Verbal Reasoning Mock Test 1

Name: _____ Date: _____

Time allowed: **40 minutes** **56 questions**, 1 mark each

Answer **every** question. Each question has five options, **A** to **E**, and exactly one is correct. Work out the answer and mark the letter you have chosen. Marks are not taken away for a wrong answer, so it is worth having a go at every question. **Calculators and rulers are not allowed.**

In these questions, the **same** letter must fit into **both** sets of brackets, to complete the word in front of the brackets and begin the word after the brackets. Find this letter and mark it.

Q1. hea [?] able sui [?] rap

A. t *B.* m *C.* d *D.* p *E.* n

Q2. boo [?] ite mil [?] ing

A. m *B.* t *C.* k *D.* d *E.* s

Q3. hel [?] ale slee [?] ond

A. d *B.* m *C.* t *D.* p *E.* k

Q4. bar [?] ear spi [?] ail

A. k *B.* n *C.* b *D.* d *E.* m

Q5. los [?] tick plu [?] pace

A. t *B.* e *C.* p *D.* h *E.* s

Q6. roa [?] amp foun [?] eal

A. r *B.* m *C.* d *D.* w *E.* s

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Q7. cas [?] ope wit [?] eavy

A. t *B.* e *C.* k *D.* h *E.* p

In these questions, **one** letter can be moved from the first word to the second word to make two new words. The letters must **not** otherwise be rearranged and **both** new words must make sense. Find the letter that moves and mark it.

Q8. crown ear

A. c *B.* r *C.* o *D.* w *E.* n

Q9. plant cap

A. p *B.* l *C.* a *D.* n *E.* t

Q10. stair cot

A. s *B.* t *C.* a *D.* i *E.* r

Q11. brush cash

A. b *B.* r *C.* u *D.* s *E.* h

Q12. paint sea

A. p *B.* a *C.* i *D.* n *E.* t

Q13. wheat hen

A. w *B.* h *C.* e *D.* a *E.* t

Q14. feast tick

A. f *B.* e *C.* a *D.* s *E.* t

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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.

Q15. We found the atlas on Monday.

A. We found

B. found the

C. the atlas

D. atlas on

E. on Monday.

Q16. The rest of the class waited.

A. The rest

B. rest of

C. of the

D. the class

E. class waited.

Q17. The old house had two vents.

A. The old

B. old house

C. house had

D. had two

E. two vents.

Q18. She was tempted to look inside.

A. She was

B. was tempted

C. tempted to

D. to look

E. look inside.

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Q19. The small cat hid its limbs.

A. The small

B. small cat

C. cat hid

D. hid its

E. its limbs.

Q20. The stain on his carpet grew.

A. The stain

B. stain on

C. on his

D. his carpet

E. carpet grew.

Q21. The runner left rapidly after lunch.

A. The runner

B. runner left

C. left rapidly

D. rapidly after

E. after lunch.

In these sentences, the word in capitals has had **three letters** next to each other taken out. These three letters will make one correctly-spelt word without changing their order, and the sentence you make must make sense. Mark the correct three-letter word.

Q22. The **FER** was busy in his fields.

A. ELM *B.* ARM *C.* OAR *D.* EAR *E.* ARE

Q23. They chose a quiet **LOION** for the picnic.

A. TAX *B.* PIN *C.* CAT *D.* SIT *E.* MAT

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Q24. The **MANR** of the shop was very helpful.

A. EAR *B.* OAR *C.* ICE *D.* AGE *E.* OWE

Q25. She marked the date on the **CALAR**.

A. AND *B.* ONE *C.* EAR *D.* OWN *E.* END

Q26. He was very **GRFUL** for all the help.

A. ATE *B.* EAT *C.* TEA *D.* ICE *E.* OWE

Q27. The shop had its grand **OING** last week.

A. TEN *B.* WIN *C.* RUN *D.* PEN *E.* BUN

Q28. His work was **SATISFORY** but no better.

A. CAT *B.* ACT *C.* TAX *D.* ART *E.* OAR

In each question, find the number that continues the series in the most sensible way and mark it. You may have to add, subtract, multiply or divide, and some series are really two series taken in turns.

Q29. 5 9 13 17 21 [?]

A. 23 *B.* 24 *C.* 25 *D.* 26 *E.* 27

Q30. 80 72 64 56 48 [?]

A. 42 *B.* 38 *C.* 44 *D.* 36 *E.* 40

Q31. 3 6 12 24 48 [?]

A. 72 *B.* 96 *C.* 84 *D.* 60 *E.* 108

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Q32. 4 20 7 17 10 14 13 [?]

A. 16 *B.* 12 *C.* 9 *D.* 11 *E.* 10

Q33. 2 3 5 8 12 17 [?]

A. 23 *B.* 21 *C.* 22 *D.* 24 *E.* 20

Q34. 1 4 9 16 25 [?]

A. 30 *B.* 49 *C.* 32 *D.* 36 *E.* 35

Q35. 2 6 14 30 62 [?]

A. 94 *B.* 126 *C.* 118 *D.* 124 *E.* 130

In these questions, find the **two** words, **one from each group**, that are most **opposite** in meaning. Mark the pair.

Q36. (arrive depart travel) (journey leave come)

A. arrive – leave
B. travel – journey
C. depart – leave
D. travel – come
E. depart – journey

Q37. (ancient rapid gentle) (rough sturdy quiet)

A. ancient – sturdy
B. rapid – quiet
C. gentle – rough
D. ancient – quiet
E. rapid – sturdy

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Q38. (scarce sudden bitter) (plentiful sharp sour)

A. bitter – sour

B. scarce – plentiful

C. sudden – sharp

D. scarce – sharp

E. bitter – plentiful

Q39. (assemble reveal polish) (gather conceal shine)

A. assemble – gather

B. polish – shine

C. assemble – conceal

D. reveal – conceal

E. polish – gather

Q40. (permanent frequent obvious) (rare clear lasting)

A. permanent – lasting

B. obvious – clear

C. frequent – rare

D. permanent – rare

E. obvious – lasting

Q41. (fragile stubborn generous) (sturdy firm kind)

A. stubborn – firm

B. generous – kind

C. fragile – firm

D. generous – sturdy

E. fragile – sturdy

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Q42. (reluctant genuine hasty) (eager real swift)

A. genuine – real

B. reluctant – eager

C. hasty – swift

D. genuine – swift

E. hasty – real

In these questions, **three** of the five words are related in some way. Find the **two** words that do **not** go with these three, and mark that pair.

Q43. oak pine rose birch tulip

A. oak, pine

B. rose, tulip

C. pine, birch

D. oak, tulip

E. rose, birch

Q44. copper silver marble gold granite

A. marble, granite

B. copper, gold

C. silver, marble

D. granite, gold

E. copper, silver

Q45. whisper shout mutter sprint murmur

A. whisper, mutter

B. shout, murmur

C. shout, sprint

D. mutter, sprint

E. whisper, murmur

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Q46. cotton wool silk glass plastic

A. cotton, silk

B. glass, wool

C. wool, plastic

D. glass, plastic

E. cotton, plastic

Q47. enormous tiny gigantic massive narrow

A. enormous, massive

B. tiny, gigantic

C. gigantic, narrow

D. massive, tiny

E. tiny, narrow

Q48. violin cello trumpet harp drum

A. violin, harp

B. trumpet, drum

C. cello, trumpet

D. harp, drum

E. violin, cello

Q49. reject decline accept refuse receive

A. reject, refuse

B. accept, decline

C. reject, receive

D. accept, receive

E. decline, refuse

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In these questions there are two pairs of words. Only **one** of the five possible answers will go equally well with **both** of these pairs. Mark it.

Q50. (circle band) (telephone call)

A. hoop *B.* ring *C.* loop *D.* chime *E.* bell

Q51. (student learner) (part of the eye)

A. scholar *B.* iris *C.* pupil *D.* teacher *E.* retina

Q52. (remainder others) (relax sleep)

A. break *B.* remains *C.* nap *D.* rest *E.* pause

Q53. (just reasonable) (carnival fete)

A. right *B.* market *C.* honest *D.* show *E.* fair

Q54. (locomotive carriage) (teach instruct)

A. train *B.* engine *C.* drill *D.* tutor *E.* wagon

Q55. (penalty forfeit) (healthy well)

A. charge *B.* sound *C.* fine *D.* ticket *E.* fit

Q56. (enchantment curse) (period stretch)

A. charm *B.* spell *C.* term *D.* hex *E.* while

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