Owl Tutors 11 + Entrance Examination

Verbal Reasoning Paper 1

Total marks: 85

Time allowed: 60 minutes

Information for parents:

This sample paper has been created for children who are embarking on the 11+ exam.

There is a big variation in the level of difficulty amongst different schools' 11+ papers and this paper is designed to reflect the standard level of entry at 11+.

Every question is worth one mark. A markscheme is provided at the end.
In these questions the same letter must fit into both sets of brackets, to complete the word in front of the brackets and begin the word after the brackets.

**Example**

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col (?) rab   bir (?) oll
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**Answer**

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d [cold, drab, bird, doll]
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1. din (?) cho   har (?) asy **Answer:**
2. wil (?) ram   bel (?) art **Answer:**
3. win (?) oat   gon (?) ale **Answer:**
4. sla (?) ear   ba (?) ank **Answer:**
5. gus (?) rim   car (?) urf **Answer:**
6. sho (?) ur    vide (?) ne **Answer:**

In these questions, three of the five words are related in some way. Circle the two words that do not go with the other three.

**Example**

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red white flag blue pole
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**Answer**

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flag pole
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7. colon apostrophe heart kidney sentence
8. ball badminton score golf rounders
9. square semi-circle pentagon rhombus rectangle
10. spade diamond garnet ring opal
11. port sailor bow ship starboard
12. lock tress key curl armour
letter on the answer sheet.

13. Darcy is two years younger than Tom and two years older than Jamal.
   
   Sarah is older than Lisa.
   
   Lisa and Tom are twins.
   
   **Who is the oldest?** ______________________

In each of the following sentences a four letter word is hidden between two words. The two words will always be next to each other. Write the word you have found in the space provided.

**Example**

The dog was frightened by the noise.

**Answer**

the noise (then)

14. The new boy made friends quickly. **Answer:** ___________

15. The children missed art class. **Answer:** ___________

16. Mina left her purse at home. **Answer:** ___________

17. Lunch was much nicer than dinner. **Answer:** ___________

18. Close both eyes to sleep. **Answer:** ___________

19. The gale advanced during the night. **Answer:** ___________

The alphabet is here to help you with these questions. You need to work out a different code for each question. Choose the correct answer and mark it on the answer sheet.

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Example

If the code for **LUCK** is **JSAI**
what does **EMMB** mean?

Answer

**GOOD**

20. If the code for **CRY** is **FUB**, what does **ELQ** mean? __________

21. If the code for **SPIDER** is **PMFABO**, what is the code for **ANT**? __________

22. If the code for **GREEN** is **LWJJS**, what is the code for **ORANGE**? ________

23. If the code for **TOE** is **SND**, what does **ENNS** mean? ________

24. If the code for **HOUSE** is **FMSQC**, what does **FMRCJ** mean? __________

25. If the code for **BATTLE** is **YXQQIB**, what is the code for **ADVANCE**? ________

Find **two words** from each group that are the **closest in meaning**. Mark BOTH words on the answer sheet.

*Example:* big small rest mean large

*Answer:* big, large

26. soft loud pointy sharp pencil

27. curl snap coil snake harsh

28. intricate rapid unusual complicated slow

29. quash bullet suppress rifle juice

30. say collect permit let jump

31. vehicle cat rodent wheel feline

In the following questions, **one letter** from the word on the left can be moved to the word on the right, to make **two new words**. The letters must not be rearranged.
Example: beacon vent
Answer: e (bacon and event)

32. cover tick Answer: ___
33. wing boy Answer: ___
34. stable rim Answer: ___
35. board bred Answer: ___
36. brain clam Answer: ___
37. mend thee Answer: ___

Find the four letter word which can be added to the letters in capitals to make a new word. The new word will complete the sentence sensibly.

Example: They enjoyed the BCAST
Answer: ROAD, creating the new word BROADCAST

38. The IST had to ask for directions in the unfamiliar city because she was lost.
Answer:

39. What a strange man he is – very ECRIC! Answer:

40. My colleague will be back in a MT if you don’t mind waiting.
Answer:

41. She got an especially good deal using her BARING skills.
Answer:

42. Van Gogh’s DTION of the night sky tells us a lot about his state of mind.
Answer:

43. I ED to my sister to say that dinner was ready. Answer:

Letters stand for numbers. Work out the correct answer to each sum. Mark the relevant
letter on the answer sheet.

Example:
A = 5, B = 14, C = 12, D = 13, E = 3
What is the answer to the sum, written as a letter?
A + C – E = ?
Answer: B

44. If A = 2, B = 20, C = 12, D = 8, E = 6
What is the answer to this sum written as a letter?
E x A + D = ___

45. If A = 2, B = 6, C = 25, D = 8, E = 24
What is the answer to this sum written as a letter?
B x D ÷ A = ___

46. If A = 9, B = 3, C = 21, D = 18, E = 14
What is the answer to this sum written as a letter?
B x A - A = ___

47. If A = 9, B = 5, C = 45, D = 3, E = 1
What is the answer to this sum written as a letter?
D x D x B ÷ E = ___

48. If A = 49, B = 14, C = 7, D = 28, E = 2
What is the answer to this sum written as a letter?
E x B – C + D = ___

49. If A = 12, B = 48, C = 84, D = 2, E = 6
What is the answer to this sum written as a letter?
D x E x D + A + B = ___

Find two words, one from each set of that will complete the sentence in the most sensible way. Circle both words (so each question will have two words as the answer).
Example: Start is to (begin end today) as end is to (less finish send)
Answer: begin finish

50. River is to (lake water sea) as field is to (farm sheep grass)
51. Lead is to (pencil wallet heavy) as bullet is to (metal war gun)
52. Raspberry is to (fruit red strawberry) as coffee is to (café drink bean)
53. Book is to (page library author) as clothes are to (cupboard hanger stitching)
54. Petal is to (love stem flower) as window is to (transparent glass house)
55. Mirror is to (reflection sand glass) as table is to (wood chair carpenter)

Find the number that continues the sequence in the most sensible way. Write your answer in the brackets.
Example: 2 4 6 8 10 ( ? )
Answer: 12

56. 6  17  28  39  50 (___)
57. 175   205  235   265  295 (___)
58. 3  5  7 13  17 (___)
59. 27  32  39  48  59 (___)
60. 256  128   64   32  16 (___)
61. 1  3  9  27  81 (___)

Find the word that completes the second group in the same way as the first group. Mark the word on the answer sheet. You will need to consider the pattern of how letters from words outside the brackets are used to make the word inside the brackets.
Example:
rags ( ring ) main  
line ( ? ) plea  

Answer: lean  

62. pull ( play ) yard  
    stay ( ) disc  

63. trip ( drip ) dump  
    surf ( ) coil  

64. stir ( yard ) lady  
    sole ( ) kelp  

65. curd ( read ) aped  
    vale ( ) vain  

66. dairy ( radar ) daring  
    boats ( ) boring  

67. there ( hear ) radar  
    crate ( ) going

Find two words, one from each group, that make one correctly spelt word. The letters must not be rearranged. The word from the first group will always be used first. Circle two words to give your answer.
Example: (let star fruit) (tear man board)
Answer: starboard

68. (finger whole try) (sum some sun)
69. (rustle toil loo) (sing bend sir)
70. (pass bank run) (act mess age)
71. (black oval blew) (cake bird tree)
72. (low bet fat) (lye crest her)
73. (bar, post, dumb) (gin, found, sign)

The alphabet is here to help you with these questions. Find the letters that complete each sentence in the best way and write them in the space provided.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Example

AB is to CD
As PQ is to (?)
Answer = RS

74. FH is to LN
As RT is to ______

75. MJ is to JG
As HE is to ______

76. AC is to ED
As KM is to ______

77. ZA is to YB
As XC is to ______

78. SQ is to VO
As XV is to ______

79. IJ is to FH

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As **TU** is to _____

Find **two** words, one from each group, that are the **most opposite** in meaning.
Circle **both** words

*Example:* (good luck today) (wish charm bad)

80. (dawdle, wonder, pace) (realise, rush, urge)
81. (go ascend bottom) (descend mountain climb)
82. (rigid thorough rude) (careless disappointed upset)
83. (arrival entrance advance) (charge punctual departure)
84. (keen strong accomplished) (loose unskilled mean)
85. (long full lean) (tiny fat messy)
2. t
3. g
4. y
5. t
6. o

7. apostrophe sentence
8. ball score
9. semi-circle pentagon
10. spade ring
11. sailor ship
12. key armour

13. Sarah

14. then (the new)
15. dart (missed art)
16. seat (purse at)
17. hand (than dinner)
18. they (both eyes)
19. lead (gale advanced)

20. BIN
21. XKQ
22. TWSFLJ
23. FOOT
24. HOTEL
25. XKSXKZB

26. point sharp
27. curl coil
28. intricate complicated
29. quash supress
30. let permit
31. feline cat

32. r (new words: cove trick)
33. n (new words: wig bony)
34. t (new words: sable trim)
35. o (new words: bard bored)
36. i (new words: bran claim)
37. m (new words: end theme)

38. tourist

39. eccentric
40. moment
41. bargaining
42. depiction
43. called

44. B
45. E
46. D
47. C
48. A
49. C

50. water grass
51. pencil gun
52. fruit drink
53. library cupboard
54. flower house
55. glass wood

56. 61
57. 325
58. 19
59. 72
60. 8
61. 243

62. said
63. curl
64. peel
65. live
66. robot
67. rang

68. wholesome
69. loosing
70. passage
71. blackbird
72. father
73. dumbfound

74. XZ
75. EB
76. ON
77. WD
78. AT
79. QS

80. dawdle rush
81. ascend descend
82. thorough careless
83. arrival departure
84. accomplished unskilled
85. lean fat