

11+ Verbal Reasoning Mock Practice Paper 2

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. LICENCE is to LICENCE as DEFENCE is to ____

- A: DEFENSE
- B: DEFENCE
- C: DEFANCE
- D: DEFENCHE

2. BOW (weapon) is to BOW (front of ship) as PRESENT (gift) is to ____

- A: PRESENT (to give)
- B: CONSENT (agree)
- C: CONTENT (satisfied)
- D: ABSENT (missing)

3. TRIANGLE is to TAN as CHOCOLATE is to ____

- A: COAT
- B: CHAT
- C: COAL
- D: LOCA

4. RED is to COLOUR as ORANGE is to ____

- A: FRUIT
- B: BRIGHT
- C: COLOUR
- D: WARM

5. COLD is to GOLD as BOLD is to ____

- A: FOLD
- B: HOLD
- C: MOLD
- D: SOLD

6. BANK is to RIVER as BANK is to ____

- A: Building
- B: Money
- C: Tree
- D: Account

7. HIBERNATION is to WINTER as MIGRATION is to ____

- A: SPRING
- B: SUMMER
- C: SEASON
- D: TRAVEL

8. JUMP is to JJUUMMPP as TALK is to ____

- A: TTAALLKK
- B: TALKK
- C: TALLK
- D: TALK

9. BOOK is to READ as MUSIC is to ____

- A: PLAY
- B: LISTEN

C: HEAR
D: SING

10. PENCIL is to WRITE as BRUSH is to ____

A: PAINT
B: COLOUR
C: ARTIST
D: BRISTLE

11. Which word is the odd one out? CHEF BAKER BUTCHER SURGEON

A: CHEF
B: BAKER
C: BUTCHER
D: SURGEON

12. DILATE is to PUPIL as CONTRACT is to ____

A: MUSCLE
B: AGREEMENT
C: DOCUMENT
D: DECLINE

13. TRAVELLING (10 letters) has the pattern T_AVELLING. If one letter is missing from the middle, and COLOUR (6 letters) has pattern COL_UR with one missing, how many distinct letters are missing across both words?

A: 1
B: 2
C: 0
D: 3

14. In a code, vowels (A, E, I, O, U) are replaced with *, and consonants stay the same. How is HELP coded?

A: H*LP
B: HLP*
C: H*LT
D: *ELP

15. Complete the series: A, C, E, ____

A: F
B: G
C: H
D: I

16. SING is to SINGER as TEACH is to ____

A: TEACHER
B: TEACHING
C: TEACHERS
D: TEACHLY

17. TRANSPARENT is to OPAQUE as CACOPHONY is to ____

A: SILENCE
B: HARMONY
C: MUSIC

D: NOISE

18. ANTIQUATED is to MODERN as FRUGAL is to ____

- A: Thrifty
- B: Wasteful
- C: Poor
- D: Cheap

19. EAR is to HEAR as EYE is to ?

- A: blink
- B: look
- C: see
- D: lens

20. Which name is the odd one out?

- A: Oliver
- B: Priya
- C: Jake
- D: Pencil

21. Find the hidden word in: 'She wore a thick over coat in the snow.'

- A: thick
- B: over
- C: hick
- D: wick

22. BANK is to MONEY as LIBRARY is to ____

- A: Reading
- B: Books
- C: Learning
- D: Quiet

23. BOTTLE is to OTTLE as GARDEN is to ____

- A: RDEN
- B: ARDEN
- C: ARDEN
- D: ARDIN

24. In a code, double letters are written once. CAT stays CAT, but BOOK becomes BOK. How is LETTER coded?

- A: LETER
- B: LETR
- C: LETRE
- D: LETTR

25. Lily's code replaces each letter with the next letter of the alphabet (A->B, B->C, etc.). What is HAT in Lily's code?

- A: IBU
- B: GAR
- C: GAS
- D: IBS

Answer Key

1. B — LICENCE and DEFENCE both use the 'c' spelling in British English (not 's').
2. A — PRESENT has multiple meanings distinguished by stress and use; A is the verbal form, while B, C, and D are words with superficially similar structure but different meanings.
3. C — The hidden three-letter word in TRIANGLE (TAN) is found in sequence; COAL is a three-letter word in sequence within CHOCOLATE.
4. C — Orange is a colour, just as red is a colour; the relationship repeats.
5. B — The pattern shifts C->G (+4 letters) and B->H (+6 letters); both follow -OLD rhyme pattern with consonant change.
6. D — BANK has two meanings (riverbank and financial institution); only ACCOUNT is another meaning of the financial sense.
7. A — HIBERNATION occurs in WINTER as animals migrate during SPRING in preparation for resource scarcity.
8. A — Double each letter in the word: JUMP becomes JJUUMMPP, TALK becomes TTAALLKK.
9. B — You LISTEN to MUSIC, just as you READ a BOOK.
10. A — A pencil is used to write; a brush is used to paint.
11. D — SURGEON is the odd one out because it is a medical profession, while CHEF, BAKER and BUTCHER are all food-related occupations.
12. A — DILATE is an action affecting the PUPIL; CONTRACT is an action affecting a MUSCLE (physiological context parallel).
13. B — TRAVELLING is missing R (T-R-AVELLING) and COLOUR is missing O (COL-O-UR), making two distinct missing letters across the pair.
14. A — H (consonant) stays, E (vowel) becomes *, L (consonant) stays, P (consonant) stays = H*LP.
15. B — The pattern skips one letter each time (A, skip B, C, skip D, E, skip F, G); G is next.
16. A — Apply the agent noun suffix -ER to the verb (sing->singer, teach->teacher).
17. B — OPAQUE is the direct opposite of transparent; HARMONY is the direct opposite of cacophony.
18. B — ANTIQUATED and MODERN are direct opposites; FRUGAL and WASTEFUL are direct opposites; Thrifty is a synonym for frugal, not opposite.
19. C — The function of an EAR is to HEAR; the function of an EYE is to SEE.
20. D — Oliver, Priya, and Jake are all names of people, whereas pencil is an object.
21. C — HICK is hidden across 't-HICK-over' — 'thick' and 'over' contains HICK: tHICKover.
22. B — A bank stores money; a library stores books; each place contains a primary resource.
23. B — Remove the first letter: BOTTLE loses B to give OTTLE; GARDEN loses G to give ARDEN.
24. A — L-E-T-T-E-R becomes L-E-T-E-R (the first T and first E are kept, repeated letters removed).
25. A — H->I, A->B, T->U, giving IBU.

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