



# ATI TEAS Study Guide

A PDF Guide to the ATI TEAS Tests with  
Free Questions and TEAS Tips

*This guide features a ten-step plan to make the most of our ATI TEAS resources,  
as well as sample questions to kick-start your practice.*

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# APPLYING TO NURSING SCHOOL

## What are your chances of getting into nursing school?

During the academic year of 2014–2015, 265,954 applications for entry-level baccalaureate nursing programs were submitted. 63% of applications—170,109—met admissions criteria. However, of that number, 50,000 applications were rejected, with only 119,428 applications resulting in acceptance into a program.

For anyone submitting an application in 2014–2015, the chance of success was less than 50%. For applicants who met the admissions criteria and successfully submitted their application, the chance of acceptance was 70%.

The reasons for this high number of unsuccessful applications are mainly two-fold. First, there weren't enough spaces, or funding, available for so many applicants, and second, despite meeting admission criteria, many applicants were beaten by others with better scores.

**The good news** is that the nursing sector is growing at a rate of 16%, which is quite fast, meaning that nearly half a million new jobs will exist by 2024. The other good news is that you can do a lot of preparation to boost your scores and increase your chances of being accepted into your preferred program.

## How do I beat the competition?

Based on the data above, it is safe to assume that from the outset, your application has a 50% chance of being successful. To increase your chances, prepare for the challenges you need to overcome. One of the challenges you have more control over is the TEAS test.

If ATI Testing's TEAS test is part of your application, the following ten steps can help you better prepare and increase your chances of not only getting the grades required, but exceeding them. Beat the competition, boost your confidence, and ace the TEAS.

# TEN STEPS TO PASS THE TEAS

## 1. Familiarize yourself with formalities.

- Where can you take the test?
- When must you register?
- Can you retake the test if you don't get a good result?
- How much time do you need between retakes?

Find out this information and plan accordingly. Check out our website to get started: [www.testprep-online.com/teas-test.aspx](http://www.testprep-online.com/teas-test.aspx)

## 2. Take a practice test.

Just how good are you at the TEAS? Use one of our ATI TEAS practice tests in Timed Mode to see how much you know. Taking a full-length TEAS test can help you establish what you need to focus on as well as benchmark your starting score.

We advise that you take the test unprepared. Attempt all the questions. Make a note of your score, particularly what percentage of questions you got right for each section.

## 3. Create a study plan.

Start by dividing up the different topics. You can use our TEAS subject webpages for topic guidance. Break the topics down as small as possible. Plan 20-minute to one-hour study sessions for yourself. **Remember:**

- Tailor your study plan to the time you have before test day. Make sure you aren't learning things up to the last minute. Give yourself a few weeks to review the material.
- How much time do you need to learn the material? Be realistic; remember DNA wasn't discovered in a day.
- How much time do you need to test your knowledge? Learning the material is only half the battle.
- How well do you perform on tests? Do you feel like you do well on tests, or are your palms sweaty at the thought of test day? Be sure to take extra timed practice tests to calm your nerves and to teach yourself to perform better under stressful circumstances.

## 4. Identify the important topics.

Each topic is important, but focus on the topics that feature more questions compared to others.



# SCIENCE

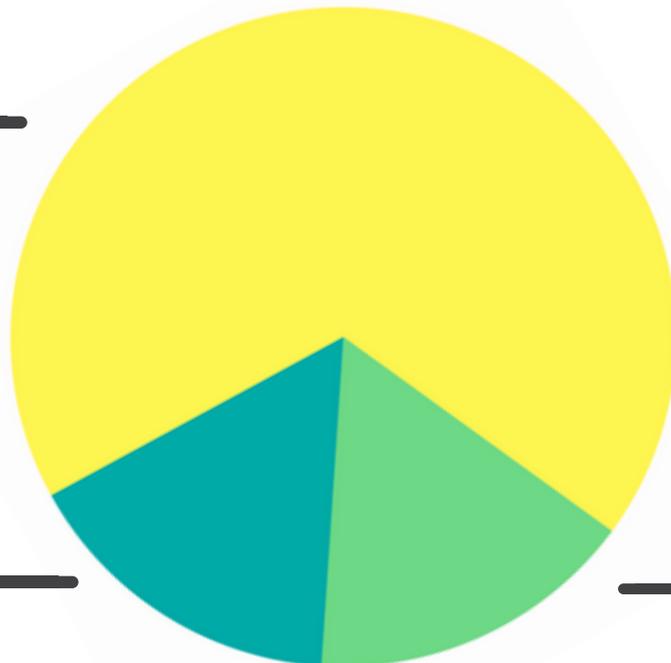
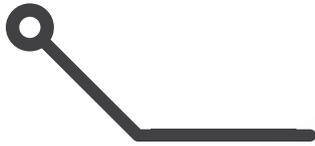
This section is worth **31%** of the total exam.

There are an additional six pretest items that are unscored and spread across all three topics.

This pie chart shows how much each topic is worth for this section:

Topic 1: Human Anatomy & Physiology

- 32 questions
- worth 68% of the topic



Topic 3: Scientific Reasoning

- 7 questions
- worth 15% of the topic



Topic 2: Life & Physical Sciences

- 8 questions
- worth 17% of the topic



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# READING

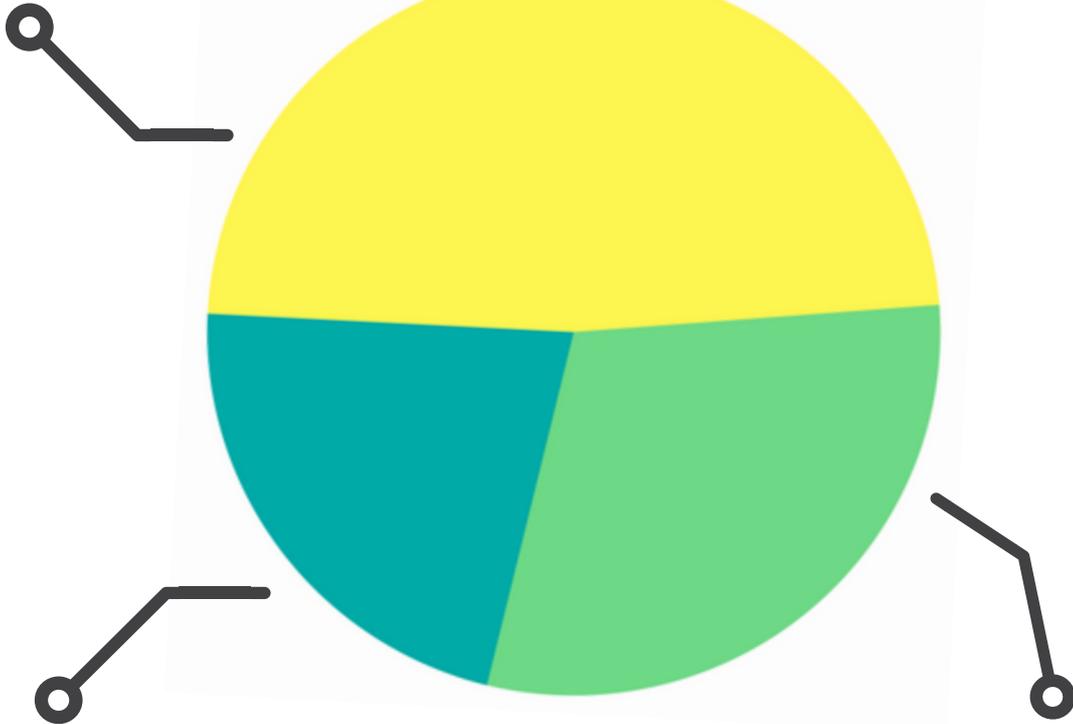
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This pie chart shows how much each topic is worth for this section:

Topic 1: Key Ideas and Details

- 22 questions
- worth 47% of the topic



Topic 3: Integration of Knowledge & Ideas  
- 11 questions  
- worth 23% of the topic

Topic 2: Craft & Structure  
- 14 questions  
- worth 30% of the topic

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# MATH

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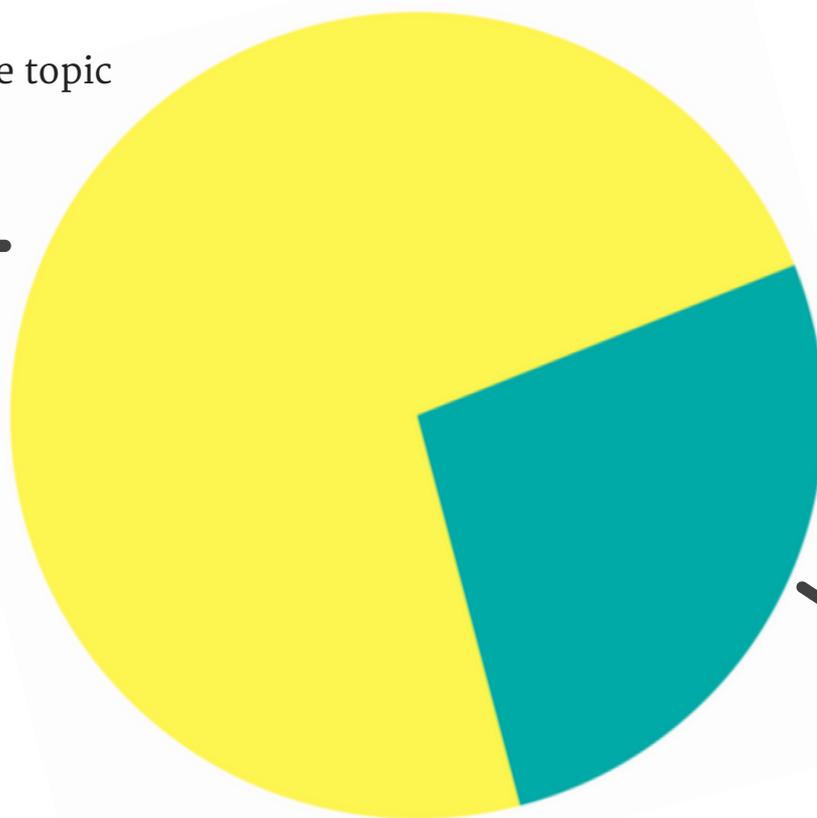
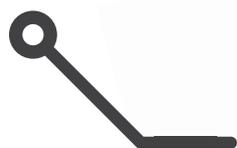
A calculator is now permitted and provided on the test.

There are an additional four pretest items that are unscored and spread across all three topics.

This pie chart shows how much each topic is worth for this section:

Topic 1: Number & Algebra

- 23 questions
- worth 72% of the topic



Topic 2: Measurement & Data  
- 9 questions  
- worth 28% of the topic

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# ENGLISH

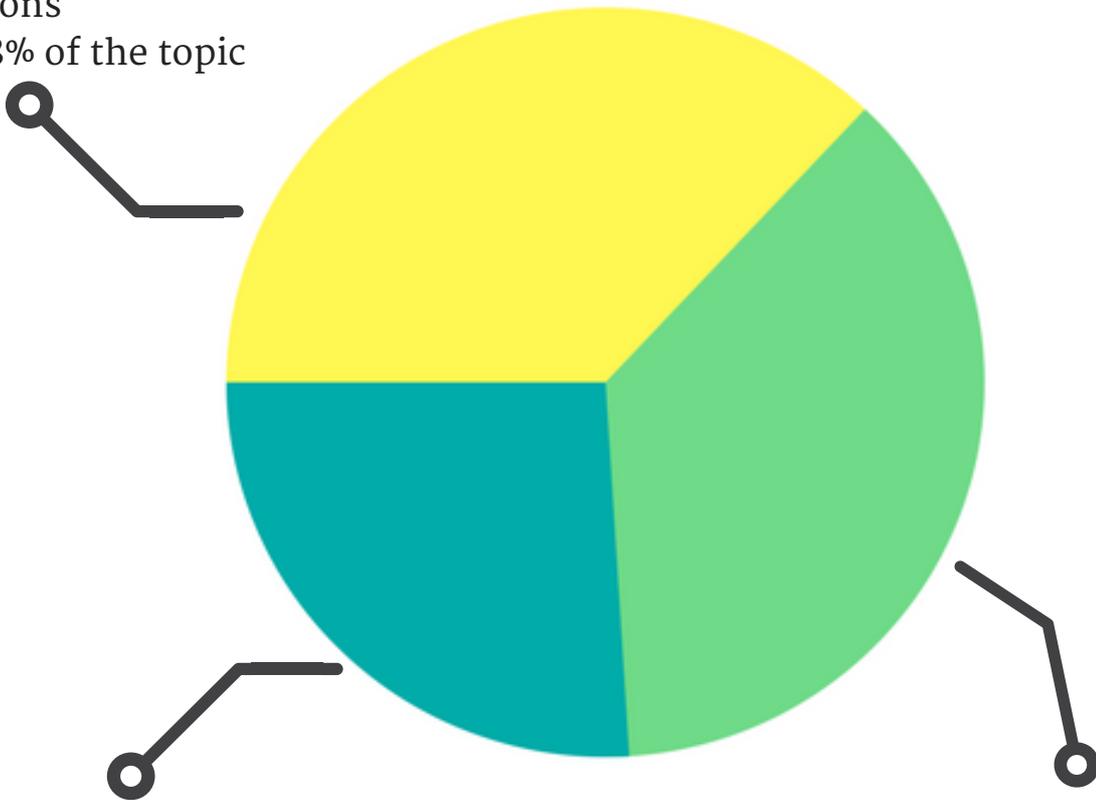
This section is worth **16%** of the total exam.

There are an additional four pretest items that are unscored and spread across all three topics.

This pie chart shows how much each topic is worth for this section:

Topic 1: Conventions of Standard English

- 9 questions
- worth 38% of the topic



Topic 3: Vocabulary Acquisition

- 6 questions
- worth 25% of the topic

Topic 2: Knowledge of Language

- 9 questions
- worth 38% of the topic

[Get the ATI TEAS English & Language Usage Practice Pack Here!](#)

## 5. Know the difference between the TEAS V and ATI TEAS 6 test.

We offer two full-length ATI TEAS tests as well as additional questions arranged in subject-specific tests for each of the four sections of the TEAS.

For the Reading and English & Language Usage sections, TEAS V tests can offer an adequate means to test your knowledge for the ATI TEAS 6 test. However, for the Math and Science sections, it is important to understand the differences between TEAS V material and the questions you will face on the actual ATI TEAS 6.

The Math section now features a calculator. TEAS V practice tests and TEAS V Math questions do not. Our ATI TEAS questions can help you test your knowledge and improve your mental arithmetic. Prepare for the ATI TEAS 6 Math section with TEAS practice tests that permit a calculator and are designed for the sixth edition of ATI Testing's nursing exam.

The Science section no longer includes the Earth & Physical Science topic. TEAS V tests may still feature this topic. When you practice with any of these TEAS V Science questions, be careful not to prepare for questions you will not encounter on the actual ATI TEAS exam.

## 6. Study in segments.

Does your list of subjects to learn look ridiculously long? No fear; keep it in segments and tackle one at a time. Dipping in and out of nursing forums is not studying. Avoid procrastination by taking timed study sessions, and choose sleep over long, late hours of staring blankly at the screen.

## 7. Test your progress.

After you have studied a cluster of topics, test your knowledge. You can use our supplementary practice questions in the ATI TEAS Premium Pack to see how you are doing.

Remember, no matter how many questions you attempt, keep a record of what your success percentage is. Be serious about taking the test in an environment like the real test—no music, only silence, no distractions, and with a timer.

## 8. Understand the test format.

All the sections are tested in a multiple-choice format. The time frames for each of the sections are as follows:

Reading	53 questions (47 scored)	64 minutes
Mathematics	36 questions (32 scored)	54 minutes
Science	53 questions (47 scored)	63 minutes
English & Language Usage	28 questions (24 scored)	28 minutes
<b>Total:</b>	<b>170 questions</b>	<b>209 minutes</b>

There is not much time for each question, so there are techniques to be learned when approaching the different sections. Be sure to read the answer explanations that accompany our free practice questions. These explanations offer tips and techniques for better methods of taking the test.

## 9. Focus on your weakest areas.

Use your results from the practice test to identify your weakest areas. Refocus your attention on these topics. Re-learn the material, using the detailed explanations to help understand where you are going wrong.

## 10. When test day is a week away...

- Double-check the schedule for test day, including:
  - What time it is held;
  - What you can and cannot take into the test center; and
  - How to get there.
- Revisit notes with confidence and take a final practice test at least two days before the real test.
- Don't worry if you do badly on some questions. The scores will help you to focus your attention on your most important notes.
- On test day, head to the test center with a positive outlook. Do a power pose for two minutes before you start the test. **Good luck!**

# ATI TEAS PRACTICE TEST

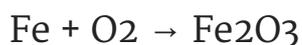
- Allow yourself 10 minutes to answer the following 10 practice questions.
- You are permitted to use a calculator for the math questions if you wish.
- Record your score and check your answers at the end of the test.

## Question 1

Which organelle performs autophagy?

- A. Proteasome
- B. Cytoskeleton
- C. Ribosome
- D. Lysosome

## Question 2



Which of the following choices shows the correct molarity of the reaction above?

- A.  $\text{Fe} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$
- B.  $\text{Fe} + 3\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$
- C.  $\text{Fe} + 3\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$
- D.  $4\text{Fe} + 3\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$

## Question 3

Which of the following is carried out by the Luteinizing hormone (LH)?

- A. Protection of pregnancy
- B. Ovulation
- C. Menstruation
- D. Labor

## Question 4

Which of the following is spelled correctly?

- A. neumonia
- B. pnumonia
- C. numonia
- D. pneumonia

Read the following passage before answering Questions 5 and 6.

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## Question 5

Which of the following inferences can be drawn from the passage?

- A. India's economy is weakening.
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## Question 6

Which of the following beliefs is not supported by this passage?

- A. Inflation and consumption are not affected by the same factors.
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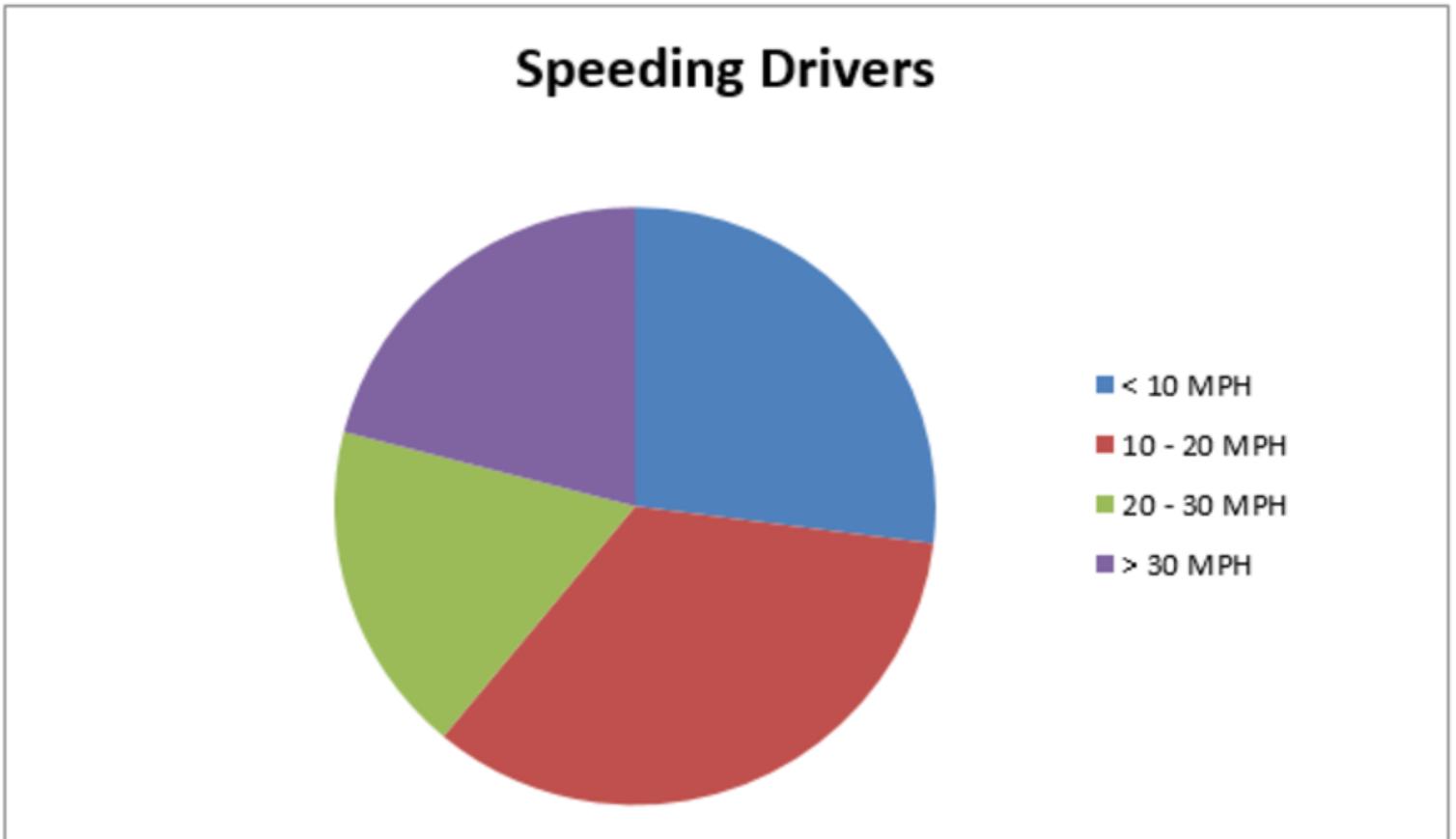
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# TEAS PRACTICE TEST - ANSWERS & EXPLANATIONS

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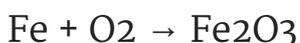
## Answer & Explanation

The correct answer is (D).

The lysosome is an acidic organelle that contains degrading enzymes. Lysosomes can digest worn-out organelles and release their components to be re-used in the cytoplasm. This process is called autophagy (“self-digestion”).

The proteasome is a complex that degrades malfunctioning/misfolded proteins to peptides, the cytoskeleton maintains the shape and general organization of cellular contents, and the ribosome is a large cellular complex that translates messenger RNA (mRNA) molecules to protein.

## Question 2



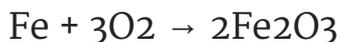
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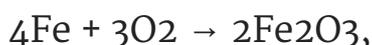
## Answer & Explanation

The correct answer is (D).

The reaction above is the oxidation of iron. First, look at the number of oxygen moles of the products. Three oxygen moles mean that the oxygen moles on the left (reactants) must be multiplied by 3 and the oxygen moles on the right (product) must be multiplied by 2. This is done to achieve an identical number of oxygen moles on both sides.



After balancing the oxygen moles, the number of ferritin moles becomes unbalanced—one on the left, four on the right. To fix this, simply multiply the number of ferritin moles on the left by four:



which is the balanced equation.

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### Answer & Explanation

**The correct answer is (B).**

The Luteinizing Hormone (LH) is produced in the gonadotropic cells of the anterior pituitary gland. In females, an acute rise of the hormone levels triggers ovulation.

Progesterone is secreted from the Corpus Luteum, and during pregnancy, from the placenta. A decrease in progesterone leads to menstruation, and during pregnancy the levels of progesterone greatly increase. A drop in progesterone in late pregnancy leads to labor.

Oxytocin is produced by the hypothalamus and is secreted in large amounts during labor.

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Pneumonia is a lung inflammation caused by a bacterial or viral infection.

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## Answer & Explanation

The correct answer is (B).

The third sentence states that the economy grew 7.7% during the three months ending June 30, while the fourth sentence states that the economy grew 7.8% during the previous three months.

Answer (A) is incorrect because the passage only mentions India's economy growing.

Answer (C) is incorrect because the fifth sentence states that Bloomberg News predicted a 7.6% increase and the third sentence states that the actual increase was 7.7%. Bloomberg underestimated the growth.

Answer (D) is incorrect because the word "stubborn" indicates that the inflation is behaving in a way the Reserve Bank does not view favorably.

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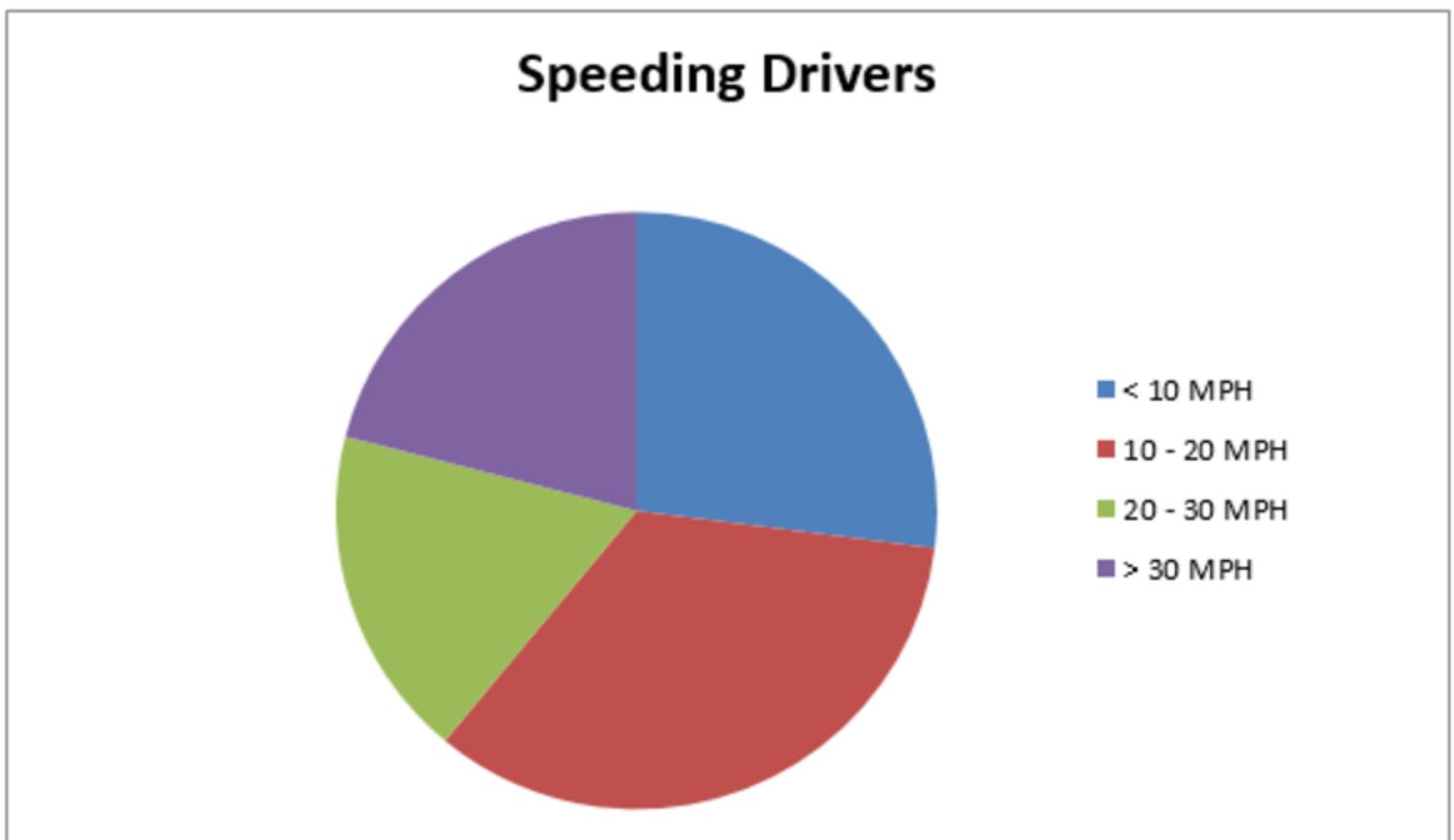
The first sentence states that India's economy's fast growth is maintaining pressure on the central bank to extend its interest rate increases, **even as** the global recovery weakens. This means that global economic growth is suffering due to the high interest rates and that there is a need to lower them to allow for economic growth.

Answer (A) is incorrect because the last sentence states that India's consumption has "remained strong" because of higher salaries, while inflation may remain "stubborn." The bank attributes the strong consumption to the high salaries, but it does not mention what is causing the inflation to remain stubborn. It can be inferred that this is caused by a different factor.

Answer (B) is incorrect because the first sentence states, "... even as the global recovery weakens."

Answer (C) is incorrect because the second sentence states, "Stocks, bond yields, and the rupee, India's currency, advanced."

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## Answer & Explanation

The correct answer is (D).

The pie slices representing drivers pulled over for speeding at least 20 MPH above the speed limit (20–30 MPH and >30 MPH) is less than half the entire pie as these are represented by the green and purple sections of the pie.

Answer (A) is incorrect as the red section of the pie (10–20 MPH) is clearly larger than the green section (20–30 MPH). Therefore, this statement is true, not false.

Answer (B) is talking about the combined areas of the blue section (<10 MPH) and the purple section (>30 MPH), and together they make up less than half the circle. Therefore, this statement is also true.

Answer (C) is also true as the red section (10–20 MPH) is larger than the purple section (>30 MPH).

Therefore, the only false statement is (D).

## Question 8

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- B. \$25
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- D. \$40

## Answer & Explanation

The correct answer is (C).

60% of \$50 is the same as  $\$50 \times 0.6$ , which is equivalent to  $50 \times \frac{6}{10}$  and  $50 \times \frac{6}{10} = \frac{300}{10} = \$30$ .

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## Answer & Explanation

The correct answer is (C).

The descriptive phrase “After years of serving the community” refers to the local library. Consequently, the correct phrasing of the sentence is, “After years of serving the community, the local library will be shut down due to lack of funds.”

## Question 10

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## Answer & Explanation

**The correct answer is (B), "fixed or firmly settled."**

The word "set" has several meanings. However, in the context provided in the sentence, you can infer which meaning is the relevant one.

You must check which option both fits the general notion conveyed in the sentence and corresponds well with the structure of the sentence.

Option (A): In addition, saying that the woman has a VERY collection (or growing number) of ideas doesn't sit well with the sentence.

Option (C): Suggesting that the woman is performing an action about how parents should behave doesn't stand to logic either.

Option (D): Saying the woman is VERY prepared (or full of readiness) ideas also does not comprise a proper sentence.

Option (B): According to this option, the woman has firm (or fixed) ideas as to how parents should behave. This sentence makes sense and therefore is the correct answer.

Solving tip: There are two ways to tackle these sorts of questions:

### 1) Method One

- Read the sentence.
- Figure out the appropriate definition.
- Look for an answer choice that states your anticipated answer.
- If such an answer exists, choose it. If not, check the answer choices one by one and choose the one that fits best.

### 2) Method Two

- Read the sentence.
- Go over the answer choices one by one.
- Choose the answer that fits best.

Even though the first method might seem longer (especially if your anticipated answer does not appear among the answer choices), we recommended using it over the second method. The reason is that some of the answer choices are designed to distract you from the correct answer. Anticipating the correct answer may help you avoid these traps and enhance your ability to manage the test, instead of it managing you.

# A FINAL WORD

**Our newly updated ATI TEAS practice tests have been launched!  
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## **Get Our Best-Selling ATI TEAS Premium Practice Pack**

**What's included in the pack:**

- Two full-length ATI TEAS practice tests (340 questions)
- 8 additional ATI TEAS Reading exercises (191 questions)
- 5 additional ATI TEAS Math exercises (94 questions)
- 2 additional ATI TEAS Science exercises (32 questions)
- 6 additional ATI TEAS English & Language Usage exercises (120 questions)
- Answers with detailed explanations
- Personalized score reports
- Secured payment & immediate online access

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