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I. WORD MEANING

001 Determine the meaning of words and phrases.

Includes using the context of a passage to determine the meaning of words with multiple meanings, unfamiliar and uncommon words and phrases, and figurative expressions.

II. MAIN IDEA AND DETAIL

002 Understand the main idea and supporting details in written material.

Includes identifying explicit and implicit main ideas; and recognizing ideas that support, illustrate, or elaborate the main idea of a passage.

III. WRITER'S PURPOSE

003 Identify a writer's purpose, point of view, and intended meaning.

Includes recognizing a writer's expressed or implied purpose for writing; evaluating the appropriateness of written material for various purposes or audiences; recognizing the likely effect of a writer's choice of words on an audience; and using the content, word choice, and phrasing of a passage to determine a writer's opinion or point of view.

IV. IDEA RELATIONSHIPS

004 Analyze the relationship among ideas in written material.

Includes identifying the sequence of events or steps; identifying cause-effect relationships; analyzing relationships between ideas in opposition; identifying solutions to problems; and drawing conclusions inductively and deductively from information stated or implied in a passage.
V. CRITICAL REASONING

005 Use critical reasoning skills to evaluate written material.

   Includes evaluating the stated or implied assumptions on which the validity of a writer’s argument depends; judging the relevance or importance of facts, examples, or graphic data to a writer’s argument; evaluating the logic of a writer's argument; evaluating the validity of analogies; distinguishing between fact and opinion; and assessing the credibility or objectivity of the writer or source of written material.

VI. STUDY SKILLS

006 Apply study skills to reading assignments.

   Includes organizing and summarizing information for study purposes; following written instructions or directions; and interpreting information presented in charts, graphs, or tables.