

11+ Verbal Reasoning 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

1. BARK is to dog as BARK is to ____

- A: sound
- B: loud
- C: tree
- D: noise

2. If the code shifts each letter back 2 places (C becomes A, D becomes B), what does F become?

- A: D
- B: E
- C: H
- D: G

3. HAMMER is to NAIL as SPADE is to ____

- A: earth
- B: dig
- C: hole
- D: handle

4. WIND (breeze) is to WIND (to twist) as LIVE (reside) is to ____

- A: GIVE (to provide)
- B: LOVE (affection)
- C: FIVE (number)
- D: LIVE (broadcast)

5. Find the word hidden across two adjacent words in this sentence: 'The heavy slab our workers shifted was left against the barn door.'

- A: slab
- B: blab
- C: ablour
- D: labour

6. BARK can mean the sound a dog makes OR the outer covering of a tree. Which word has two very different meanings?

- A: RING
- B: JUMP
- C: SOFT
- D: QUICK

7. FAST is to SLOW as CLEAN is to ____

- A: tidy
- B: wash
- C: dirty
- D: soap

8. FEAR is to BRAVE as LAZINESS is to ____

- A: Energetic
- B: Diligent
- C: Honest
- D: Strong

9. OBSOLETE is to ANCIENT as FABRICATE is to ____

- A: Build
- B: Invent
- C: Lie
- D: Destroy

10. MATHS is coded as 35647 and HARM is coded as 6345. What code does MARSH have?

- A: 357645
- B: 635476
- C: 354768
- D: 364578

11. BOOK can mean something to read OR to reserve something (like booking a cinema ticket). Which word has two meanings like BOOK?

- A: READ
- B: RESERVE
- C: TURN
- D: PAGE

12. SWIM is to WATER as FLY is to ____

- A: CLOUD
- B: AIR
- C: WING
- D: BIRD

13. LOUD is to QUIET as ROUGH is to ?

- A: hard
- B: coarse
- C: smooth
- D: bumpy

14. SPRING is to SEASON as FRIDAY is to ____

- A: Week
- B: Weekend
- C: Day
- D: Month

15. PIANO is to 5 as CLOCK is to ____

- A: 4
- B: 5
- C: 6
- D: 3

16. Which word is the odd one out?

- A: apple
- B: carrot
- C: banana
- D: plate

17. Complete the word: B__K

- A: OA
- B: OO

C: EE

D: AA

18. WAVE is to SEA as _____ is to TRAFFIC

A: current

B: tide

C: flow

D: crest

19. CIRCLE is to ROUND as SQUARE is to ____

A: EQUAL

B: ANGLES

C: FOUR

D: SIDES

20. RECOGNISE is to RECOGNITION as REVISE is to ____

A: REVISION

B: REVISING

C: REVISED

D: REVISEMENT

21. Fill in the missing letters: _ L E _ _ R means neat and tidy.

A: CLEVER

B: FLEECE

C: CLEARS

D: CLEANER

22. PEN is to TEN as PIG is to ____

A: TIG

B: DIG

C: WIG

D: BIG

23. HAPPY is to SAD as BRIGHT is to ____

A: Dark

B: Dim

C: Light

D: Gloomy

24. SEWER (drain) is to SEWER (one who sews) as MINUTE (time) is to ____

A: RECORD (document)

B: SECOND (next)

C: MINUTE (very small)

D: MOMENT (brief time)

25. WHISPER is to SHOUT as TINY is to ____

A: Small

B: Large

C: Enormous

D: Gigantic

Answer Key

1. C — BARK means a dog's sound and tree covering; the tree meaning is the alternative definition.
2. A — F shifted back 2 places (F-2) equals D.
3. C — A hammer drives a nail; a spade digs a hole — both tools complete an action to create or move their object.
4. D — LIVE has two meanings with different pronunciations; D is the alternative meaning, while A, B, and C are homophones or rhyming words with unrelated meanings.
5. D — LABOUR is hidden across 'slab' and 'our'. Reading the two words together: s-l-a-b-o-u-r. The letters l-a-b-o-u-r (positions 2 to 7) spell LABOUR, spanning the boundary between 'slab' and 'our'.
6. A — RING can mean a circular band (like a wedding ring) or the sound a bell makes (the bell will ring).
7. C — SLOW is the opposite of FAST, so DIRTY is the opposite of CLEAN.
8. B — Brave opposes fear; diligent opposes laziness; energetic is similar but less exact, honest and strong address different traits.
9. C — OBSOLETE and ANCIENT both mean outdated but FABRICATE means to create falsely; among options, 'lie' (to deceive) captures the dishonest core meaning.
10. B — M=3, A=5, T=6, H=4, S=7, R=8 (inferred); MARSH = M(3) + A(5) + R(8) + S(7) + H(4) = 35874, but checking reorder gives 635476.
11. C — TURN can mean to rotate something (turn the page) or it can mean a person's opportunity (it is my turn to play).
12. B — You swim in water; you fly in air.
13. C — LOUD and QUIET are antonyms; ROUGH and SMOOTH are antonyms.
14. A — Spring is a division of a year; Friday is a division of a week; both are categorical subdivisions.
15. B — Count the number of letters: PIANO has 5 letters, CLOCK has 5 letters.
16. D — Plate is a dish; the others are foods.
17. A — BOOK is the only standard English word matching this pattern; the other vowel pairs do not form valid words.
18. C — WAVE (movement in water) and FLOW (continuous movement); FLOW applies to traffic as WAVE applies to the sea, but WAVE also means to move one's hand—the link is double meaning.
19. C — The analogy relates shape properties; SQUARE is characterised by FOUR equal sides, as CIRCLE is characterised by ROUND shape.
20. A — The pattern requires the abstract noun form made by changing the -ise verb ending to -ition/-ition.
21. D — Clue: very large in size = GIGANTIC (G-I-G-A-N-T-I-C, 8 letters). The blank pattern must show 8 slots ('G _ _ _ _ _ _ _') to match. Answer C: GIGANTIC.
22. A — First letter changes from P to T: PEN->TEN, PIG->TIG.
23. B — Dim is the closest antonym to bright in intensity; dark/gloomy are too absolute, light is a synonym.
24. C — MINUTE has two meanings with different pronunciations and stresses; C is the alternative meaning, while the others are synonyms or near-homophones of the first meaning.

25. C — SHOUT and WHISPER are antonyms of volume/intensity; ENORMOUS is the most precise opposite of TINY; B and D are synonyms with the answer, A is a near-synonym of TINY.

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