

WRITTEN COMPONENT SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The questions shown below are for illustrative purposes only. They are examples of the different question types and formats that candidates may encounter on the multiple-choice examination. Questions that appear on the actual examination vary in difficulty and may be easier or more difficult than the questions illustrated below.

Knowledge of English Grammar, Usage, Punctuation, and Sentence Structure - These questions assess applicants' ability to apply the rules of English grammar and usage, punctuation, and sentence structure. To answer these questions, you must select the alternative which is most correct.

SAMPLE QUESTION:

_____ only concern was for the child's safe return.

- A. Therr
- B. They're
- C. There
- D. Their

The correct answer to the Sample Question is D.

Choice A is not correct. *Therr is a mutated version of "thurr", a slang term used as a mispronounced version of "there."*

Choice B is not correct. *They're is a contraction that means "they are."*

Choice C is not correct. *There is used to indicate location.*

Choice D is the correct answer. *Their is the possessive form of "they" – it has to do with what belongs to.*

Spelling - These questions assess applicants' knowledge of the spelling of words that Court Reporters may encounter in their daily work. These questions should be answered by selecting the word that is spelled correctly.

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Which one of the following options is spelled correctly?

- A. commitment
- B. comitment
- C. comitmmment
- D. comitmant

*The correct answer to the Sample Question is A. Commitment comes from the verb *commit* which stems from the latin word *committere* = to join, to entrust (*com* = with and *mittere* = put or send)*

Vocabulary – These questions assess applicants’ knowledge of the meaning of words and phrases that Court Reporters may encounter in their daily work. These questions should be answered by selecting the alternative which **best expresses** the meaning of the given word.

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Which one of the following options reflects the correct meaning of the word truncated?

- A. Under duress
- B. Cut short
- C. Misrepresented
- D. Long-winded

The correct answer to the Sample Question is B.

Choice A is not correct. *Under duress means under pressure.*

Choice B is the correct answer. *Truncated means cut short or curtailed.*

Choice C is not correct. *Misrepresented means being represented in an incorrect or misleading manner.*

Choice D is not correct. *Long-winded means being verbose or wordy.*

Medical, Technical and Legal Terminology - These questions assess applicants’ knowledge of the medical, legal, and technical terminology that Court Reporters may encounter in their daily work. These questions include, but may not be limited to, terms from fields such as law, forensic science, anatomy, physiology and medicine. These questions should be answered by selecting the alternative which **best answers** the given question.

SAMPLE QUESTION:

A physician who specializes in the study of the digestive system is known as a(n):

- A. gastroenterologist
- B. urologist
- C. cardiologist
- D. neurologist

The correct answer to the Sample Question is A.

Choice A is the correct answer. *A gastroenterologist is a physician who specializes in dealing with disorders of the stomach, intestines, and associated organs.*

Choice B is not correct. *A urologist is a physician who specializes in the urinary or urogenital tract.*

Choice C is not correct. *A cardiologist is a physician who specializes in the study of the heart and its action and diseases.*

Choice D is not correct. *A neurologist is a physician who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of disease of the nervous system.*

SAMPLE QUESTION:

ASCII refers to the type of:

- A. a word index
- B. software that court reporters use
- C. a stenographic machine
- D. a file format

The correct answer to the Sample Question is D.

Choice A is not correct. *A word index is a list of words usually arranged in alphabetical order.*

Choice B is not correct. *There are different software that court reporters use in their daily work, but none of them so far are called ASCII.*

Choice C is not correct. *There are many different types of stenographic machines out there but none of them so far are called ASCII.*

Choice D is the correct answer. *ASCII is the acronym for American Standard Code for Information Interchange and is used to represent plain text files. Therefore, ASCII refers to the format of a file.*

SAMPLE QUESTION:

The term subornation means:

- A. substituting an old contract with a new one.
- B. procuring another person to commit perjury
- C. an accusation in response to one from someone else.
- D. an allegation that contradicts what a person has previously said or agreed to.

The correct answer to the Sample Question is B.

Choice A is not correct. *Choice A best defines the term discharge of contract by novation.*

Choice B is the correct answer. *This description best defines the term subornation.*

Choice C is not correct. *Choice C best defines the term counterclaim.*

Choice D is not correct. *Choice D best describes the term estoppel.*