

11+ English Mock Practice Paper 1

25 questions · suggested time: 30 minutes

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Instructions to Candidates

- ? Time allowed: 30 minutes.
- ? This paper has 25 questions worth 25 marks in total.
- ? Do not turn over or begin until you are ready to start timing yourself.
- ? Attempt every question — if you are unsure, make your best attempt and move on.
- ? Read each question carefully before choosing your answer.
- ? Check your answers against the Answer Key at the end of this paper once your time is up.

Questions

Section A — Vocabulary & Usage

1. Which word is spelled correctly? The teacher will definately mark the papers by tomorrow.

- A: definately
- B: definitly
- C: definitely
- D: definatly

2. Sofia found the maths lesson very boring. Which word means the opposite of boring?

- A: Dull
- B: Interesting
- C: Difficult
- D: Long

3. Tariq practises the violin every evening for one hour. He has been learning for five years and dreams of joining the school orchestra. According to the passage, how long has Tariq been learning the violin?

- A: Two years
- B: Three years
- C: Four years
- D: Five years

4. The Victorian colour palette dominated the interior design of the grand house: deep crimson wallpaper, mahogany furniture, and emerald velvet curtains created an atmosphere of wealth and formality. Which word best describes the overall mood created by these colour choices???
A: Bright and cheerful?B: Pale and minimalist?C: Rich and imposing?D: Cool and neutral

- A: Bright and cheerful
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- D: Cool and neutral

5. Which of the following sentences correctly uses a subordinate clause to combine two ideas? A) Because the storm was severe, Jake stayed indoors all day and he watched films. B) Jake stayed indoors all day because the storm was severe. C) The storm was severe so Jake stayed indoors, and he watched films. D) Jake stayed indoors all day, the storm was severe because.

- A: Because the storm was severe, Jake stayed indoors all day and he watched films.
- B: Jake stayed indoors all day because the storm was severe.
- C: The storm was severe so Jake stayed indoors, and he watched films.
- D: Jake stayed indoors all day, the storm was severe because.

6. Amara was so tired after running that she could barely move. Which word best describes how Amara was feeling?

- A: Happy
- B: Exhausted
- C: Hungry
- D: Confused

7. The teacher explained the maths problem to the class very clearly. What does 'maths' mean?

- A: The science of living things
- B: The study of stories and poems
- C: The study of numbers, shapes and calculations
- D: The study of the Earth and countries

8. Read this passage: Tariq was playing football in the park. He scored a goal and his teammates cheered loudly. What is the correct way to combine these two sentences using a conjunction?

- A: Tariq was playing football in the park he scored a goal.
- B: Tariq was playing football in the park, and he scored a goal.
- C: Tariq was playing football in the park. So he scored a goal.
- D: Tariq was playing football, in the park and he scored a goal.

9. "Oliver's perspicacity—his keen insight and sharp understanding of people's motives—allowed him to quickly identify who had taken the missing artwork." What does 'perspicacity' mean?

- A: Honesty and trustworthiness
- B: The ability to see and understand things clearly and keenly
- C: Physical ability and fitness
- D: Popularity and charm

10. Which spelling is correct? 'The occassion was so important that everyone travelled from diferent towns.'

- A: occassion, importent, diferent
- B: occasion, important, different
- C: ocassion, important, diferent
- D: occasion, importent, different

11. Aarav's eyes were red and watery. His nose was running. He kept sneezing. What was probably wrong with Aarav?

- A: He had hurt his leg
- B: He was hungry
- C: He had a cold or was poorly
- D: He was very happy

12. Oliver felt nervous before the test because he was anxious about doing well. What does 'anxious' mean?

- A: Very happy and excited
- B: Worried or concerned about something
- C: Bored and tired
- D: Angry and upset

13. Sofia's family visited the coastal town of Whitby for their summer holiday. They stayed in a cottage near the harbour and spent their days exploring the beach, visiting local shops, and eating fish and chips. How many days did Sofia's family stay in Whitby?

- A: Three days
- B: One week
- C: Two weeks
- D: The passage does not specify

14. Read this passage: 'Priya's essay on colour psychology was meticulously researched. Every claim was supported by scientific evidence, and she had practised her presentation until she could deliver it flawlessly. The examiner's feedback praised her thoroughness but suggested her work lacked creative interpretation.' What does the examiner's feedback suggest?

- A: Priya's research was insufficiently detailed
- B: Priya's presentation skills needed improvement
- C: Priya had not practised enough before presenting
- D: Priya's work needed more original thinking and analysis

15. PASSAGE: Jessica Watson became the youngest person to sail solo, non-stop, and unassisted around the world when she completed her voyage in May 2010 at the age of sixteen. She set off from Sydney, Australia on 18 October 2009 aboard her pink yacht, Ella's Pink Lady, and returned 210 days later. During the journey she endured seven knockdowns — where the boat was rolled by waves to horizontal or beyond — the most severe of which left her yacht completely upside down before it self-righted. Watson navigated by GPS and communicated with her family via satellite phone. She was greeted by a crowd of over 50,000 people when she sailed into Sydney Harbour.??QUESTION: What was the name of Jessica Watson's yacht?

- A: Southern Star
- B: Pink Horizon
- C: Ella's Pink Lady
- D: Sydney Dreamer

16. Read this passage: 'Aarav's class went to the science museum on Tuesday. They saw dinosaur skeletons and watched a film about space. Lily thought the space film was the best part.' What did Lily enjoy most at the museum?

- A: The dinosaur skeletons
- B: The space film
- C: The gift shop
- D: The painting exhibition

17. Oliver was rushing to school, but his shoelace snapped as he tied it. He decided to walk slowly instead of running. Why did Oliver change how fast he walked?

- A: He wanted to be late for school
- B: His broken shoelace made running unsafe
- C: He decided he didn't like running anymore
- D: He wanted to enjoy the fresh air

Section B — Sentence Completion

18. Blank 1 of "The Cartographer's Apprentice" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_1}}.

- A: complete
- B: completing
- C: completion
- D: completed
- E: completes

19. Blank 4 of "The Stargazer's Dream" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_4}}.

- A: calls
- B: calling
- C: call
- D: called
- E: has called

20. Blank 4 of "The Saturday Market" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_4}}.

- A: unbearably
- B: unbearable
- C: unbearing
- D: unborne
- E: unbear

21. Blank 4 of "The Railway Adventure" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_4}}.

- A: arrive
- B: arrived
- C: arriving
- D: arrival
- E: arrives

22. Blank 1 of "The Museum Visit" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_1}}.

- A: were
- B: was
- C: been
- D: being
- E: are

23. Blank 3 of "The Cartographer's Apprentice" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_3}}.

- A: reads
- B: reading
- C: to read
- D: read
- E: had read

24. Blank 3 of "A Day at Whitby" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_3}}.

- A: frightened
- B: tired
- C: bold
- D: quiet
- E: shy

25. Blank 5 of "The Observatory's Secret" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_5}}.

- A: dissolving
- B: dissolve
- C: dissolved
- D: dissolution
- E: dissolves

Answer Key

1. C — The correct spelling is 'definitely' — from 'definite' with '-ly', not '-ately'.
2. B — Interesting is the antonym of boring as it means engaging and worth attention.
3. D — The passage explicitly states 'He has been learning for five years'.
4. C — The specific colours (deep crimson, emerald) and materials (mahogany, velvet) convey richness and formality, not brightness or minimalism.
5. B — This sentence correctly places the subordinate clause after the main clause with 'because' and avoids unnecessary coordination or fragmentation.
6. B — Barely able to move after running means she was exhausted or extremely tired.
7. C — Maths is the study of numbers, quantities, shapes and calculations.
8. B — A comma with a coordinating conjunction ('and') correctly joins two independent clauses.
9. B — Perspicacity means keen insight and sharp understanding; the context confirms Oliver could identify the culprit through his sharp understanding of motives.
10. B — All three words must be spelled correctly: occasion (double c, double s); important (second 'i'); different (double f, double e).
11. C — Red eyes, a running nose, and sneezing are all signs of having a cold or being unwell.
12. B — Anxious means worried or fearful about something.
13. D — Although the passage describes their activities, it does not state how long they stayed.
14. D — The examiner praised thoroughness but noted lack of creative interpretation, implying original thinking was needed; other options contradict the passage's explicit praise.
15. C — C is correct. The passage states she sailed 'aboard her pink yacht, Ella's Pink Lady'.
16. B — The passage states that Lily thought the space film was the best part.
17. B — The pupil must recognise that a broken shoelace would be dangerous or uncomfortable whilst running.
18. A — The infinitive 'to complete' is required after 'determined to', making 'complete' the only grammatically correct form.
19. D — Past simple 'called' matches the narrative past tense established throughout the passage.
20. B — The adjective 'unbearable' acts as a subject complement after the verb 'made', describing the state of waiting caused by the delicious smells.
21. D — The noun 'arrival' is required as the subject of 'marked'; verb forms cannot function as the subject in this sentence structure.
22. A — The plural subject 'we' requires the past tense plural verb 'were' to match the past tense narrative.
23. D — Simple past 'read' (pronounced 'red') is needed to match the past tense narrative and describe what the note said at that moment of discovery.
24. C — Seagulls that try to steal food are 'bold' (brave and cheeky); 'frightened', 'tired', 'quiet' and 'shy' would not describe birds attempting to take food.
25. C — The past tense 'dissolved' is needed to match the past tense sequence and complete the 'before' clause with simple past.

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