

11+ English Mock Practice Paper 3

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. Read: 'The committee recognised that the proposals, submitted by the working group last month were comprehensive.' Where should the second comma be repositioned in this sentence?

- A: The comma should move after 'group' to close the parenthetical phrase: proposals, submitted by the working group, last month were comprehensive.
- B: The comma should move after 'month' to create: proposals, submitted by the working group last month, were comprehensive.
- C: Both commas should be removed as the relative clause is essential to the meaning.
- D: A semicolon should replace the second comma: proposals, submitted by the working group last month; were comprehensive.

2. Oliver was at the swimming pool. His swimming trunks were wet and his hair was dripping with water. What had Oliver just done?

- A: Gone to the shops
- B: Had lunch
- C: Been in the water
- D: Dried himself

3. The room was in such chaos after the party that Amara didn't know where to start tidying up. What does "chaos" mean?

- A: Extreme mess and disorder
- B: A small pile of dirty items
- C: Items scattered across the floor
- D: A room that needs reorganising

4. Lily's science project investigated how plants grow in different types of soil. She tested three conditions: clay soil, sandy soil, and loamy soil. She measured the height of each plant every week using a metre ruler. Which soil types did Lily test in her experiment?

- A: Wet soil, dry soil, and frozen soil
- B: Clay soil, sandy soil, and loamy soil
- C: Soil with fertiliser and soil without fertiliser
- D: Indoor soil and outdoor soil

5. Amara studied the word meaning 'to cause someone to feel unwell by something unpleasant': 'The discrepancy in the accounts was absolutely _____ to the auditors.' Which spelling completes this correctly?

- A: reulsive
- B: repulsive
- C: repulvive
- D: repulsve

6. During the expedition, the team faced **arduous**** challenges climbing the mountain, yet they remained ****steadfast**** in their determination. Which word is the closest synonym for 'arduous'?**

- A: Mountainous
- B: Difficult and exhausting
- C: Dangerous and harmful

D: Long and tedious

7. Tariq was so mischievous that he constantly played tricks on his classmates. What does "mischievous" mean?

- A: Very kind
- B: Extremely quiet
- C: Playfully naughty
- D: Always serious

8. Sofia is practising her spelling. Which sentence correctly uses 'its' or 'it's'???
A) The cat wagged it's tail happily.
B) The cat wagged its tail happily.
C) The cat wagged its' tail happily.
D) The cat wagged it's tail with joy.

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9. Which sentence has correct subject-verb agreement? The team are playing well today. Neither Priya nor Jake have finished their homework. Everyone are excited about the trip. The group is arriving tomorrow at noon.

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10. Read this passage: 'Aarav's hypothesis was that students who revised in shorter, frequent intervals would perform better than those who crammed the night before. He tested this by tracking forty students' revision methods and their examination results. His data showed a clear correlation: students using spaced revision averaged 78%, whilst cramming students averaged 52%. He concluded that his hypothesis was correct.' Which group of students performed better in Aarav's study?

- A: Students who crammed the night before
- B: Students who revised in shorter, frequent intervals
- C: Both groups performed equally well
- D: The study could not determine which method was superior

11. Read this passage: 'Sofia spent her lunch hour practising violin instead of eating with her friends. She arrived home with blistered fingers and immediately began memorising the difficult second movement. When her parents asked if she would attend her cousin's party next week, she hesitated.' Why did Sofia hesitate about the party?

- A: She disliked her cousin and did not want to attend
- B: She was uncertain whether she could prioritise socialising over her intensive violin preparation
- C: She was too tired from school and needed rest
- D: She had already committed to another event

12. Which word means the same as 'kind'?

- A: cruel
- B: mean
- C: gentle
- D: rude

13. The old lighthouse stood on the rocky cliff, shining its bright beam across the dark water to guide ships safely home. What does the word "beam" mean in this sentence?

- A: A thick wooden support in a building
- B: A ray of light
- C: A happy smile
- D: A long metal rod

14. PASSAGE: Howard Carter's hands trembled as he peered through the small hole he had made in the sealed door. In the flickering candlelight, the treasures of Tutankhamun's tomb gleamed after three thousand years of darkness. When asked if he could see anything, Carter gave his now-famous reply: 'Yes, wonderful things.' The discovery in 1922 proved to be the most momentous find in the history of archaeology.??**QUESTION:** What does the word 'momentous' mean in this passage?

- A: Surprising and unexpected
- B: Of great importance and significance
- C: Carefully planned and prepared
- D: Long awaited and overdue

15. Tariq's teacher explained that the verb 'to recognise' means to identify or acknowledge something you have seen before. Tariq said, 'I recognise that melody—I heard it on the radio last week.' What does Tariq mean by this sentence???A: He is learning to play that melody?B: He identifies the melody because he has heard it previously?C: He enjoys listening to the radio every week?D: He wants to learn who composed the melody

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- B: He identifies the melody because he has heard it previously
- C: He enjoys listening to the radio every week
- D: He wants to learn who composed the melody

16. Which word is spelled incorrectly in this sentence? 'The goverment's decission to reorganise the city centre was descussed by the council.'

- A: goverment
- B: decission
- C: reorganise
- D: descussed

17. Which word means the SAME as 'start'?

- A: finish
- B: stop
- C: begin
- D: rest

Section B — Sentence Completion

18. Blank 2 of "Growing Our Own" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_2}}.

- A: giving
- B: given
- C: gives
- D: gave
- E: give

19. Blank 5 of "The Cartographer's Apprentice" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_5}}.

- A: story
- B: stories
- C: storied
- D: story's
- E: storeys

20. Blank 5 of "The Fox's Morning" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_5}}.

- A: will
- B: would
- C: should
- D: can
- E: must

21. Blank 4 of "The Observatory's Secret" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_4}}.

- A: revelation
- B: revealing
- C: reveal
- D: revealed
- E: reveals

22. Blank 2 of "The Summer F?te" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_2}}.

- A: has warned
- B: warns
- C: had warned
- D: warning
- E: will warn

23. Blank 3 of "Tom's First Train Trip" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_3}}.

- A: on
- B: at
- C: up
- D: over
- E: along

24. Blank 1 of "The Lighthouse Keeper's Warning" — choose the best word or phrase for {{blank_1}}.

- A: wedged between
- B: wedged through
- C: wedging between
- D: wedged beneath
- E: wedged among

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

- A: towered
- B: towering
- C: tower
- D: towers
- E: to tower

Answer Key

1. B — The parenthetical phrase 'submitted by the working group' must be enclosed by matching commas; the second comma belongs after 'month' before the verb.
2. C — Wet swimming trunks and dripping hair show that Oliver has just been swimming in the water.
3. A — "Chaos" means complete disorder or confusion; the distractors reference symptoms of chaos but not the word's core meaning.
4. B — The passage explicitly lists the three soil types tested: 'clay soil, sandy soil, and loamy soil'.
5. B — 'Repulsive' follows the pattern of 'repulse' (verb) + '-ive' (adjective suffix), with 'i' between 's' and 'v'.
6. B — Arduous means involving hard work and effort; difficult and exhausting captures this meaning, whereas dangerous, mountainous, or merely long do not necessarily convey the struggle involved.
7. C — Mischievous means playfully naughty or inclined to cause minor trouble or annoyance.
8. B — 'Its' (without apostrophe) is the possessive form; 'it's' means 'it is', which doesn't fit this sentence.
9. D — Singular collective noun 'group' requires singular verb 'is'; other options use plural verbs incorrectly with singular subjects.
10. B — The passage explicitly states spaced revision students averaged 78% versus 52% for cramming students; this directly answers the question.
11. B — Sofia's dedication to violin practice (skipping lunch, practicing blistered fingers, memorising difficult pieces) indicates her hesitation stems from the competing demand on her time and commitment.
12. C — Gentle is a synonym for kind, both describing a caring and considerate nature.
13. B — "Beam" refers to a ray of light from the lighthouse; the other options are valid meanings but incorrect in this context.
14. B — B: Of great importance and significance. The discovery is described as the greatest in the history of archaeology, meaning it was momentous — of enormous importance and significance.
15. B — 'Recognise' means to identify something previously encountered; Tariq is saying he knows this melody from hearing it before (not learning it or wanting composer information).
16. D — Descussed is incorrect; should be 'discussed' (single 's', not 'ss'). All others are spelled correctly.
17. C — Begin is a synonym for start, meaning to commence or commence something.
18. D — The simple past tense 'gave' is required because the narrative is in the past tense and describes a completed action.
19. B — Plural 'stories' is required because 'they' refers to multiple rails/routes, and each would have its own story to tell.
20. B — The conditional 'would' is correct after 'knew' to express the fox's expectation in past tense narrative.
21. A — The noun 'revelation' is required after the preposition 'of' to complete the phrase 'moment of cosmic revelation'.
22. C — Past perfect 'had warned' is needed because Mum's warning happened before Dad

entered the competition (also past tense).

23. C — 'Climbed up' is the correct phrasal verb for ascending steps; 'up' indicates upward movement.

24. A — The journal was found stuck between two rocks, requiring the past participle 'wedged' with the preposition 'between' to show position in a gap.

25. A — Past tense 'towered' is needed to match the narrative past tense established by 'arrived' and 'led'.

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