

GL South West Hertfordshire Mock 3 Verbal Reasoning



Paper B

Verbal Reasoning

50 minutes

80 marks

- This is a multiple-choice paper. Mark your answer to each question on the separate answer sheet.
- The paper contains a number of different types of question. Each question type starts with an explanation of what to do, followed by a worked example.
- If you are not sure of an answer, choose the one you think is best. If you cannot do a question, leave it and move onto the next.
- Work as quickly and carefully as you can.

Verbal Reasoning

(50 minutes)

In these questions, you need to work out the correct word to complete the sentence. The word on the left in bold, is a clue. It rhymes with a synonym of the missing word, but not the word itself. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

Example **violent** The librarian asked everyone to remain _____.

A. noisy B. calm C. quiet D. silent E. loud

Answer **quiet**

Solution The word from the five answer options that rhymes with 'violent' is 'silent'. You then need to find a synonym of the word 'silent' from the remaining answer options. The synonym is 'quiet'.

1 **glare** The visitors stopped to _____ at the impressive castle.

A. inspect B. ignore C. gaze D. admire E. stare

2 **moan** The child began to _____ about the long journey.

A. explain B. laugh C. grumble D. groan E. sing

3 **steep** The burglar tried to _____ into the house unnoticed.

A. rush B. escape C. creep D. sneak E. enter

4 **dreary** The long hike left the children feeling _____.

A. exhausted B. lively C. weary D. unhappy E. cheerful

- 5 broom** The flowers began to _____ in early spring.
- A. bloom B. blossom C. grow D. pollenate E. wilt
- 6 snow** The stars seemed to _____ brightly overhead.
- A. sparkle B. disappear C. twinkle D. glow E. dim
- 7 tearful** The children remained _____ despite the rain.
- A. patient B. excited C. cheerful D. upbeat E. melancholy
- 8 roast** The young inventor could not resist the urge to _____ about winning first prize in the science competition.
- A. celebrate B. explain C. brag D. boast E. bake

In each question, find one letter that will complete the word in front of the brackets and begin the word after the brackets. The same letter must fit into both sets of brackets.

Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Example

JUNGL (___) AGLE

KARAT (___) NGINE

A. A

B. E

C. I

D. O

E. U

Answer

B. E

Solution

The letter 'E' is the only letter from the options that begins and completes all the words and makes four correctly spelt words. It creates the words: jungle, eagle, karate and engine.

9 RADI (___) PERA

HER (___) BEY

A. A

B. C

C. O

D. U

E. D

10 LEMO (___) EST

CAPTAI (___) UMBER

A. T

B. L

C. S

D. M

E. N

11 PIAN (___) ASIS

FLAMING (___) RCHESTRA

A. O

B. N

C. I

D. S

E. F

12 PAINTE (___) OUND

SOLA (___) OBOT

A. D

B. R

C. S

D. T

E. W

13 BANNE (___) OCKET

ACTO (___) ABBIT

A. D

B. S

C. R

D. T

E. W

14 JOURNA (____) IME

ANIMA (____) ANTERN

A. N

B. R

C. T

D. L

E. B

15 CLAS (____) EAT

FIS (____) OPE

A. P

B. H

C. M

D. S

E. T

16 FAR (____) YSTERY

DREA (____) AGNET

A. L

B. M

C. N

D. R

E. T

In each question, there are three pairs of words. Complete the third pair so they have the same connection as the first two pairs. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

Example (chatty, cat) (planet, pan) (shears, _____)

A. sea B. ash C. rash D. her E. she

Answer **sea**

Solution The first, third and fourth letters from the first word in the brackets, are used to make the second word in the brackets.

17 (training, rain) (grinding, rind) (bringing, _____)

A. grin B. rig C. ring D. bring E. brig

18 (flanked, led) (blanket, let) (cranked, _____)

A. red B. ran C. can D. end E. crane

19 (cattle, ate) (throat, hot) (attire, _____)

A. tie B. tea C. art D. rat E. tar

20 (chamber, cab) (channel, can) (chapter, _____)

A. cap B. hat C. cat D. art E. ate

21 (dominate, one) (computer, our) (hospital, _____)

A. his B. lit C. sat D. oil E. pit

22 (footage, foe) (freckle, fee) (flatter, _____)

A. ate

B. art

C. fat

D. let

E. far

23 (address, adds) (bandage, bang) (ballads, _____)

A. bold

B. bald

C. ball

D. balm

E. band

In each question, there are two pairs of words. You must select a word from the options below that will go equally well with both pairs. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

Example

(festival, carnival)

(just, reasonable)

A. equal

B. honest

C. proper

D. fair

E. balanced

Answer

fair

Solution

The word 'fair' is a homonym. It can mean a festival or carnival event with rides, stalls and games, or it can mean just and reasonable, treating people equitably.

24 (tournament, contest)

(equal, correspond)

A. rival

B. balance

C. pair

D. match

E. same

25 (mistake, error)

(blame, responsibility)

A. defect

B. fault

C. apology

D. offence

E. accident

26 (support, assist)

(help, relief)

A. service

B. aid

C. favour

D. guidance

E. rescue

27 (border, edge)

(advantage, benefit)

A. margin

B. boundary

C. profit

D. outline

E. side

28 (observe, watch)

(guard, protect)

A. defend

B. inspect

C. supervise

D. patrol

E. monitor

- 29** (charge, invoice) (fee, cost)
- A. fee B. rate C. bill D. value E. expense
- 30** (rapid, brisk) (abstain, diet)
- A. quick B. speed C. race D. swift E. fast
- 31** (summon, beckon) (telephone, ring)
- A. contact B. call C. signal D. request E. announce

The words in these questions below are a jumbled sentence with one extra word. Identify the superfluous word from the sentence. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

Example upcoming difficult diligently musician recital the practised for the

A. musician B. practised C. difficult D. recital E. dilligently

Answer **difficult**

Solution The sentence should read:
The musician practised diligently for the upcoming recital.
Therefore the word 'difficult' is not needed in the sentence.

32 borrowed fascinating paperback from yesterday library I the a novel

A. paperback B. library C. fascinating D. yesterday E. borrowed

33 after brightly colourful storm rainbow appeared suddenly the the

A. brightly B. colourful C. storm D. appeared E. rainbow

34 carefully microscope scientist test under the fragile the examined specimen a

A. microscope B. examined C. test D. specimen E. scientist

35 weary reached the mountain the eventually climbs summit hikers

A. weary B. mountain C. reached D. climbs E. summit

36 beautifully audience tonight the performed musical before orchestra the

A. performed B. audience C. musical D. tonight E. orchestra

37 student lesson the teacher mathematics clearly explained challenging the

A. teacher B. clearly C. student D. lesson E. mathematics

38 puppy butterfly across the energetic chased lawn happily the the

A. lawn B. puppy C. happily D. energetic E. butterfly

39 the temple archaeologists carefully beneath dig desert uncovered the

A. temple B. dig C. desert D. uncovered E. archaeologists

In these question, letters stand for numbers. Use the code to work out the answer to the calculation. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

Example

$$A = 18 \quad B = 24 \quad C = 6 \quad D = 12 \quad E = 30$$

$$(B + D) \div C =$$

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. E

Answer

C

Solution

$$(24 + 12) \div 6$$

$$36 \div 6 = 6$$

$$6 = C$$

40 $A = 18$ $B = 12$ $C = 2$ $D = 42$ $E = 24$

Multiply B by C, then add A.

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. E

41 $A = 16$ $B = 8$ $C = 4$ $D = 20$ $E = 9$

Add D to A, then divide by C.

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. E

42 $A = 20$ $B = 2$ $C = 30$ $D = 10$ $E = 40$

$$(C - A) \times B =$$

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. E

43 $A = 9$ $B = 18$ $C = 27$ $D = 3$ $E = 12$

Divide C by D, then add A.

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. E

44 $A = 14$ $B = 28$ $C = 7$ $D = 21$ $E = 35$

$(B + C) - A =$

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. E

45 $A = 24$ $B = 8$ $C = 4$ $D = 12$ $E = 6$

Multiply D by C, then divide by B.

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. E

46 $A = 32$ $B = 16$ $C = 8$ $D = 4$ $E = 24$

$(A \div C) \times D =$

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. E

47 $A = 36$ $B = 12$ $C = 6$ $D = 4$ $E = 24$

Subtract B from A, then divide by C.

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. E

In the questions below, find the two words, one from each group, that are most opposite in meaning. Select the **two** words from the options below. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

Example

(expand bewilder contract)

(reduce enlarge diminish)

A. expand

X. reduce

B. bewilder

Y. enlarge

C. contract

Z. diminish

Answer

expand and reduce

Solution

'Expand' and 'reduce' are most opposite in meaning because expand means to make something larger or bigger, while reduce means to make something smaller or less. They describe actions that move in opposite directions.

48 (proud humble modest)

(shy arrogant boastful)

A. proud

X. shy

B. humble

Y. arrogant

C. modest

Z. boastful

- 49** (plentiful scarce rare) (numerous abundant limited)
- A. plentiful X. numerous
- B. scarce Y. abundant
- C. rare Z. limited
-
- 50** (volition obsolete dismiss) (choice coercion terminate)
- A. volition X. choice
- B. obsolete Y. coercion
- C. dismiss Z. terminate
-
- 51** (decline weaken deteriorate) (improve damage advance)
- A. decline X. improve
- B. weaken Y. damage
- C. deteriorate Z. advance

52 (trivial tantamount tranquil) (serene inconsequential disproportionate)

A. trivial

X. serene

B. tantamount

Y. inconsequential

C. tranquil

Z. disproportionate

53 (elusive uniform yield) (obvious concede surrender)

A. elusive

X. obvious

B. uniform

Y. concede

C. yield

Z. surrender

54 (disparage errand domestic) (derogate entire extol)

A. disparage

X. derogate

B. errand

Y. entire

C. domestic

Z. extol

55 (moderate cultivate nimble) (neglect agile strengthen)

A. moderate

X. neglect

B. cultivate

Y. agile

C. nimble

Z. strengthen

In the questions below, find the two words, one from each group, that will complete the sentence in the best way. Select the **two** words from the options below. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

Example

Dictionary is to (alphabet meaning sentence) as **atlas** is to (country map river).

A. alphabet

X. country

B. meaning

Y. map

C. sentence

Z. river

Answer **meaning and map**

Solution A dictionary tells you the meaning of words, just as an atlas shows you a map of places. These words best complete the sentence because they show what is contained in these reference books.

56 **Chef** is to (recipe kitchen customer) as **architect** is to (building blueprint hammer).

A. recipe

X. building

B. kitchen

Y. blueprint

C. customer

Z. hammer

57 **Author** is to (library chapter novel) as **composer** is to (symphony audience stage).

A. library X. symphony

B. chapter Y. audience

C. novel Z. stage

58 **Rain** is to (cloud puddle umbrella) as **sunshine** is to (beach sunscreen shade).

A. cloud X. beach

B. puddle Y. sunscreen

C. umbrella Z. shade

59 **Volcano** is to (mountain lava smoke) as **glacier** is to (cold valley ice).

A. mountain X. cold

B. lava Y. valley

C. smoke Z. ice

60 **Judge** is to (court wig sentence) as **teacher** is to (pupil classroom desk).

A. court

X. pupil

B. wig

Y. classroom

C. sentence

Z. desk

61 **Microscope** is to (lens specimen science) as **telescope** is to (stars lens observatory).

A. lens

X. stars

B. specimen

Y. lens

C. science

Z. observatory

62 **Poem** is to (stanza rhyme chorus) as **play** is to (actor scene curtain).

A. stanza

X. actor

B. rhyme

Y. scene

C. chorus

Z. curtain

63 **Seed** is to (plant soil germinate) as **egg** is to (hatch shell chick).

A. plant

X. hatch

B. soil

Y. shell

C. germinate

Z. chick

The three numbers in each group are related to each other in the same way. Find the number that completes the last group. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

Example (4 [13] 5) (3 [10] 4) (6 [] 2)

A. 10 B. 11 C. 12 D. 13 E. 14

Answer **14**

Solution Multiply the first number in the brackets by 2. Then add the third number in the brackets to this answer. This will give you the number in the middle of the brackets.

64 (7 [9] 5) (6 [7] 4) (8 [] 6)

A. 10 B. 11 C. 12 D. 13 E. 14

65 (5 [20] 2) (3 [21] 5) (4 [] 3)

A. 20 B. 12 C. 18 D. 17 E. 14

66 (12 [3] 2) (20 [5] 2) (24 [] 3)

A. 10 B. 15 C. 7 D. 4 E. 9

67 (3 [18] 3) (2 [12] 3) (4 [] 2)

A. 15 B. 16 C. 17 D. 18 E. 19

68 (9 [13] 5) (7 [10] 4) (8 [] 6)

A. 12 B. 20 C. 15 D. 17 E. 13

69 (6 [15] 3) (5 [13] 3) (4 [] 4)

A. 11

B. 12

C. 13

D. 14

E. 15

70 (4 [12] 1) (7 [21] 1) (6 [] 2)

A. 24

B. 25

C. 26

D. 27

E. 28

71 (16 [4] 2) (12 [3] 2) (30 [] 3)

A. 3

B. 4

C. 5

D. 6

E. 7

In these questions, one word in capitals has had three consecutive letters taken out. These three letters on their own make one correctly spelt word, without changing the order. Choose the three-letter word. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

Example The archaeologists discovered an ancient IFACT buried underground.

A. ink B. art C. age D. son E. pin

Answer **art**

Solution The word in capitals is 'artifact' so the three-letter missing word is 'art'. You can use the context of the sentence to help you understand what the missing word is.

72 The artist carefully mixed the MENTS before painting.

A. top B. son C. pig D. ice E. air

73 The explorers followed the FOOTH through the dense jungle.

A. son B. ate C. tip D. pat E. eat

74 The children were amazed by the spectacular WRFALL.

A. ate B. hat C. hop D. ink E. are

75 The cat raced up the STCASE when it heard the doorbell.

A. end B. air C. mop D. map E. ink

76 The children played happily in the PGROUND after lunch.

A. lay B. lip C. pun D. pig E. hip

77 The teacher read an interesting SPAPER article to the class.

A. pad

B. can

C. run

D. win

E. new

78 The cottage had a beautiful TCHED roof.

A. hop

B. jam

C. key

D. rug

E. hat

Read the following information, then find the correct answer and mark its letter on your answer sheet.

- 79** Priya, Marcus, Zoe and Theo have been given their scores in a spelling test. Marcus scored twice as many points as Zoe. Priya scored 5 points more than Marcus. Theo scored 16 points, which was 4 more than Marcus.

Which statement is true?

- A. Zoe scored 8 points.
 - B. Marcus and Zoe scored 20 points between them.
 - C. Priya scored the most points.
 - D. Theo scored 3 more points than Priya.
 - E. Zoe scored 5 fewer points than Theo.
- 80** Read the statements below and then choose one option that must be true.

A whale is a mammal. All mammals breathe air.

- A. Whales can fly.
- B. Whales breathe air.
- C. All animals are mammals.
- D. Mammals live only in water.
- E. All sea creatures are mammals.

End of Paper

