

**Sample Test Material for:**

**Understanding and interpreting written material**

**Test material will be presented in a multiple-choice question format.**

There are 15 questions in this subject area.

**Test Task:** You will be provided with brief reading passages and then will be asked questions relating to the passages. All the information required to answer the questions will be provided in the passages.

**SAMPLE QUESTION:**

“Increasingly, behavior termed ‘road rage’ is being viewed as a public health issue, because of the number of deaths and injuries related to it. Such behavior is often a reaction to the feeling that one has been treated unfairly by another driver, and it is much less likely to occur if a driver is treated fairly. ‘Fair play’ on the road includes the observance not only of traffic regulations but also of the rules of courtesy. Courteous driving is based on common sense consideration for other drivers and a strong desire to make the roads safe for everyone. Good highway manners should become just as much a matter of habit as other kinds of manners.”

Which one of the following statements is best supported by the above selection?

- A. Courteous driving contributes to road safety.
- B. Those who are generally polite are also courteous drivers.
- C. Unlike driving courtesy, the observance of traffic regulations is a matter of habit.
- D. Being courteous when driving is more important than observing traffic regulations.

*The correct answer to this sample question is Choice A.*

**Solution:**

To answer this question correctly, you must evaluate each choice against the written selection and determine the one that is best supported by the written selection.

Choice A states, “Courteous driving contributes to road safety.” Choice A is supported by the statement in the written selection that, “Courteous driving is based on...a strong desire to make the roads safe for everyone.” This is the correct answer.

Choice B states, “Those who are generally polite are also courteous drivers.” Choice B is not supported by the written selection. The written selection does not mention “those who are generally polite” at all. Choice B is not the correct answer to this question.

Choice C states, “Unlike driving courtesy, the observance of traffic regulations is a matter of habit.” Choice C is not supported by the written selection. The written selection makes no such bold statement. Instead, the written material mildly suggests that “Good highway manners should become just as much a matter of habit as other kinds of manners.” Choice C is not the correct answer to this question.

Choice D states, “Being courteous when driving is more important than observing traffic regulations.” Choice D is not supported by the written selection. The written selection states, “‘Fair play’ on the road includes the observance not only of traffic regulations but also of the rules of courtesy.” The written selection does not state that being courteous is more important than observing traffic regulations. Choice D is not the correct answer to this question.