

The King's (The Cathedral) School

Verbal Reasoning Paper SAMPLE PAPER - 75 questions | 40 minutes

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO

Write your full name here;

- For every question there are **five** answers to choose from; A, B, C, D or E.
- Choose the answer that you think is better than the others, and colour in the circle of the appropriate letter **on the answer sheet** - here is an example;

In this question, you must find the missing number shown by #

7 9 # 13 15

Which of the following is the missing number ?

A B C D E
7 5 17 11 none of these

If you think 11 is the correct answer, you should colour in D **on the answer sheet**, as shown below;

A B C D E

If you wish to change your answer, put a large cross through your first answer, and fill out your new answer;

A B C D E

- When you are told to begin the test, answer the questions as quickly and carefully as you can
- Start at the beginning, and work your way through - you may do any rough work on your **question paper**.
- If you try a question, and find you cannot answer it, leave it and go on to the next question.
- Ask a teacher if you need another pencil.
- You **must not** speak to anyone else except for a teacher.

Turn over

Verbal Reasoning Test – Sample Test

75 questions, 45 minutes

Read this carefully:

Alfie, Beatrice, Charlie, Dominic and Esme are all friends in a school. They like to eat their lunch together in the school dining room.

The two girls, Beatrice and Esme, are vegetarians; the three boys are all happy to eat meat.

Beatrice, Charlie and Dominic all have a sweet tooth and like to eat a dessert with their lunch; the others do not.

Alfie, Charlie and Esme like to eat a side dish of bread and butter with their lunch; the others do not.

Remember: For each answer, mark ONE letter on the answer sheet.

1. Who doesn't eat meat though prefers a slice of bread and butter with lunch?

A	B	C	D	E
Alfie	Beatrice	Charlie	Dominic	Esme

2. Which of the meat-eaters prefers not to eat a dessert?

A	B	C	D	E
Alfie	Beatrice	Charlie	Dominic	Esme

3. Who likes dessert and meat, but declines the offer of bread and butter?

A	B	C	D	E
Alfie	Beatrice	Charlie	Dominic	Esme

4. Who likes dessert, eats meat and likes to fill a gap with bread and butter?

A	B	C	D	E
Alfie	Beatrice	Charlie	Dominic	Esme

5. Which student prefers to stick to a vegetarian main course, with no side dish of bread and butter, leaving room for a nice dessert?

A	B	C	D	E
Alfie	Beatrice	Charlie	Dominic	Esme

In each of the next questions, find a word which means nearly the same as the word printed in capital letters. Mark the appropriate letter on your answer sheet.

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|----|--------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 6. | STRESS | A
anger | B
lightness | C
homework | D
strain | E
work |
| 7. | FISH | A
angle | B
line | C
boat | D
animal | E
swim |
| 8. | OBJECT | A
subject | B
nothing | C
toy | D
ball | E
disapprove |
| 9. | CAMP | A
building | B
tents | C
field | D
canvas | E
groundsheet |

In each of the next questions, find a word which is the best opposite of the word printed in capital letters. Mark the appropriate letter on your answer sheet.





















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| 10. | EDGE | A
perimeter | B
boundary | C
core | D
border | E
surface |
| 11. | HARD | A
difficult | B
durable | C
solid | D
robust | E
soft |
| 12. | LOOSE | A
tight | B
win | C
game | D
draw | E
result |
| 13. | SINGLE | A
only | B
lone | C
multiple | D
solitary | E
unique |

Here are five words

A	B	C	D	E
AWAY	ALSO	YAWL	SOYA	WAYS

Below, you will find the same five words written in a code using symbols, and in a different order. All the words are written in the same code.

Work out which word each symbol stands for and mark the appropriate letter on the answer sheet.

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| 14. |  |  |  |  |
| 15. |  |  |  |  |
| 16. |  |  |  |  |
| 17. |  |  |  |  |
| 18. |  |  |  |  |

The next questions are also about codes.

The example shows you how to solve them.

If nprs stands for belt, then rps stand for:

A	B	C	D	E
BET	LET	SET	PEN	TEN

n stands for **b**, **p** for **e**, **r** for **l** and **s** for **t**. Therefore **rps** stands for 'let' and answer B would be marked on the answer sheet as follows:

[A] [~~B~~] [C] [D] [E]

Turn over the page for the questions.

Now complete these questions in the same way. Each question has its own code. For each question, show your answer on the answer sheet by using the appropriate letter.

19. If QJAUGYEV stands for COMPUTER, then VJAU stands for:

A	B	C	D	E
ROMP	MUTE	RAMP	ROVE	RENT

20. If MCFXFARP stands for BICYCLES, then RXRP stands for:

A	B	C	D	E
LESS	BILE	EBBS	ICES	EYES

21. If HEUCNWTE stands for PROVIDER, then CNWTU stands for:

A	B	C	D	E
DRIVE	RIDER	PROVE	VIDEO	PRIDE

22. If LXOZRMWHA stands for MASCULINE, then OHXWM stands for:

A	B	C	D	E
SLIME	SNAIL	SMILE	MEANS	CAMEL

23. If QXRVYNEVP stands for BEAUTIFUL, then QPXRY stands for:

A	B	C	D	E
FLUTE	BLEAT	FAULT	TABLE	BUILT

24. If PHILWOLCGC stands for BREAKFASTS, then WLHGC stands for:

A	B	C	D	E
FRETS	KEBAB	BEAST	TASKS	KARTS

25. If MDLPDHAQVEQ stands for DICTIONARY, then DEHAQ stands for:

A	B	C	D	E
IRONY	RADIO	IDIOT	DAIRY	IONIC

The words in each of the groups A to E are similar in meaning, but different from the words in the other four groups.

A	B	C	D	E
conversation	neglect	promise	command	edge
talk	forgetfulness	pledge	order	rim
chat	carelessness	oath	instruction	border

Each of the words below belongs to one of the groups.

Example: **vow** is similar to the words in group C so the answer would be marked as ~~C~~ on the answer sheet.

Now mark the answer sheet for questions 26 to 35.

26. inattention
27. contract
28. demand
29. debate
30. word of honour
31. absent-minded
32. ruling
33. boundary
34. discussion
35. limit

In each of the following questions, the three words in capital letters are alike in some way. The answer to each question is the word that is most like these three. Give your answer in the answer sheet.

36. BLANKET, QUILT, SHEET

A	B	C	D	E
pillow	coat	film	haze	bed

37. FLAVOUR, TASTE, AROMA

A	B	C	D	E
sight	feel	tone	bitterness	sound

38. ROUGH, SMOOTH, COARSE

A	B	C	D	E
glass	gravel	sandpaper	polish	bumpy

39. TARGET, DESTINATION, OBJECTIVE

A	B	C	D	E
quarry	journey	archery	subjective	goal

40. ACCEPT, AGREE, COMPLY

A	B	C	D	E
except	contest	concur	argue	oppose

Look at this sum. Notice that letters are printed in place of three of the numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5 \ P \ 7 \\
 + \ 1 \ 6 \ Q \\
 \hline
 R \ 5 \ 9
 \end{array}$$

As this is an addition sum, then:

41. The number that P stands for is

A	B	C	D	E
1	3	6	8	9

42. The number that R stands for is

A	B	C	D	E
2	3	7	8	0

Here is a different sum.

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \ X \ 7 \\ - \ 1 \ 6 \ Y \\ \hline Z \ 3 \ 5 \end{array}$$

As this is a subtraction sum, then:

43. The number that Y stands for is

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |

44. The number that Z stands for is

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |

Look at this example:

ROSE is to GARDEN as OAK is to

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|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| plant | tree | acorn | petal | forest |

The correct answer is "forest", so this should be marked as **[E]**.

Now complete these questions. In each question, find out what the connection is and mark the correct answer in the answer sheet.

45. SHIP is to HOLD as HOUSE is to

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|------|------|--------|-------|--------|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| wall | home | cellar | attic | bridge |

46. HORSE is to CURRENT as DODO is to

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|----------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| mythical | extinct | fictional | believable | future |

47. BOIL is to KETTLE as FREEZE is to

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|------|--------|-------|----------|---------|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| snow | fridge | flask | ice cube | freezer |

48. SILK is to SMOOTH as CARPET is to

- A woolly B coloured C durable D coarse E muddy

49. HARVEST is to CROP as TRAWL is to

- A fish B flowers C cows D geese E chickens

50. WHEEL is to CYCLIST as SKATE is to

- A the sea bed B tyres C referee D ice hockey player E brakes

Now read the following:

Five girls sat a science test at school. The teacher got their papers mixed up and labelled the scores incorrectly. These are the incorrect scores:

Sylvie 85%	Louisa 75%	Katharine 70%	Amelia 65%	Holly 60%
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From the following clues, find the correct scores achieved by each pupil.

Louisa scored better than Sylvie. Holly scored less than Sylvie.
Neither Louisa nor Amelia got the highest score, and Holly's wasn't the lowest score.

51. What is the correct score achieved by Amelia?

- A 85% B 75% C 70% D 65% E 60%

52. What is the correct score achieved by Holly?

- A 85% B 75% C 70% D 65% E 60%

53. What is the correct score achieved by Katharine?

- A 85% B 75% C 70% D 65% E 60%

54. What is the correct score achieved by Sylvie?

- A B C D E

85%

75%

70%

65%

60%

55. What is the correct score achieved by Louisa?

A
85%

B
75%

C
70%

D
65%

E
60%

In each question, choose the word that does not belong with the other four choices. Mark the appropriate letter on the answer sheet.

56. A B C D E
length pockets belt zipper waistband

57. A B C D E
phrase sentence clause picture paragraph

58. A B C D E
clutch gears engine wheels breaks

59. A B C D E
loose defeat lose beaten conquered

60. A B C D E
many multiple large numbers of unique a lot of

61. A B C D E
cold bleak icy frigid fiery

62. A B C D E
glitch fault flaw defective blemish

Sara, Laura and Joe all play on the school sports teams. Some children play more than one sport.

The three sports at the school are cricket, football and tennis.

Joe never plays tennis, but Laura and Sara play cricket only.

If all the above statements are true, which is the only one of the sentences below that **must** be true?

- Question 63.
- A Joe and Laura play cricket only.
 - B Sara doesn't like going to school.
 - C Laura never plays school tennis.
 - D Joe plays football only.
 - E One of the three students plays tennis.

In these sentences, a word of four letters is hidden at the end of one word and the beginning of the next word.

Find the pair of words that contains the hidden word and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example:

The film ended happily after all.

Answer

film ended (The hidden word is "mend")

64. Harmful crimes are stopped by good laws.

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|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| harmful
crimes | crimes are | are stopped | stopped by | good laws |

65. We give them oats to boost their diet.

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|-----------|---------|---------|-------------|------------|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| them oats | we give | oats to | boost their | their diet |

66. Her eccentric grandfather was very well respected.

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|---------------|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| her eccentric | grandfather
was | was very | very well | well respected |

67. Dinner, prepared with love, always succeeds.

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|--------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| dinner
prepared | prepared with | with love | love always | always
succeeds |

68. Peter took up his offer of a free drink.

A	B	C	D	E
peter took	up his	his offer	offer of	free drink

69. His reply was a most emphatic, "Yes please!"

A	B	C	D	E
his reply	most emphatic	reply was	emphatic yes	yes please

70. The cricketers needed a good supply of bats and balls.

A	B	C	D	E
cricketers needed	good supply	bats and	and balls	supply of

In each question below, find the two words, one from each column, that are closest in meaning.

Mark the appropriate pair of words on the answer sheet (YOU NEED TO MAKE TWO ANSWERS FOR THESE QUESTIONS).

Example:

real	illusion
mirage	mission
desert	sand

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>
real, illusion	mirage, illusion	desert, sand	real, mission	mirage, mission

The answers are "mirage" and "illusion", so mark B on your answer sheet:

[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]	[E]
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71.

nurture	young
breed	rear
birth	offspring

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>
breed, young	nurture, young	birth, young	nurture, rear	birth, offspring

72.

vicar
just
correct

preacher
honest
fair

A
just, fair

B
vicar, honest

C
correct, honest

D
just, preacher

E
correct, fair

73.

temperature
density
length

volume
distance
area

A
length, area

B
temperature,
volume

C
density, area

D
density, volume

E
length, distance

74.

wolf
burden
bear

howl
beast
carry

A
wolf, howl

B
burden, carry

C
bear, carry

D
wolf, beast

E
bear, howl

In a village football league, Frankton scored a higher points total than Bourton, who were equal with Marton. Draycote scored five more points than Birdingbury but five points less than Marton. Which team won the league?

75.

A
Frankton

B
Bourton

C
Marton

D
Draycote

E
Birdingbury

END OF QUESTIONS