

English Mock Test 11

Name: _____

Date: _____

Time allowed: **50 minutes**

50 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.

Read this passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

The Swing in the Wood-shed

by Susan Coolidge

This extract comes from What Katy Did, first published in 1872. Twelve-year-old Katy Carr lives with her father, Dr. Carr, her younger brothers and sisters, and their strict Aunt Izzie. After a visit from their kind Cousin Helen, Katy promised herself that she would be good, but she has woken up in a bad temper. Between the first and second parts of the extract, Katy loses her temper with her little sister Elsie and pushes her, so that Elsie tumbles down a few stairs. Aunt Izzie takes Elsie upstairs, saying that Cousin Helen will be surprised to hear of it. The extract has been shortened.

1 "What are you all going to do to-day?" asked Dr. Carr, hoping to give things a more cheerful turn.

"Swing!" cried John and Dorry both together. "Alexander's put us up a splendid one in the wood-shed."

5 "No you're not," said Aunt Izzie in a positive tone, "the swing is not to be used till to-morrow. Remember that, children. Not till to-morrow. And not then, unless I give you leave."

This was unwise of Aunt Izzie. She would better have explained farther. The truth was, that Alexander, in putting up the swing, had
10 cracked one of the staples which fastened it to the roof. He meant to get a new one in the course of the day, and, meantime, he had cautioned Miss Carr to let no one use the swing, because it really was not safe. If she had told this to the children, all would have been right; but Aunt Izzie's theory was, that young people must obey
15 their elders without explanation.

Katy, left below, felt very miserable: repentant, defiant, discontented, and sulky all at once. She knew in her heart that she had not meant to hurt Elsie, but was thoroughly ashamed of that push; but Aunt Izzie's hint about telling Cousin Helen, had made her
20 too angry to allow of her confessing this to herself or anybody else.

"I don't care!" she murmured, choking back her tears. "Elsie is a real cry-baby, anyway. And Aunt Izzie always takes her part."

She went out by the side-door into the yard. As she passed the shed,
25 the new swing caught her eye.

"How exactly like Aunt Izzie," she thought, "ordering the children not to swing till she gives them leave. I suppose she thinks it's too hot, or something. I sha'n't mind her, anyhow."

She seated herself in the swing. It was a first-rate one, with a
30 broad, comfortable seat, and thick new ropes. The seat hung just the right distance from the floor. Alexander was a capital hand at putting up swings, and the wood-shed the nicest possible spot in which to have one.

It was a big place, with a very high roof. There was not much wood
35 left in it just now, and the little there was, was piled neatly about the sides of the shed, so as to leave plenty of room. The place felt cool and dark, and the motion of the swing seemed to set the breeze blowing. It waved Katy's hair like a great fan, and made her dreamy and quiet. All sorts of sleepy ideas began to flit
40 through her brain. Swinging to and fro like the pendulum of a great clock, she gradually rose higher and higher, driving herself along by the motion of her body, and striking the floor smartly with her foot, at every sweep. Now she was at the top of the high arched door. Then she could almost touch the cross-beam above it, and
45 through the small square window could see pigeons sitting and pluming themselves on the eaves of the barn, and white clouds blowing over the blue sky. She had never swung so high before. It was like flying, she thought, and she bent and curved more strongly in the seat, trying to send herself yet higher, and graze the roof
50 with her toes.

Suddenly, at the very highest point of the sweep, there was a sharp noise of cracking. The swing gave a violent twist, spun half round, and tossed Katy into the air. She clutched the rope,—felt it dragged from her grasp,—then, down,—down—down—she fell. All grew dark, and
55 she knew no more.

When she opened her eyes she was lying on the sofa in the dining-room. Clover was kneeling beside her with a pale, scared face, and Aunt Izzie was dropping something cold and wet on her forehead.

60 "What's the matter?" said Katy, faintly.

"Oh, she's alive—she's alive!" and Clover put her arms round Katy's neck and sobbed.

"Hush, dear!" Aunt Izzie's voice sounded unusually gentle. "You've had a bad tumble, Katy. Don't you recollect?"

65 "A tumble? Oh, yes—out of the swing," said Katy, as it all came slowly back to her. "Did the rope break, Aunt Izzie? I can't remember about it."

"No, Katy, not the rope. The staple drew out of the roof. It was a cracked one, and not safe. Don't you recollect my telling you not to
70 swing to-day? Did you forget?"

"No, Aunt Izzie—I didn't forget. I—" but here Katy broke down. She closed her eyes, and big tears rolled from under the lids.

Please answer these questions. (Look at the passage again if you need to.) You should choose the best answer and mark its letter.

Q1. Who had put up the new swing in the wood-shed?

- A. Dr. Carr
- B. John and Dorry
- C. Alexander
- D. Aunt Izzie
- E. Katy

Q2. 'said Aunt Izzie in a positive tone' (line 5)

What does 'positive' mean here?

- A. firm and certain
- B. cheerful and hopeful
- C. kind and gentle
- D. doubtful
- E. quiet and nervous

Q3. 'This was unwise of Aunt Izzie. She would better have explained farther.' (lines 8-9)

What does the author think Aunt Izzie should have done?

- A. taken the swing down straight away
- B. let the children use the swing after all
- C. explained to the children how to swing safely
- D. asked Dr. Carr to give the order instead
- E. told the children the real reason why they must not use the swing

Q4. Why was the swing not safe to use?

- A. Its ropes were old and worn.
- B. One of the staples fixing it to the roof was cracked.
- C. The seat hung too high above the floor.
- D. The wood-shed was too hot.
- E. Its seat was broken.

Q5. 'he had cautioned Miss Carr' (lines 11-12)

What does 'cautioned' mean?

- A. thanked
- B. blamed
- C. promised
- D. warned
- E. excused

Q6. 'cautioned Miss Carr to let no one use the swing' (line 12)

Who is 'Miss Carr'?

- A. Katy
- B. Clover
- C. Elsie
- D. Aunt Izzie
- E. a neighbour

Q7. 'young people must obey their elders without explanation' (lines 14-15)

Which of these best sums up Aunt Izzie's belief?

- A. Children should do as they are told without being given reasons.
- B. Children should always ask why before they obey.
- C. Older people should explain every rule.
- D. Children should obey only when a rule is explained.
- E. Young people know better than their elders.

Q8. 'repentant, defiant, discontented, and sulky all at once' (lines 16-17)

What does 'repentant' mean?

- A. refusing to obey
- B. unhappy with how things are
- C. sorry for what you have done
- D. repeating yourself
- E. relieved

Q9. 'Aunt Izzie's hint about telling Cousin Helen, had made her too angry' (lines 19-20)

Why would Katy not admit, even to herself, that she was ashamed of pushing Elsie?

- A. because she did not think she had pushed Elsie at all
- B. because Elsie had not really been hurt
- C. because she wanted to find out Elsie's secret
- D. because Cousin Helen had already gone home
- E. because Aunt Izzie's threat to tell Cousin Helen had made her too angry

Q10. 'choking back her tears' (line 22)

What does this tell us about Katy?

- A. She was crying loudly.
- B. She was trying hard not to cry.
- C. She had a bad cough.
- D. She had stopped feeling upset.
- E. She was laughing at Elsie.

Q11. 'I suppose she thinks it's too hot, or something.'
(lines 27-28)

What does this show?

- A. Katy guessed the wrong reason for the order because nobody had told her the swing was unsafe.
- B. Katy knew the staple was cracked but did not care.
- C. The weather really was too hot for swinging.
- D. Aunt Izzie had told Katy it was too hot to swing.
- E. Katy thought Aunt Izzie was worried about the staple.

Q12. What was the seat of the swing like?

- A. narrow and hard
- B. small and wooden
- C. cracked down the middle
- D. too high to reach
- E. broad and comfortable

Q13. 'It was a first-rate one, with a broad, comfortable seat, and thick new ropes.' (lines 29-30)

How many adjectives are there in this sentence?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6
- E. 7

Q14. 'Alexander was a capital hand at putting up swings' (lines 31-32)

What does 'a capital hand' mean?

- A. a person from the capital city
- B. a very skilled worker
- C. a large, strong hand
- D. a beginner
- E. a helper who is paid well

Q15. 'Alexander was a capital hand at putting up swings' (lines 31-32)

Why is it surprising that the author says this here?

- A. Alexander had never put up a swing before.
- B. The swing he put up was a poor one.
- C. Alexander was a doctor, not a builder.
- D. The reader already knows that he cracked a staple while putting up this very swing.
- E. Katy did not like Alexander.

Q16. 'It waved Katy's hair like a great fan' (line 38)

This is an example of...

- A. a metaphor
- B. personification
- C. alliteration
- D. a simile
- E. onomatopoeia

Q17. What could Katy see through the small square window?

- A. Aunt Izzie in the garden
- B. pigeons on the eaves of the barn
- C. Elsie crying in the yard
- D. the roof of the house
- E. rain clouds gathering

Q18. 'graze the roof with her toes' (lines 49-50)

What does 'graze' mean here?

- A. eat grass in a field
- B. scrape and hurt
- C. kick very hard
- D. climb up on to
- E. touch lightly in passing

Q19. 'then, down,-down-down-she fell' (line 54)

Why has the author written the fall like this?

- A. The repeated word and the dashes make the fall seem long and slow, as it felt to Katy.
- B. to show that Katy fell down three separate times
- C. because Katy was shouting the word as she fell
- D. to show that the fall was very short
- E. because the swing went down before Katy did

Q20. 'All grew dark, and she knew no more.' (lines 54-55)

What does this mean?

- A. Night had fallen.
- B. Katy had shut her eyes on purpose.
- C. Katy was knocked unconscious.
- D. Katy forgot everything she had learnt.
- E. The shed had no lights.

Q21. 'said Katy, faintly' (line 60)

What type of word is 'faintly'?

- A. an adjective
- B. a verb
- C. a noun
- D. a pronoun
- E. an adverb

Q22. 'Aunt Izzie's voice sounded unusually gentle' (line 63)

What does this suggest?

- A. Aunt Izzie was frightened for Katy, although she is usually sharp with the children.
- B. Aunt Izzie was always gentle with the children.
- C. Aunt Izzie was too tired to shout.
- D. Aunt Izzie was pleased that Katy had disobeyed.
- E. Aunt Izzie did not know about the swing.

Q23. 'but here Katy broke down' (line 71)

Why did Katy break down in tears?

- A. She had forgotten that Aunt Izzie told her not to swing.
- B. Aunt Izzie was scolding her very harshly.
- C. She realised the accident was her own fault, because she had disobeyed on purpose.
- D. She was upset that the swing was broken.
- E. Clover had laughed at her.

Q24. Which would make the best alternative title for this passage?

- A. Katy Learns to Fly
- B. The Price of Disobedience
- C. The Best Swing in Town
- D. Aunt Izzie's Secret
- E. A Cool Day in the Shed

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Spelling

In these sentences there are some **spelling** mistakes. In each sentence there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. The words are split into four groups, **A** to **D**. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter. **If there is no mistake, mark E.**

Q25.

After the rain, a fat worm riggled out of the wet soil.

A

B

C

D

- A. After the rain,
- B. a fat worm
- C. riggled out of
- D. the wet soil.
- E. No mistake

Q26.

Both puppys fell asleep in a basket by the warm oven.

A

B

C

D

- A. Both puppys
- B. fell asleep in
- C. a basket by
- D. the warm oven.
- E. No mistake

Q27.

The statue of Nelson stands on a tall stone colum in London.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. The statue of
- B. Nelson stands on
- C. a tall stone
- D. colum in London.
- E. No mistake

Q28.

We picked rasberries from the bushes at the bottom of the field.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. We picked
- B. rasberries from
- C. the bushes at
- D. the bottom of the field.
- E. No mistake

Q29.

When the baby arrived, my brother felt jelous of all the attention.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. When the baby
- B. arrived, my brother
- C. felt jelous of
- D. all the attention.
- E. No mistake

Q30.

The sargent marched his soldiers across the parade ground.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. The sargent
- B. marched his soldiers
- C. across the
- D. parade ground.
- E. No mistake

Q31.

In the end, Tom owned up because his guilty conscience nagged him.

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A

B

C

D

- A. In the end,
- B. Tom owned up
- C. because his guilty
- D. conscience nagged him.
- E. No mistake

Q32.

At half-time the boistrous fans sang and clapped along to the band.

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A

B

C

D

- A. At half-time the
- B. boistrous fans
- C. sang and clapped
- D. along to the band.
- E. No mistake

Q33.

A courteous official gave us a brochure about the museum.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. A courteous
- B. official gave
- C. us a brochure
- D. about the museum.
- E. No mistake

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The Great Stink

In these sentences there are some **punctuation and grammar** mistakes. The nine numbered lines follow on from one another and make one short passage. On each numbered line there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. The words are split into four groups, **A** to **D**. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter. **If there is no mistake, mark E.**

Q34.

In the summer of 1858, london smelled worse than ever before.

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A **B** **C** **D**

- A. In the summer
- B. of 1858, london
- C. smelled worse
- D. than ever before.
- E. No mistake

Q35.

Waste had flowed into the Thames for years, the hot sun made it stink.

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A **B** **C** **D**

- A. Waste had flowed
- B. into the Thames for
- C. years, the hot sun
- D. made it stink.
- E. No mistake

Q36.

The smell was so bad that people called it the Great Stink

A

B

C

D

- A. The smell was so
- B. bad that people
- C. called it the
- D. Great Stink
- E. No mistake

Q37.

Parliament, which met by the river had to hang up soaked curtains.

A

B

C

D

- A. Parliament, which
- B. met by the river had
- C. to hang up
- D. soaked curtains.
- E. No mistake

Q38.

A more better system was needed, so Joseph Bazalgette drew up a plan.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. A more better
- B. system was needed,
- C. so Joseph Bazalgette
- D. drew up a plan.
- E. No mistake

Q39.

Workers dug more than 1,000 miles of sewers under the citys streets.

A **B** **C** **D**

- A. Workers dug more
- B. than 1,000 miles
- C. of sewers under
- D. the citys streets.
- E. No mistake

Q40.

The bricks lining each of the tunnels was specially made to last.

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A **B** **C** **D**

- A. The bricks lining
- B. each of the tunnels
- C. was specially
- D. made to last.
- E. No mistake

Q41.

Less people fell ill with cholera once the sewers were finished.

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A **B** **C** **D**

- A. Less people fell
- B. ill with cholera
- C. once the sewers
- D. were finished.
- E. No mistake

Q42.

His sewer system still does its job, and it's more than 150 years old.

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A **B** **C** **D**

- A. His sewer system
- B. still does its job,
- C. and it's more than
- D. 150 years old.
- E. No mistake

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The Adventure Playground

In this passage you have to choose the best word, or group of words, to complete each numbered line so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. The numbered lines follow on from one another and make one short passage, so read them in order. Choose the **best** answer and mark its letter.

Q43. When the new adventure playground opened, my brother Sam and I _____ the first ones through the gate.

- A. was
- B. were
- C. is
- D. be
- E. been

Q44. It had a zip wire, a climbing wall and _____ tallest slide I had ever seen.

- A. a
- B. an
- C. some
- D. the
- E. any

Q45. _____ he is usually nervous of heights, Sam headed straight for the zip wire.

- A. Although
- B. Because
- C. Unless
- D. Since
- E. So

Q46. The attendant _____ him to hold the handle tightly and not to let go.

- A. suggested
- B. insisted
- C. explained
- D. proposed
- E. advised

Q47. Sam _____ looked down once as he whizzed along the wire.

- A. ever
- B. not
- C. never
- D. no
- E. nor

Q48. If I _____ as brave as Sam that day, I would have had a go too.

- A. was
- B. had been
- C. were
- D. have been
- E. would be

Q49. By the time the playground closed, we _____ every slide at least twice.

- A. have tried
- B. tried
- C. try
- D. had tried
- E. were trying

Q50. Sam was so _____ that he fell asleep on the sofa before tea.

- A. exhausting
- B. exhaustive
- C. exhausted
- D. exhaust
- E. exhaustion

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