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Verbal Reasoning Sample Paper

(Time limit – 50 mins)

In each question below there are two groups of words. Underline two words, ONE from EACH group, which have OPPOSITE meanings. Here is an example.

behind / quiet / large

roof / small / show

1. crater / clout / occupied

chasm / empty / full

2. special / building / fly

land / ordinary / ancient

3. cat / ice / lead

follow / dog / cream

4. Christmas / book / gloomy

chapter / merry / Easter

5. noise / fence / triangle

square / silence / wall

6. water / transparent / sun

cloudy / swim / sky

In each of the following sentences you will find one word with some letters missing. Each of these words has THREE letters missed out. Without changing the order of these missing letters you can make another word. Write this other word in the brackets. Here is an example.

David was ^{playing} ping the piano. (lay)

7. The dog scched because it had fleas. (_ _ _ _)

8. The ctaker looks after the school building. (_ _ _ _)

9. Cabe and carrots are vegetables. (_ _ _ _)

10. The genl led the army into battle. (_ _ _ _)

11. The soldiers mhed smartly down the road. (_ _ _ _)

12. The musical instrut had six strings. (_ _ _ _)

13. Bats are noctal mammals. (_ _ _ _)

Underline TWO words, ONE from each group that together make a new word. This new word can be made without changing the order of the letters. Here is an example.

dog / pen / car

ate / pet / van

14. up / on / off

out / water / ice

15. might / leg / must ache / go / out
 16. hot / water / fare fire / well / son
 17. tot / mot / hot hold / her / hind
 18. fee / tee / bee sing / ring / ling
 19. crack / break / fall slow / fast / light

In the following questions underline TWO words, one from each of the groups, which are closest in meaning to each other. Here is an example.

- away / sway / fault bend / fall / speak
20. tramp / derelict / sand deserted / water / mansion
 21. entrance / join / entice footpath / tempt / elbow
 22. join / present / wedding enrol / birthday / beef
 23. soldier / ship / hasty fight / navy / fleet
 24. display / mislay / loose noose / lose / found
 25. quest / fox / puzzle hunt / answer / hounds

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Each row of letters or numbers has a rule connecting them. Write the next number or letter in the brackets. The alphabet will help you. Here is an example.

- H , J , L , N , (P)
26. D , G , H , K , L , O , P , (___)
27. W , D , X , C , Y , B , Z , (___)
28. K , A , J , B , I , C , H , (___)
29. N , O , M , P , L , Q , K , R , (___)
30. 124 , 62 , 60 , 30 , 28 , 14 , (___)
31. 1 , 4 , 9 , 16 , 25 , 36 , (___)

In the following rows there should be three pairs of words. The same rule connects each pair. The third pair has the last word missing. Find the rule and write the missing word in the brackets. Here is an example.

fold , old / hand , and / hate , (ate)

32. roast , oat / sloop , lop / scoot , (_____)
33. shop , shot / hill , hilt / mind , (_____)
34. wash , has / bats , sat / wind , (_____)
35. pass , past / hold , hole / hell , (_____)

In the following questions underline the correct answer.

36. Three ships are berthed next to each other. A blue ship is to the right of a red ship and to the left of a green ship. If the blue ship and the green ship change places then -
- (a) The red ship and the blue ship are next to each other.
 - (b) The green ship is between the red and the blue ships.
 - (c) The red ship is immediately to the left of the blue ship.
 - (d) The red ship is in the middle.
37. The day before yesterday was Saturday so tomorrow it will be -
- (a) Friday
 - (b) Monday
 - (c) Tuesday
 - (d) Wednesday
38. Christine has twice as many videos as Jonathon and Jonathon has half the number owned by Jane, so -
- (a) Jane owns the most videos.
 - (b) Christine has more videos than Jane.
 - (c) Jane and Christine have the same number of videos.
 - (d) Christine has fewer videos than Jane.

Fill in the missing numbers in the following series.

39. 90 , 84 , 79 , 75 , (____)
40. (____) , 6 , 16 , 31 , 51
41. 7 , 14 , 28 , (____) , 112

42. 23 , 25 , 27 , (_ _) , 31
43. 5 , 15 , 45 , 135 , (_ _)
44. 96 , 94 , 90 , 84 , (_ _) , 66

Each of the following sentences has one word with its letters jumbled. Find what the proper word should be and write it in the brackets.

45. A A O K C L is a type of coat. (_ _ _ _ _)
46. A D A R L E C is a type of bed. (_ _ _ _ _)
47. A P T T R M E U is a musical instrument. (_ _ _ _ _)
48. A T M E U N I is a unit of time. (_ _ _ _ _)
49. A R F A D W is a small person. (_ _ _ _ _)
50. Z B E O N R is a metal. (_ _ _ _ _)

In each of the following lines you must take ONE letter from the first word and put it either at the beginning, the end or somewhere inside the second word in order to make a new word. After the letter has been removed from the first word a real word must still remain without the order of the letters being changed.

Here is an example.

B L O W and B A D become (BOW) and (BALD).

51. C H A I R and F A T become (_ _ _ _ _) and (_ _ _ _ _).
52. B R O W N and S O become (_ _ _ _ _) and (_ _ _ _ _).
53. B R E A D and W A Y become (_ _ _ _ _) and (_ _ _ _ _).
54. M O T H E R and F A R become (_ _ _ _ _) and (_ _ _ _ _).
55. C A S T and H I M become (_ _ _ _ _) and (_ _ _ _ _).
56. F O U R and T O R become (_ _ _ _ _) and (_ _ _ _ _).

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The above alphabet is to assist you with the following code questions. Work out the code for each question, and write the missing word in the brackets. Here is an example.

If EPH means DOG , then DBU means (CAT).

57. If QLMU means SNOW , then JGQR means (_ _ _ _).
58. If UNQQR means SLOOP , then ETCOR means (_ _ _ _).

59. If PKQM means RISK , then FCQR means (_____).
60. If CCKP means DENT , then VGPD means (_____).
61. If 1-12-12 means ZOO , then 4-12-12 means (_____).
62. If MRPW means POST , then EDKG means (_____).

The number codes 5182, 2687 and 5682 stand for three of the words FORM, FROM, MARE, FARM. The number code for one of the words is missing. Work out the code for each of the four words and write it in the brackets.

63. F O R M (_____)
64. F R O M (_____)
65. M A R E (_____)
66. F A R M (_____)

In each of the following sentences TWO words have changed places. Find and underline the TWO words that need to exchange places in order for the sentence to make sense. Here is an example.

He put a head on his hat.

67. When cold wind blows it is the.
68. Jane sits next to his sister, Peter.
69. The people got on some bus.
70. The gardener the weeded flower border.
71. Elizabeth left her bus on the school book.
72. There were six pig in the pigs sty.

In each of the phrases below there is a FOUR-letter word hidden between two words. Find the word and write it in the brackets. Here is an example.

robother people (both)

73. both older boys run (_____)
74. two odd numbers (_____)
75. the table's set (_____)
76. plastic kangaroos jump (_____)
77. he applied himself (_____)

78. the teams tired easily (_ _ _ _ _)

Write ONE letter in the brackets that finishes the first word in each pair and starts the next. The SAME letter goes in BOTH brackets. Here is an example.

EAC (H) EN HIG (H) OOP

79. HOL (_ _ _) EN THU (_ _ _) RY

80. FAL (_ _ _) AKE FEE (_ _ _) AME

81. HIG (_ _ _) OLD MAS (_ _ _) EEL

82. TO (_ _ _) AR TIM (_ _ _) YE

83. TR (_ _ _) ES WH (_ _ _) ET

84. PAN (_ _ _) OLD RAN (_ _ _) OWN

Answer the questions below by underlining TWO words, one from each group. In the following example a door is the way into a house and a lid is the way into a box.

Door is to (open / wood / house) as Lid is to (box / top / screw).

85. Field is to (milk / cricket / cow) as Hutch is to (football / rabbit / cage).

86. Joan is to (John / girl / youth) as Mary is to (child / Jill / Martin).

87. Up is to (drop / descent / go) as Down is to (ascent / high / low).

88. Page is to (book / read / spell) as Word is to (letter / sentence / write).

89. Elbow is to (arm / hand / fingers) as Knee is to (hip / toes / shoulder).

90. Buy is to (shop / sell / toy) as Receive is to (accept / bank / donate).

In the following questions there should be two groups of three words. In the second group of three words the word in brackets has been missed out. This missing word should be made using the words on each side of it in the same way as the first group. Write the missing word in the brackets.

Here is an example.

SOIL (SOME) MEET TOOL (TOLD) LIDS

91. SLOW (BROW) ROB FLAN (_ _ _ _ _) CASK

92. SAIL (HALL) HOLD RAIL (_ _ _ _ _) BOLD

93. TACK (CAT) TACT PUSH (_ _ _ _ _) RUSH

94. LIMP (HELM) HEAD LATE (_ _ _ _ _) SAND

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|------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 95. | GREEN (FROG) OFF | TASK (_ _ _ _ _) SEA |
| 96. | COOK (BOOK) COOK | CASK (_ _ _ _ _) CASK |
| 97. | BATH (SIDE) IDES | BATH (_ _ _ _ _) OWNS |
| 98. | LIME (MELT) ATE | TOGA (_ _ _ _ _) RED |
| 99. | FADE (FIRE) DIRT | HERE (_ _ _ _ _) RAVE |
| 100. | HOLD (SHOE) SAME | HIDE (_ _ _ _ _) TOWN |

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Answers

1. OCCUPIED, EMPTY
2. SPECIAL, ORDINARY
3. LEAD, FOLLOW
4. GLOOMY, MERRY
5. NOISE, SILENCE
6. TRANSPARENT, CLOUDY
7. RAT
8. ARE
9. BAG
10. ERA
11. ARC
12. MEN
13. URN
14. OFF, ICE
15. MUST, ACHE
16. FARE, WELL
17. MOT, HER
18. FEE, LING
19. BREAK, FAST
20. DERELICT, DESERTED
21. ENTICE, TEMPT
22. JOIN, ENROL
23. HASTY, FLEET
24. MISLAY, LOSE
25. QUEST, HUNT
26. S
27. A
28. D
29. J
30. 12
31. 49
32. COT
33. MINT
34. DIN
35. HELM
36. B
37. C
38. C
39. 72
40. 1
41. 56
42. 29
43. 405
44. 76
45. CLOAK
46. CRADLE
47. TRUMPET
48. MINUTE
49. DWARF
50. BRONZE
51. HAIR, FACT
52. BROW, SON
53. BRED, AWAY
54. OTHER, FARM
55. CAT, SHIM
56. FOR, TOUR
57. LIST
58. CRAMP
59. HASP
60. WISH
61. WOO
62. HAND
63. 5182
64. 5812
65. 2687
66. 5682
67. COLD, THE
68. JANE, PETER
69. THE, SOME
70. THE, WEEDED
71. BUS, BOOK
72. PIG, PIGS
73. HOLD
74. WOOD
75. LESS
76. TICK
77. HEAP
78. STIR
79. D
80. L
81. H
82. E
83. Y
84. T
85. COW, RABBIT
86. JOHN, MARTIN
87. DESCENT, ASCENT
88. BOOK, SENTENCE
89. FINGERS, TOES
90. SELL, DONATE
91. SCAN
92. BALL
93. SUP
94. SALT
95. EAST
96. BASK
97. SOWN
98. GATE
99. HAVE
100. THIN