

11 PLUS VERBAL REASONING PRACTICE TEST

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Paper Instructions

- This paper will test your child on elements of VERBAL REASONING only.
- The paper contains a mixture of questions relevant to the 11 Plus Verbal Reasoning assessment for GL and CEM exams.
- Please note, this paper contains QUESTIONS ONLY – For step by step explanations on how to approach each question please refer to course materials found on our website www.youngbudstuition.co.uk
- **Please allow your child 40 minutes to complete the paper.**

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In this question, 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.

Example found or

A p **B** o **C** u **D** n **E** d

Answer u

Solution The answer is **u**: when removed from the word 'found', we get a new word '**fond**' and when added to the word 'or' we get a new word '**our**'. The letters have not otherwise been rearranged and both new words make sense.

1. grime fast

A r **B** r **C** i **D** m **E** e

2. blast tale

A b **B** l **C** a **D** s **E** t

3. crave pint

A c **B** r **C** a **D** v **E** e



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4. mister plea

A m **B** i **C** s **D** t **E** r

5. bridge or

A b **B** r **C** d **D** g **E** e

6. twinkle ton

A t **B** o **C** w **D** n **E** l

7. flake pal

A f **B** l **C** a **D** k **E** e



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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.

Example blin (?) ite sin (?) ip

A p **B** k **C** s **D** m **E** t

Answer k

Solution The same letter that fits into both sets of brackets to form four words is 'k' (the four new words are **blink, kite, sink, kip**).

8. rave (?) ose oxe (?) od

A n **B** d **C** l **D** m **E** h

9. mise (?) oad cove (?) isen

A s **B** r **C** n **D** d **E** t

10. bea (?) ite ge (?) ist

A k **B** t **C** d **D** m **E** r



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11. ti (?) at clov (?) ast

A n **B** p **C** s **D** e **E** a

12. com (?) gile ple (?) sk

A a **B** e **C** i **D** o **E** u

13. lea (?) ie pul (?) ew

A n **B** d **C** r **D** s **E** p

14. kiw (?) dle tax (?) gloo

A s **B** i **C** e **D** a **E** o



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

Example (sorrow early lean) (joy broke dark)

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| A sorrow | X broke |
| B early | Y joy |
| C lean | Z dark |

Answer sorrow joy

Solution The two words, one from each group, that are **most opposite in meaning** are 'sorrow' from group one and 'joy' from group two.

15.

(breeze summer June) (March sun winter)

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| A breeze | X March |
| B summer | Y sun |
| C June | Z winter |

16.

(aid green ask) (prohibit rise plea)

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| A aid | X prohibit |
| B green | Y rise |
| C ask | Z plea |



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17. (lose find fix) (hope break help)

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| A lose | X hope |
| B find | Y break |
| C fix | Z help |

18. (beam own smile) (frown play stand)

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| A beam | X frown |
| B own | Y play |
| C smile | Z stand |

19. (grey black slate) (cream white silver)

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| A grey | X cream |
| B black | Y white |
| C slate | Z silver |

20. (olive sew left) (reap eleven once)

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| A olive | X reap |
| B sew | Y eleven |
| C left | Z once |



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21.

(up below down)

(right beneath above)

A up

B below

C down

X right

Y beneath

Z above

In the following sentence the letters in capitals are an anagram of another word which belongs in that place to make sense of the sentence. Solve the anagram and identify which of the following statements is true of the word which fits here:

Example

A RSILDOE is a member of the armed forces.

- A.** The word ends with the letter **E**
- B.** The word ends with the letter **S**
- C.** The word ends with the letter **L**
- D.** The word ends with the letter **D**
- E.** The word ends with the letter **R**

Answer **E** - the word ends with the letter **R**

Solution The word that was spelt was **SOLDIER** which ends in the letter **R**.

22.

RGITUA is a type of musical instrument

- A.** The word ends with the letter **R**
- B.** The word ends with the letter **A**
- C.** The word ends with the letter **U**
- D.** The word ends with the letter **G**
- E.** The word ends with the letter **T**



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23.

The young boys still EBEIVDLE in Santa Clause

- A. The word ends with the letter L
- B. The word ends with the letter D
- C. The word ends with the letter I
- D. The word ends with the letter B
- E. The word ends with the letter E

24.

A NOGRAD is a mythical creature.

- A. The word ends with the letter N
- B. The word ends with the letter D
- C. The word ends with the letter R
- D. The word ends with the letter G
- E. The word ends with the letter A

25.

Polar bears live in the CITCAR

- A. The word ends with the letter T
- B. The word ends with the letter R
- C. The word ends with the letter A
- D. The word ends with the letter C
- E. The word ends with the letter A

26.

Millie tried to SUPERDEA her sister to come to the concert.

- A. The word ends with the letter D
- B. The word ends with the letter S
- C. The word ends with the letter R
- D. The word ends with the letter E
- E. The word ends with the letter P



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27.

GRINCUL is a sport at the Winter Olympics

- A.** The word ends with the letter **C**
- B.** The word ends with the letter **R**
- C.** The word ends with the letter **N**
- D.** The word ends with the letter **G**
- E.** The word ends with the letter **L**

28.

Germany has never been ROVEFING for the awful acts of World War 2

- A.** The word ends with the letter **E**
- B.** The word ends with the letter **F**
- C.** The word ends with the letter **N**
- D.** The word ends with the letter **G**
- E.** The word ends with the letter **R**

Pick the pair of letters that comes next in the sequence. The alphabet has been written to help you.

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

Example

AA BB CC DD ??

Answer **EE**

Solution The next letter that logically follows from **D** is **E** for both the first and second letters

29.

AB DD GF JH ??

A MJ **B** MK **C** NO **D** GH **E** HJ



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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

30.

QQ TN WK ZH ??

A IJ B GD C CE D DF E CH

31.

AA BZ DX GU ??

A KH B NG C PR D AV E KQ

32.

EA AC JF FJ ??

A OW B OO C MW D NH E OP

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.

Example The film ended happily after all.

- A The film
- B film ended
- C ended happily
- D happily after
- E after all.

Answer **film ended**



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Solution In this sentence, the hidden four-letter word is **'mend'**, which is made up of the last letter of the word **'film'** and the first three letters of the word **'ended'**. So the pair of words that contains the hidden word is **'film ended'**.

33.

A cream cake is a delightful accompaniment with tea.

- A** A cream
- B** cream cake
- C** a delightful
- D** accompaniment with
- E** with tea

34.

Sophie understood the advantage of revising.

- A** Sophie understood
- B** understood the
- C** the advantage
- D** advantage of
- E** of revising

35.

She roasted peanuts for her family.

- A** She roasted
- B** roasted peanuts



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- C peanuts for
- D for her
- E her family

36.

Please never ever touch my things.

- A Please never
- B never ever
- C ever touch
- D touch my
- E my things

37.

Two mighty people are hard to find.

- A Two mighty
- B mighty people
- C people are
- D are hard
- E to find

38.

Seven more appointments were booked together.

- A Seven more
- B more appointments
- C appointments were



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- D** were booked
- E** booked together

39.

The metallic toy began rusting away.

- A** The metallic
- B** metallic toy
- C** toy began
- D** began rusting
- E** rusting away

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.

The sentence that you make must make sense.

Example

From the kettle came **SM**

- A** TEA
- B** RAT
- C** COW
- D** AGE
- E** MAP

Answer **TEA**

Solution

The three-letter word that has been removed is **'TEA'**. If we place this three-letter word between S and M, it makes the word **STEAM** and thus completes the sentence.



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40.

The elderly couple would play **BS** in their spare time.

- A** EAT **B** ATE **C** OAT **D** OWL **E** AID

41.

The loud **CS** of thunder and rumbles of lightening.

- A** AND **B** LAP **C** AMP **D** LOW **E** OWN

42.

The teacher set the class several **TS** to complete.

- A** APE **B** BIG **C** ALL **D** TOT **E** ASK

43.

In the gallery hung several beautiful **PAINGS**

- A** RAN **B** TON **C** TIN **D** LOB **E** RAN

44.

The fox typically **APRS** when all are asleep.

- A** DON **B** PEA **C** MAN **D** CAR **E** MOP



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45.

There has been much **DEE** in Parliament about Brexit.

A PIE **B** LAP **C** EAR **D** BAT **E** CAP

46.

Many were upset by the boy's offensive **REKS**.

A MAR **B** OLD **C** DEW **D** VAN **E** ILL

47.

The President requested **HLV** updates on the crisis.

A ARE **B** EAR **C** ORE **D** KIN **E** OUR



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In these questions, find the **two** words, **one** from each group, that will complete the sentence in the best way.

Example

Up is to (down orange colour) as **black** is to (white red narrow)

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| A down | X white |
| B orange | Y red |
| C colour | Z narrow |

Answer **down white**

Solution In this example, 'Up' is to **down** as 'black' is to '**white**' is correct because the word relationships here are antonyms (opposites). For other questions, the word relationship will be something different (pay attention to word type as well as meaning) but the important thing to remember is that the first relationship will connect with the second relationship.

48.

Hungry is to (stomach chest food) as **thirsty** is to (steam water soaked)

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| A stomach | X steam |
| B chest | Y water |
| C food | Z soaked |

49.

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Paw is to (cat fish cow) as **horse** is to (fin beak hoof)

- | | |
|-------|--------|
| A cat | X fin |
| B dog | Y beak |
| C cow | Z hoof |

50.

Moon is to (planet grey satellite) as **Earth** is to (sun water asteroid)

- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| A planet | X sun |
| B grey | Y water |
| C satellite | Z asteroid |

51.

Man is to (dream biography novel) as **nation** is to (people leader history)

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| A dream | X people |
| B biography | Y leader |
| C novel | Z history |

52.

Evening is to (morning noon night) as **dinner** is to (time lunch breakfast)

- | | |
|-----------|-------------|
| A morning | X time |
| B noon | Y lunch |
| C night | Z breakfast |

53.

Architect is to (job room building) as **sculptor** is to (statue stone tool)

- | | |
|------------|----------|
| A job | X statue |
| B room | Y stone |
| C building | Z tool |



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54.

Cube is to (shape four square) as **square** is to (triangle line even)

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| A shape | X triangle |
| B four | Y line |
| C square | Z even |

55.

Which pair is grammatically the odd one out?

- A.** beautiful angel
- B.** cold stare
- C.** pencil black
- D.** slanted road
- E.** broken toy

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.

Example (world globe) (soil ground)

- A** ball **B** dirt **C** plant **D** earth **E** universe

Answer **earth**

Solution The answer is '**earth**'. The word 'earth' goes equally well with both pairs of words because, just as it can refer to the planet Earth (world, globe), it can also refer to the ground beneath us (soil, ground).



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56.

(football tennis)

(chess scrabble)

A ball

B racket

C court

D board

E game

57.

(meteor planet)

(room area)

A asteroid

B gravity

C square

D space

E void

58.

(sink bath)

(empty pour)

A drain

B tap

C wipe

D fall

E end

59.

(wire current)

(concert play)

A sing

B electricity

C conductor

D live

E circuit

60.

(siren emergency)

(guard patrol)

A security

B police

C arrest

D handcuff

E cell

61.

(transparent window)

(clean wipe)



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A invisible **B** wash **C** dust **D** polish **E** clear

62.

(tree grass) (car bus)

A green **B** transport **C** park **D** engine **E** wildlife

63.

(hand lines) (coconut island)

A fingers **B** palm **C** tree **D** beach **E** digits

64.

(dog loud) (tree wood)

A yap **B** canine **C** bark **D** sap **E** fir

65.

(stick flame) (contest teams)

A match **B** fight **C** fire **D** duel **E** power



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Answers:

1. E
2. A
3. B
4. D
5. A
6. C
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. D
11. D
12. A
13. E
14. B
15. A, Z
16. A, X
17. C, Y
18. C, X
19. B, Y
20. B, X
21. B, Z
22. A
23. B
24. A
25. D
26. D
27. D
28. C
29. A
30. C
31. E
32. B
33. D
34. C



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- 35. A
- 36. E
- 37. B
- 38. B
- 39. A
- 40. D
- 41. B
- 42. E
- 43. C
- 44. B
- 45. D
- 46. A
- 47. E
- 48. C,Y
- 49. A, Z
- 50. C, X
- 51. B, Z
- 52. A, Z
- 53. C, X
- 54. C, Y
- 55. C
- 56. E
- 57. D
- 58. A
- 59. D
- 60. B
- 61. E
- 62. C
- 63. B
- 64. C
- 65. A

