

The Verbal Reasoning Test – Sample Questions

This is a multiple choice test in which you must mark your answer to each question on the answer sheet. You can view the answer sheet by clicking the link on the website. The test contains a number of different types of questions. Some of the questions start with a worked example.

Draw a firm horizontal line clearly through the answer on your answer sheet. If you make a mistake, rub it out as well as you can and put in your new answer. Be sure to keep your place on the answer sheet. If you are answering question 3, make sure that you mark your answer on the answer sheet in the line relating to question 3.

The following are examples of some of the types of questions that will be found on the exam paper.

1. The word in capitals has had three letters next to each other taken out. These three letters will make one correctly spelt word without changing their order. The sentence that you make must make sense. Mark the correct three letter word on the answer sheet.

Example The cat scratched him with his **CS**.

A) LAD B) LAW C) HAD D) RAW E) RED

Answer **B (The word in capitals is CLAWS)**

2. In these questions, one letter can be moved from the first word to the second word, to make two new words. The letters must not otherwise be rearranged and both new words must make sense. Find the letter which moves and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example **pound** **or**

A) p B) o C) u D) n E) d

Answer **C (u – the two new words are *pond* and *our*)**

3. In each question, find the number that continues the series and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example **2** **4** **6** **8** **?**

A) 10 B) 12 C) 9 D) 11 E) 20

Answer **A**

4. A word of four letters is hidden at the end of one word and the beginning of the next word. Find the pair of words that contains the hidden word and choose one of the five answers and mark it on the answer sheet

Example **The film ended happily after all.**

A) The film B) film ended C) ended happily D) happily after E) after all

Answer **B** (the hidden word is **mend**)

The English (Literacy) Test – Sample Questions

The English test is in four sections. Sections one to three are multiple choice questions in which you must mark your answer to each question on the answer sheet. There are ALWAYS five possible answers. You can view the answer sheet by clicking the link on the website.

In section four (which is separately timed), the candidate is asked to write a short essay.

Section ONE of the Test

A variety of questions, about spelling, punctuation and the correct use of words. Here are two examples of the types of question involved:

1. The postman arrived and John _____ a pleasant piece of news.
(A) received (D) recived
(B) receivd (E) received
(C) recieved
2. They soon realised that they _____ going to be at the test on time.
(A) wasnt (D) was not
(B) wern't (E) were not
(C) were'nt

Section TWO of the Test

This is based on a passage of writing. On 15 occasions, a word is left out, and you have to supply the missing word.

For example: Janet wanted to tell her friends the good news, but she also knew that it would be a long time _____ she would be able to.

3. (A) after (B) along (C) before (D) beneath (E) of

Section THREE of the Test

This consists of answers based on understanding a passage of about 30 lines. Below is shown a short piece of a passage that might have been used:

The rainfall is sometimes much greater in September than in other months. It is not easy to say why this happens, but one result is that early Premier League games are played in mud rather than on hard ground.

4. The writer
(A) gives explanations for the change in rainfall
(B) doesn't have a clue about football games
(C) tries to explain the rainfall in winter
(D) gives one consequence of increased rainfall
(E) says that September is a dry month
5. The word 'Premier' is closest in meaning, in this passage, to:
(A) lowest (B) prime minister (C) good (D) top (E) higher

The 5 examples above should help you to feel prepared for the English Test.

Section FOUR of the Test (Separately timed)

In this section, for which you will have twenty minutes, you will have to produce a short piece of writing. The title will be given, along with some suggestions to help you get started, although you will not have to use these ideas.

We are looking for effective writing and your ability to express yourself clearly, with sound spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

The Numeracy (Maths) Test - Sample questions

This is **not** a multiple choice paper. You must answer in the question booklet and show your working.

1. Continue each of these number patterns by writing the next three numbers in each sequence.

a) 2, 4, 6, 8, _____, _____, _____

b) 1, 10, 100, _____, _____, _____

c) 5, 6, 8, 11, _____, _____, _____

2. Arrange these sets of fractions in order of size, write the lowest value first.

a) $\frac{2}{5}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{2}{11}$ $\frac{2}{7}$ $\frac{2}{9}$

b) $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{6}{7}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{20}{21}$

3. Arrange these sets of decimals in order of size, write the lowest value first.

a) 0.75, 0.25, 0.1, 0.5

b) 0.3, 0.07, 0.9, 0.35, 0.123

4. Calculate

a) 7×3

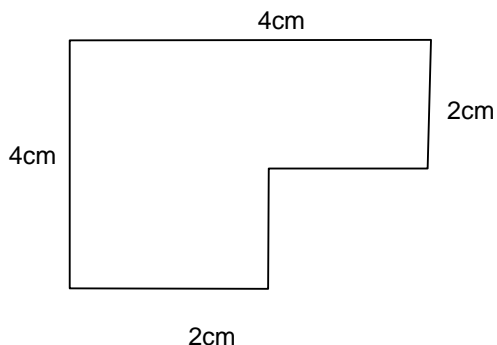
b) 700×30

c) 0.7×300

5 a) A photo shop charges 15p per print. Find the cost of printing 18 photos.

b) If I pay for these photos with a £10 note, how much change should I receive?

6 a) What is the area of this shape? (not drawn to scale)



b) If two pieces of this shape are available and fitted together to make a rectangle, what is the length of the rectangle? What is the width of the rectangle?