

## Practice Final Part III [KEY]

### Written Language

**Directions:** For each of the following sentences, decide if one of the four underlined words or phrases is incorrect. If all four underlined sections are correct, then select E. (*These sentences are related.*)

### Panic Disorder

#### I. Introduction

- A. Definition
1. type of anxiety disorder
  2. frequent, unexpected episodes of intense fear & anxiety (called panic attacks)
- B. Background information
1. serious condition (affects ability to function at work & home)
  2. many—abuse alcohol / drugs: relieve anxiety
  3. 1 in 5 attempts suicide—can't cope w/ panic attacks
- C. Statistics
1. 2–3 times more common—women
  2. attacks start in 20s (usually)
  3. attacks diminish in number & severity—as grows older
  4. sometimes in children—not diagnosed until older (often)
- D. Thesis statement

**31) The sentence for A.1.2:**

Panic disorder is a type of anxiety disorder that is characterized by infrequent,  
A B C  
 unexpected episodes of intense fear and anxiety, called panic attacks. Correct  
D E

*Idea: "frequent"*

**32) The sentence for B.2.3:**

Many people with panic disorder abuse alcohol or drugs to relieve his anxiety, and  
A B  
 one in five patients attempts suicide because they are unable to cope with their  
C D  
 panic attacks. Correct  
E

*Wrong pronoun reference: "their"*

**33) The sentence for C.2.3:**

However, the attacks usually start when the patient is in her 20s and diminish  
A B C  
 in number and severity as she grows older. Correct  
D E

*Coh: not a contrast*

**34) The sentence for C.4:**

Sometimes, panic disorder occurs in children although it is often not diagnosed  
A B C  
 until the children are older. Correct  
D E

35) **The thesis sentence for this essay:**

This anxiety disorder can be further defined according to its causes,

including low levels of serotonin, symptoms, and methods of treatment. Correct

*Coh: extra info. in thesis*

**II. Possible causes**

A. Low levels of serotonin

1. serotonin = brain chemical (helps control anxiety & mood)
2. when levels low—overreact to perceived threat (can → panic attack)

B. Imbalance in exchange of carbon dioxide & oxygen

1. due to improper breathing when stressed
2. → excess carbon dioxide accumulates in blood
3. excess carbon dioxide → feelings of suffocation (trigger panic attack)

C. Researchers believe

1. stress can play role in development
2. unhealthy thinking styles (overemphasize danger of certain events) can play role in development

36) **The sentence for A.1:**

Panic disorder may be caused by low levels of serotonin that is a brain chemical

that helps control anxiety and mood. Correct

*R/C error: "which is "*

37) **The sentence for A.2:**

When levels of serotonin are low the patient overreacts to a perceived threat,

which can lead to a panic attack. Correct

*Missing comma*

38) **The sentence for B.1:**

Panic disorder also results from an imbalance in the exchange of carbon dioxide

and oxygen due to improper breathing when a person is stressed. Correct

*Idea: "may also result"*

39) **The sentence for B.2.3:**

The imbalance causes excess carbon dioxide to accumulate in the

blood, which leads to feelings of suffocation that triggers a panic attack. Correct

*S/V agreement "trigger"*

40) **The sentence for C.1.2:**

In addition, researchers believe stress and unhealthy thinking styles that

A

B

overemphasize the danger of certain event can play a role in the development of this

C

D

disorder. Correct

E

*Noun # "events"*