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# ***VERBAL SAMPLE QUESTIONS***

## **Multiple Choice**

**Please read the following instructions carefully:**

- ❖ Do not begin the test or open this booklet until you are advised to do so.
- ❖ This test has 60 questions and you will have 35 minutes to complete it.
- ❖ Work as quickly and as accurately as possible.
- ❖ Answers should only be marked on the answer sheet provided.
- ❖ All working out should be done on a separate sheet of paper.
- ❖ If you need to change an answer, rub out your answer completely and mark the new answer clearly.
- ❖ If you are unable to answer a question, select the most appropriate answer on the answer sheet.
- ❖ If you finish before time, check your answers.

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In each of the following questions choose one word from *each* set of brackets that are *similar* to each other.

Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**EXAMPLE**

[original sphere copy]  
[identical authentic circle]

**ANSWER**

*original authentic*

**Q 1**

[forfeit hold picture]  
[copy surrender win]

**Q 2**

[neat elder patient]  
[oak orderly chaos]

**Q 3**

[harvest scoop favour]  
[excavate icecream bury]

In each of the following questions choose one word from *each* set of brackets to complete the analogies. Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**EXAMPLE**

*Car* is to [road garage driver]  
as  
*ship* is to [cloud sea ramp]

**ANSWER**

*road sea*

**Q 4**

*Late* is to [hour prompt after]  
as  
*early* is to [before time morning]

**PLEASE CONTINUE**

**Q 5**

*Lamb* is to [sheep wolf cub]  
as  
*caterpillar* is to [wasp moth fly]

**Q 6**

*Eager* is to [enthusiastic anger bored]  
as  
*apathetic* is to [keen uninterested always]

In each of the following questions find the *next* number in the series.

Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**EXAMPLE**

1 3 5 7 ?

**ANSWER**

9

**Q 7**

1 8 27 64 ?

**Q 8**

52 25 50 23 47 20 ?

**Q 9**

9 11 13 14 17 17 ?

**PLEASE CONTINUE**

In each of the following questions find the *number* that will balance the equation.  
Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**EXAMPLE**

$$23 + 17 - 5 = 7 \times 6 - ?$$

**ANSWER**

7

**Q 10**

$$64 \div 4 + 15 = 78 \div 6 + ?$$

**Q 11**

$$9 \times 8 - 2 = 15 \times 5 - ?$$

**Q 12**

$$42 + 28 = 72 \div 3 + ?$$

In each of the following questions choose one word that would come in the *middle* if the following were put in order.  
Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**EXAMPLE**

June March April July May

**ANSWER**

May

**Q 13**

trio sextet duet quartet quintet

**Q 14**

pond ocean puddle sea lake

**Q 15**

one few many several all

**PLEASE CONTINUE**

In each of the following questions find one letter that will go in the brackets to make *four* proper words.  
Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**EXAMPLE**

fai ( ) ope

ca ( ) ail

**ANSWER**

r (fair rope car rail)

**Q 16**

hal ( ) empo

roo ( ) rail

**Q 17**

el ( ) eg

lea ( ) ill

**Q 18**

leas ( ) rode

mat ( ) at

**PLEASE CONTINUE**

In each of the following questions one letter can be taken out from the word on the *left* and added to the word on the *right* to make two new proper words. You are not allowed to change the order of the letters. Find the *letter* that can be taken out. Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**EXAMPLE**

blend                      pace

**ANSWER**

*l*                      (bend    place)

**Q 19**

mister                      face

**Q 20**

plaice                      yet

**Q 21**

graze                      ion

◆ ◆ PLEASE CONTINUE ◆ ◆

In each of the following questions choose one word from the *five* that will go with the words in the brackets. Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**EXAMPLE**

mend    close    join    button    strong  
(unite    combine)    (fasten    attach)

**ANSWER**

*join*

**Q 22**

speed    bad    cold    abrupt    gradual  
(rude    unfriendly)    (sudden    quick)

**Q 23**

cultivate    yield    provide    loss    increase  
(surrender    submit)    (produce    grow)

**Q 24**

safe    care    problem    guard    magnet  
(charge    protection)    (trouble    worry)

In each of the following questions there are two groups of words. The word in the brackets of the *first* group is made from letters of the words on either side of the brackets. The missing word in the brackets of the *second* group should be made in the same *order* as the word in the first group. Find this missing word.

Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**EXAMPLE**

pan [pat] top  
hug [ ] map

**ANSWER**

*hum*

**Q 25**

cramp [blame] bleep  
prism [ ] hotel

◆ ◆ PLEASE CONTINUE ◆ ◆







In each of the following questions a four-letter word can be found in between *two consecutive* words without changing the order of letters. Find the *two* words that contain this four-letter word.

Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**EXAMPLE**

They stood around the apple tree.

**ANSWER**

*the apple* (heap)

**Q 54**

A meadow was used as a picnic expanse.

**Q 55**

There were three desperate footballers on the bench.

**Q 56**

They went out despite arctic weather conditions.

◆ ◆ PLEASE CONTINUE ◆ ◆

In each of the following questions find the answer as a *letter* by substituting numbers for letters. Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet.

**EXAMPLE**

If  $A = 3$ ,  $B = 1$ ,  $C = 6$ ,  $D = 4$ ,

$E = 2$

Find the answer for the following sum.

$$C \div A \times E = ?$$

**ANSWER**

*D*

**Q 57**

If  $A = 6$ ,  $B = 12$ ,  $C = 21$ ,  $D = 45$ ,

$E = 11$

Find the answer for the following sum.

$$(D + C) \div A = ?$$

**Q 58**

If  $A = 4$ ,  $B = 84$ ,  $C = 6$ ,  $D = 15$ ,

$E = 12$

Find the answer for the following sum.

$$B \div A - C = ?$$

**Q 59**

If  $A = 25$ ,  $B = 7$ ,  $C = 5$ ,  $D = 50$ ,

$E = 20$

Find the answer for the following sum.

$$(A \times B \div D) \div C = ?$$

**Q 60**

If  $A = 17$ ,  $B = 16$ ,  $C = 9$ ,  $D = 13$ ,

$E = 23$

Find the answer for the following sum.

$$A + C + D - E = ?$$

◆ ◆ END OF TEST ◆ ◆

Name:

Date of Birth:

**EXAMPLE**

original  identical   
 sphere  authentic   
 copy  circle

**1**

forfeit  copy   
 hold  surrender   
 picture  win

**2**

neat  oak   
 elder  orderly   
 patient  chaos

**3**

harvest  excavate   
 scoop  icecream   
 favour  bury

**EXAMPLE**

road  cloud   
 garage  sea   
 driver  ramp

**4**

hour  before   
 prompt  time   
 after  morning

**5**

sheep  wasp   
 wolf  moth   
 cub  fly

**6**

enthusiastic  keen   
 anger  uninterested   
 bored  always

**EXAMPLE**

7   
 9   
 8   
 11   
 10

**7**

125   
 120   
 103   
 81   
 115

**8**

41   
 43   
 44   
 15   
 16

**9**

24   
 20   
 18   
 22   
 21

**EXAMPLE**

6   
 7   
 8   
 9   
 11

**10**

17   
 20   
 18   
 36   
 22

**11**

5   
 15   
 4   
 25   
 40

**12**

40   
 45   
 27   
 46   
 34

**EXAMPLE**

June   
 March   
 April   
 July   
 May

**13**

trio   
 sextet   
 duet   
 quartet   
 quintet

**14**

pond   
 ocean   
 puddle   
 sea   
 lake

**15**

one   
 few   
 many   
 several   
 all

**EXAMPLE**

m   
 r   
 l   
 n   
 p

**16**

f   
 o   
 t   
 m   
 l

**17**

k   
 f   
 m   
 l   
 d

**18**

t   
 h   
 m   
 f   
 e

**EXAMPLE**

b   
 l   
 e   
 n   
 d

**19**

m   
 i   
 s   
 t   
 e

**20**

p   
 l   
 a   
 i   
 c

**21**

g   
 r   
 a   
 z   
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 yield   
 provide   
 loss   
 increase

**24**

safe   
 care   
 problem   
 guard   
 magnet

**EXAMPLE**

mug   
 hum   
 gap   
 hap   
 pug

**25**

hopes   
 holds   
 horse   
 hoist   
 homes

**26**

pile   
 wide   
 pipe   
 wild   
 wile

**27**

swipe   
 swift   
 sweep   
 sweet   
 swept

**EXAMPLE**

**28**

15   
 14   
 18   
 12   
 9

**29**

12   
 17   
 8   
 7   
 9

**30**

15   
 27   
 48   
 38   
 43

**EXAMPLE**

DAN   
 DEN   
 TEN   
 DIN   
 SIN

**31**

BEN   
 BIN   
 BAN   
 AND   
 BAD

**32**

AMP   
 ANT   
 ALL   
 APT   
 EAT

**33**

LAP   
 RAM   
 RIM   
 ICE   
 RUN

**EXAMPLE**

one   
 number   
 three   
 eight   
 ninth

**34**

lamb   
 horse   
 leveret   
 cow   
 fawn

**35**

turban   
 hair   
 bowler   
 beret   
 kilt

**36**

mars   
 milkyway   
 saturn   
 twix   
 mercury

<b>EXAMPLE</b> ZQL <input type="checkbox"/> BSN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BTN <input type="checkbox"/> CSN <input type="checkbox"/> ASL <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>37</b> BANG <input type="checkbox"/> BING <input type="checkbox"/> BAND <input type="checkbox"/> BAPG <input type="checkbox"/> BAMG <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>38</b> QAKQ <input type="checkbox"/> RBKR <input type="checkbox"/> QBKQ <input type="checkbox"/> QBKP <input type="checkbox"/> PBKP <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>39</b> ZUXQ <input type="checkbox"/> YVXS <input type="checkbox"/> ILGI <input type="checkbox"/> ZUXR <input type="checkbox"/> ZVXR <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>EXAMPLE</b> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 26 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 13 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>40</b> 38 <input type="checkbox"/> 46 <input type="checkbox"/> 36 <input type="checkbox"/> 52 <input type="checkbox"/> 44 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>41</b> 81 <input type="checkbox"/> 145 <input type="checkbox"/> 197 <input type="checkbox"/> 160 <input type="checkbox"/> 169 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>42</b> 22 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 23 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 29 <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>EXAMPLE</b> air <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pearl <input type="checkbox"/> rope <input type="checkbox"/> port <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> out <input type="checkbox"/> ring <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>43</b> cap <input type="checkbox"/> sole <input type="checkbox"/> on <input type="checkbox"/> size <input type="checkbox"/> land <input type="checkbox"/> van <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>44</b> lever <input type="checkbox"/> sum <input type="checkbox"/> men <input type="checkbox"/> pool <input type="checkbox"/> fair <input type="checkbox"/> age <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>45</b> mile <input type="checkbox"/> away <input type="checkbox"/> stew <input type="checkbox"/> ant <input type="checkbox"/> page <input type="checkbox"/> stun <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>EXAMPLE</b> FG <input type="checkbox"/> IJ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JI <input type="checkbox"/> JK <input type="checkbox"/> KJ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>51</b> PE <input type="checkbox"/> NE <input type="checkbox"/> OD <input type="checkbox"/> OE <input type="checkbox"/> OF <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>52</b> QY <input type="checkbox"/> QA <input type="checkbox"/> RZ <input type="checkbox"/> PZ <input type="checkbox"/> QZ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>53</b> QP <input type="checkbox"/> RQ <input type="checkbox"/> KQ <input type="checkbox"/> RP <input type="checkbox"/> KL <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>EXAMPLE</b> They stood <input type="checkbox"/> stood around <input type="checkbox"/> around the <input type="checkbox"/> the apple <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> apple tree <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>54</b> A meadow <input type="checkbox"/> meadow was <input type="checkbox"/> was used <input type="checkbox"/> used as <input type="checkbox"/> picnic expanse <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>55</b> There were <input type="checkbox"/> three desperate <input type="checkbox"/> footballers on <input type="checkbox"/> on the <input type="checkbox"/> the bench <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>56</b> They went <input type="checkbox"/> went out <input type="checkbox"/> out despite <input type="checkbox"/> despite arctic <input type="checkbox"/> arctic weather <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>EXAMPLE</b> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>57</b> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>58</b> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>59</b> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>60</b> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/>
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# Guidance for Parents

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## ***Premium Series Practice Papers***

Premium Series practice papers have been produced to provide children practice for their actual secondary school selection examinations.

The style of the practice papers is as close to the actual examination as possible. We have tried to cover a wide range of question types that can possibly appear in secondary school selection examinations.

This sample contains 60 questions.



## ***Administering the Practice Test***

It is important to create an environment as close to the real examination as possible. Your child should be comfortable and in a quiet well-lit area where they are unlikely to be disturbed during the test.

Prior to the test, go through the instructions with your child to ensure that they understand what is required of them. Work through the examples together so that your child fully understands what each question is asking them to do.

Remind the child not to spend too much time over one question. Explain that some questions they might find difficult and it is better to attempt more questions rather than spending too much time over one question.

Once the child has completed a question they must select one of the five possible answers on the answer sheet. A horizontal line should be drawn in the appropriate box using a pencil. Any mistakes should be erased completely before the correct answer is marked.

Allow your child 35 minutes to complete the test. Do not start timing until they have read the instructions and understood the example.

If the child has not completed the test within 35 minutes, make a note of the last question your child has answered. After this allow your child to complete the test.



## **Marking**

The answers are given on the other side of this sheet. Give one mark for each question your child has answered correctly. Convert the results into a percentage. The score your child obtains on these tests is not necessarily the score your child will obtain in the actual examination. Generally a score of at least 85% is required on these test papers to indicate possible success.

You can help your child to improve their score by covering the techniques required in areas where your child is weak. Also the child can significantly improve their speed by doing more practice papers. Remember that regular practice will reinforce learning and also increase speed.



# Answers Verbal Reasoning Sample Questions

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## Sample Questions

1. forfeit, surrender   2. neat, orderly   3. scoop, excavate   4. after, before   5. sheep, moth   6. enthusiastic, uninterested
7. 125   8. 43   9. 21   10. 18   11. 5   12. 46   13. quartet   14. lake   15. several   16. t   17. k   18. e   19. t   20. i
21. r   22. abrupt   23. yield   24. care   25. hoist   26. wild   27. swipe   28. 14   29. 7   30. 43   31. BAN   32. APT
33. RAM   34. horse, cow   35. hair, kilt   36. milkyway, twix   37. BANG   38. QBKQ   39. ZUXR   40. 46   41. 169
42. 23   43. cap, size   44. lever, age   45. page, ant   46. 7   47. 5   48. MO   49. KP   50. AQ   51. OE   52. QZ   53. RQ
54. picnic expanse   55. three desperate   56. despite arctic   57. E   58. D   59. A   60. B
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