
- D Many young people are ignorant of recent history.
- E But political historians are often rather ignorant of economics.

LISTENING

TASK: You are going to listen to an excerpt from a lecture. As you listen, fill in the blanks to complete the notes in the note taking chart below. You may have to write more than one word in each blank.

What is needed to start a new business and succeed?		-A great idea -Money -(1) <u>the right people</u>
The right people	→	-understand your business goals -(2)_____ -willing to work hard

TASK: Listen to a lecturer giving advice to a student. Answer the questions.

1 What two key points does she mention about designing questionnaires?

TASK: Listen to the first part of a lecture. As you listen, answer the questions below.

1 The lecture is going to be about...

- A why superheroes suffer.
B why people like superheroes.
C how superheroes help people.
D how superheroes become evil.
E how superheroes cooperate.

TASK: You are going to listen to a short part taken from a lecture / an interview. As you listen, answer the relevant question(s) by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

Part 1:

1 The professor hired a friend who...

- A expected more money.
- B allowed her problems to affect her work.
- C soon quit.
- D expected special treatment.
- E worked inefficiently.

Part 2:

2 According to the professor, one benefit of hiring close friends is that you know...

- A about their personality.
B that you can trust them.
C if they are qualified for the job.
D about their weaknesses.
E their working style.

TASK: You are going to listen to a short part taken from a lecture / an interview. As you listen, answer the question related to each part by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

Part 1:

- 1 In this part, the main purpose of the speaker is to...
- A warn people against global warming.
 - B describe the reasons for global warming.
 - C suggest measures against global warming.
 - D question the concept of global warming.
 - E correct some misunderstandings about global warming.
- 2 In this part, the main point the speaker is making is that...
- A people must be warned against global warming.
 - B there are various reasons for global warming.
 - C measures must be taken against global warming.
 - D the concept of global warming must be questioned.
 - E misunderstandings about global warming must be corrected.
- 3 Which of the following best describes the speaker's attitude towards the measures taken against global warming?
- A Sarcastic
 - B Angry
 - C Indifferent
 - D Unsure
 - E Inconsistent
- 4 Which of the following best describes the speaker's tone in this part?
- A Offensive
 - B Pleased
 - C Surprised
 - D Threatening
 - E Questioning

TASK: You are going to listen to a lecture. As you listen, tick (✓) the main ideas the lecturer presents.

- ☒ Too much responsibility can be a burden on children.
- ☐ Many children have sick family members.
- ☒ Children often have to take on the role of parent to care for siblings.
- ☒ Some children even reverse roles with their own parents.
- ☐ Parents have to provide guidance for their children.
- ☒ Responsibilities can be barriers and cause frustration

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Many of these children become teachers and counselors.

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Many children get satisfaction from helping others.

TASK: You are going to listen to two people having a conversation. As you listen, answer the questions by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

1 They are at...

- A work.
- B the airport.
- C home.
- D school.
- E a football match.

2 They want to buy a...

- A fridge.
- B painting.
- C car.
- D computer.
- E drink.

TASK: You are going to listen to a lecture/ an interview. As you listen, take notes under the headings provided. After the lecture/ interview has finished, you will be given questions to answer using your notes. Your notes will not be marked. You will hear the lecture/ interview once only.

Answer the questions by choosing A, B, C, D or E or writing your answers in the box/blank/diagram provided. For questions 8-11, complete the table by writing ONE to THREE word(s) or number(s) in each blank.

1 The lecturer starts the lecture with an example about Bhutan in order to...

- A show how Bhutan first made contact with the outside world.
- B attract listeners' attention to the topic of globalization.
- C explain what a gross national product is.
- D inform listeners of how to have a gross national happiness.
- E give some information about Bhutan.

2 The speaker says that the U.S. is seen as the driving force behind the process of globalization because...

- A people believe only the U.S. can go through such a complicated process.
- B the U.S. is trying to make all cultures popular around the world.
- C the U.S. established the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.
- D people associate capitalism and large transnational corporations with the U.S.
- E there are many big corporations in the U.S.

3 Poor countries have to follow global trade rules as a condition for _____.

4-5 Complete the following diagram which outlines the rules poor countries are pressured to follow.

(4)Adjusting the value of its currency.

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Privatizing industries and banks.

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Imposing new (5)_____ on goods imported from other countries (Answer: taxes)

6 The speaker's attitude towards the achievements of the non-Western countries that have integrated successfully into the world economy is...

- A doubtful.
- B critical.
- C surprised.
- D approving.
- E neutral.

7 What two labour issues do critics of globalization bring up all the time? **Do not write more than 1/2/3/4 words.**

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8-11

<u>Global Citizens Network</u>

8. Serving the volunteer tourist for over <u>16</u> years

Essential information:

9. Average age range _____ to _____

Some of our projects include:

10. teaching _____

Where?

11. We have programs in different countries like _____ and _____
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WRITING

TASK: Write an essay of about 350 words giving your opinion. Do not write fewer than 325 words.

“Ecotourism is the business of organizing holidays to places that people do not usually visit in a way which helps local people and does not damage the environment. Ecotourism is not popular in many parts of the world. In your opinion, what are some reasons why ecotourism is not popular and what are the possible disadvantages of this situation?”

TASK: Write an essay of about 350 words giving your opinion. Do not write fewer than 325 words.

“Some people think intelligence is something an individual is born with and cannot grow stronger. However, others believe intelligence can be developed under the right conditions like a good family and good schools. What is your opinion?”