

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

col (?) rab bir (?) oll

Answer

d [cold, drab, bird, doll]

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

red white flag blue pole

Answer

flag pole

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

Read the following information, then find the correct answer to the question and mark its

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.

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

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 raffle 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?

$$E \times A + D = \underline{\quad}$$

45. If A = 2, B = 6, C = 25, D = 8, E = 24

What is the answer to this sum written as a letter?

$$B \times D \div A = \underline{\quad}$$

46. If A = 9, B = 3, C = 21, D = 18, E = 14

What is the answer to this sum written as a letter?

$$B \times A - A = \underline{\quad}$$

47. If A = 9, B = 5, C = 45, D = 3, E = 1

What is the answer to this sum written as a letter?

$$D \times D \times B \div E = \underline{\quad}$$

48. If A = 49, B = 14, C = 7, D = 28, E = 2

What is the answer to this sum written as a letter?

$$E \times B - C + D = \underline{\quad}$$

49. If A = 12, B = 48, C = 84, D = 2, E = 6

What is the answer to this sum written as a letter?

$$D \times E \times D + A + B = \underline{\quad}$$

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:

rag (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**

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)

Answer Sheet

1. e

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