

# GL South West Hertfordshire Mock 1 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 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 the questions below, move **one** letter from the word on the left to the word on the right, to create **two** new words. The letters **must not** be rearranged. Both new words must make sense. Choose the letter that moves. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

### Example

ghost

bride

A. g

B. h

C. o

D. s

E. t

### Answer

**g**

### Solution

If you remove the 'g' from the word 'ghost' you create the word 'host', meaning to entertain guests or an event. When the 'g' is placed after the 'd' in the word 'bride', it creates the new word 'bridge'.

**1** place

sort

A. p

B. l

C. a

D. c

E. e

**2** stone

hand

A. s

B. t

C. o

D. n

E. e

**3** space

door

A. s

B. p

C. a

D. c

E. e

**4** beaker plum  
A. b B. e C. a D. k E. r

**5** rifle below  
A. r B. i C. f D. l E. e

**6** cover bawl  
A. c B. o C. v D. e E. r

**7** factor ray  
A. f B. a C. c D. t E. o

**8** stable rook  
A. t B. a C. b D. l E. e

In the questions below, 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 from the options below.

**Example**

She kept her PERAL diary locked away to protect her private thoughts and feelings.

A. sat      B. can      C. bud      D. son      E. sum

**Answer**

**son**

**Solution**

Use the context of the sentence to help determine what the word could be. When you add the word 'son' into 'peral' the correctly spelt word is 'personal'. This is a real word and makes sense in the sentence.

**9** Elsie was relieved that everyone was so FRILY on her first day at the new school.

A. and      B. can      C. end      D. ten      E. tan

**10** Joseph enjoyed WALG the dogs early each morning.

A. tin      B. ran      C. pin      D. kin      E. pan

**11** Our new house has a lot of STOE space.

A. rag      B. ink      C. pea      D. tea      E. bag

**12** It took a lot of CAGE to admit he had made a mistake.

A. air      B. our      C. ear      D. far      E. are

- 13** We keep our toothbrushes and toothpaste in the CAET above the sink.
- A. ran                  B. tin                  C. bin                  D. man                  E. hat
- 14** In the DISCE, Audrey could hear birdsong.
- A. bed                  B. cat                  C. end                  D. tat                  E. tan
- 15** The house was NOLE for its large garden and bright front door.
- A. can                  B. lab                  C. tab                  D. ban                  E. bad
- 16** Through daily PRICE, he gradually improved his confidence and accuracy in maths.
- A. ran                  B. ten                  C. pat                  D. act                  E. and

In the questions below, find the **two** words, one from each group, that are most similar in meaning. Select the **two** words from the options below.

**Example**

(plausible perplexed diligent) (bewildered indifferent impartial)

A. plausible

X. bewildered

B. perplexed

Y. indifferent

C. diligent

Z. impartial

**Answer**

**perplexed and bewildered**

**Solution**

The words 'perplexed' and 'bewildered' both have a similar meaning. They mean to be completely baffled and very puzzled. None of the other options have a similar meaning.

**17** (cascade dissatisfied rain) (content course dribble)

A. cascade

X. content

B. dissatisfied

Y. course

C. rain

Z. dribble

- 18** (aid assist prevent) (hinder conclusion encapsulate)
- A. aid X. hinder
- B. assist Y. conclusion
- C. prevent Z. encapsulate
- 
- 19** (despondent effervescent unfortunate) (achievement euphoric exuberance)
- A. despondent X. achievement
- B. effervescent Y. euphoric
- C. unfortunate Z. exuberance
- 
- 20** (weary bore hind) (perforate tedious exhilarate)
- A. weary X. perforate
- B. bore Y. tedious
- C. hind Z. exhilarate

**21** (depletion amiable amplification) (multiplies augmentation continual)

A. depletion X. multiplies

B. amiable Y. augmentation

C. amplification Z. continual

**22** (unfortunate greatly deplorably) (fatigued cruelly lamentably)

A. unfortunate X. fatigued

B. greatly Y. cruelly

C. deplorably Z. lamentably

**23** (ravenous dubious vindictive) (controllable voracious coherent)

A. ravenous X. controllable

B. dubious Y. voracious

C. vindictive Z. coherent

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.

**Example**

(impetuous transient assertive) (complacent arbitrary permanent)

A. impetuous

X. complacent

B. transient

Y. arbitrary

C. assertive

Z. permanent

**Answer**                      **transient and permanent**

**Solution**

The words 'transient' and 'permanent' are the most opposite in meaning. 'Transient' means to last only for a short time, whereas 'permanent' means intended to last or remain unchanged indefinitely. Therefore, these two words are most opposite in meaning.

**24** (fervent apathetic manifest) (enthusiastically avid reveal)

A. fervent

X. enthusiastically

B. apathetic

Y. avid

C. manifest

Z. reveal

- 25** (coherent distinctly cryptic) (explicit blemished void)
- A. coherent X. explicit
- B. distinctly Y. blemished
- C. cryptic Z. void
- 
- 26** (financial affluent indifferent) (prosperous integrates impoverished)
- A. financial X. prosperous
- B. affluent Y. integrates
- C. indifferent Z. impoverished
- 
- 27** (strenuous perpetual persist) (unique arduous effortless)
- A. strenuous X. unique
- B. perpetual Y. arduous
- C. persist Z. effortless

**28** (favourable optimist constant) (quench adverse conclusion)

A. favourable

X. quench

B. optimist

Y. adverse

C. constant

Z. conclusion

**29** (placid excitable tranquillity) (privacy isolation commotion)

A. placid

X. privacy

B. excitable

Y. isolation

C. tranquillity

Z. commotion

**30** (candid cynical meticulous) (careless scrupulous impetuous)

A. candid

X. careless

B. cynical

Y. scrupulous

C. meticulous

Z. impetuous

31 (frivolous humble sceptical) (modest unassertive arrogant)

A. frivolous

X. modest

B. humble

Y. unassertive

C. sceptical

Z. arrogant

In the questions below, find the number that continues the series in the most sensible way. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

**Example**                    5, 6, 8, 11, 15, 20, ?

A. 25                    B. 22                    C. 20                    D. 24                    E. 26

**Answer**                    **26**

**Solution**                    The number added increases by 1 each time: +1, +2, +3, +4, +5. So,  $20 + 6 = 26$ . Look out for patterns that apply to the whole sequence and alternating patterns, where the first, third and fifth number follow a pattern, then the second, fourth, sixth number follow a different pattern.

**32**    38, 45, 52, 59, 66, 73, ?

A. 79                    B. 81                    C. 77                    D. 80                    E. 78

**33**    112, 172, 222, 262, 292, ?

A. 312                    B. 302                    C. 310                    D. 322                    E. 332

**34**    4, 11, 25, 53, 109, ?

A. 221                    B. 184                    C. 233                    D. 176                    E. 152

**35**    55, 44, 32, 19, 5, ?

A. 1                    B. -10                    C. -15                    D. -8                    E. 14

**36** 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, ?

A. 325

B. 289

C. 343

D. 401

E. 309

**37** 49, 64, 81, 100, 121, 144, ?

A. 172

B. 212

C. 169

D. 180

E. 166

**38** 22, 14, 24, 10, 26, 6, ?

A. 28

B. 2

C. 22

D. 4

E. 30

**39** 112, 110, 106, 100, 92, 82, ?

A. 72

B. 68

C. 62

D. 56

E. 70

In the questions below, **two** words have had **one** letter removed and their remaining letters mixed up. The **same letter** has been removed from both words. Unscramble the letters and work out which letter is missing. **Mark your answer on the answer sheet.**

**Example** The **rmref** keeps his **tgso** in the barn for winter.

A. e                      B. s                      C. a                      D. c                      E. f

**Answer**                      **a**

**Solution**                      The complete correct sentence is: The farmer keeps his goats in the barn for winter. The missing letter from the words 'farmer' and 'goats' is 'a'. Use the context of the sentence to see if you can work out the words that have been scrambled. Eliminate any letters you know it can't be.

**40** The chef added a pinch of salt to **naecen** the flavour of the **sdi**.

A. h                      B. d                      C. v                      D. b                      E. n

**41** The **ierk** followed the path **otugrh** the forest.

A. i                      B. d                      C. e                      D. h                      E. m

**42** My grandmother made a **edcliou** pie for **edesrte**.

A. n                      B. s                      C. f                      D. i                      E. o

**43** The pirates searched for **eaursr** buried **edp** underground.

A. o                      B. e                      C. f                      D. g                      E. h

44 The explorer used a **mcasps** to navigate **trughh** the dense jungle.

A. j

B. k

C. l

D. w

E. o

45 The knights **ord** their horses into **fbal**.

A. e

B. c

C. a

D. m

E. u

46 The **sonaatut** gazed at the beautiful **tass** in space.

A. a

B. d

C. r

D. e

E. r

47 The professor gave a fascinating **eltreu** on conservation **esipes** in the rainforest.

A. p

B. e

C. b

D. c

E. l

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.

**Example**

Expand is to (extend, increase, inflate) as reduce is to (remove, lesson, decrease)

A. extend

X. remove

B. increase

Y. lesson

C. inflate

Z. decrease

**Answer**

**increase and decrease**

**Solution**

The word 'increase' is a synonym of the word 'expand'. Likewise the word 'decrease' is a synonym of the word 'reduce'. Therefore these are the two words that complete the sentence in the best way.

**48** Benevolent is to (angry, familiar, kind) as malevolent is to (malicious, gentle, elegant)

A. angry

X. malicious

B. familiar

Y. gentle

C. kind

Z. elegant

**49** Doctor is to (patient, hospital, surgery) as teacher is to (lesson, pupil, pen)

A. patient

X. lesson

B. hospital

Y. pupil

C. surgery

Z. pen

**50** Calf is to (leg, body, cow) as kitten is to (milk, pet, cat)

A. leg

X. milk

B. body

Y. pet

C. cow

Z. cat

**51** Elephant is to (trunk, jungle, herd) as dolphin is to (mammal, pod, troop)

A. trunk

X. mammal

B. jungle

Y. pod

C. herd

Z. troop

**52** Purchase is to (borrow, acquire, buy) as sell is to (vend, exchange, obtain)

A. borrow

X. vend

B. acquire

Y. exchange

C. buy

Z. obtain

**53** Tense is to (untroubled, rigid, saturated) as perturbed is to (frightened, composed, apprehensive)

A. untroubled

X. frightened

B. rigid

Y. composed

C. saturated

Z. apprehensive

**54** Orbit is to (circle, space, planet) as revolve is to (turn, door, world)

A. circle

X. turn

B. space

Y. door

C. planet

Z. world

55 Author is to (words, poem, novel) as composer is to (orchestra, symphony, band)

A. book

X. orchestra

B. poem

Y. symphony

C. novel

Z. band

In the questions below, find **two** words, one from each group, that together make one correctly spelt word, without changing the order of the letters. The word from the first group always comes first. Choose **both** words from the options below.

**Example**

(paper news show)

(stand alone stood)

A. paper

X. stand

B. news

Y. alone

C. show

Z. stood

**Answer**

**news and stand**

**Solution**

The words 'news' and 'stand' together make the word 'newsstand', which is a stand or stall for the sale of newspapers and magazines.

**56** (out in down)

(stance stare spare)

A. out

X. stance

B. in

Y. stare

C. down

Z. spare

**57** (out for here) (side next one)

A. out X. side

B. for Y. next

C. here Z. one

**58** (ease post plea) (sing same sure)

A. ease X. sing

B. post Y. same

C. plea Z. sure

**59** (four for ten) (give grain part)

A. four X. give

B. for Y. grain

C. ten Z. part

**60** (fat steep hand) (him they her)

A. fat X. him

B. steep Y. they

C. hand Z. her

**61** (rat rot rip) (eat ate ape)

A. rat X. eat

B. rot Y. ate

C. rip Z. ape

**62** (in of out) (our ten one)

A. in X. our

B. of Y. ten

C. out Z. one

63 (more sure here)

(by buy but)

A. more

X. by

B. sure

Y. buy

C. here

Z. but

In the questions below, find the pair of letters that continues the series in the most sensible way. Choose one pair from the answers below. The alphabet has been written out 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** CJ is to EL as SU is to \_\_\_\_\_

A. GN      B. WY      C. UW      D. PW      E. BF

**Answer**      **UW**

**Solution** Each letter in the first pair moves forwards two places in the second pair. If we move forward two places or skip a letter on the alphabet line, from the letter 'S', we get 'U' and if we do the same for 'U', we get 'W'.

**64** WZ is to XY as JK is to \_\_\_\_\_

A. KJ      B. YZ      C. KI      D. LJ      E. ZA

**65** FG is to JK as PQ is to \_\_\_\_\_

A. EW      B. YV      C. TU      D. PA      E. MC

**66** UN is to WP as YR is to \_\_\_\_\_

A. AY      B. DW      C. NS      D. AT      E. BT

**67** AN is to DK as GZ is to \_\_\_\_\_

A. TT      B. KX      C. DL      D. AS      E. JW

- 68** FA is to LG as PO is to \_\_\_\_
- A. UU                      B. VU                      C. WV                      D. NP                      E. MH
- 69** QV is to UR as HA is to \_\_\_\_
- A. MW                      B. ZO                      C. NC                      D. MD                      E. LF
- 70** AB is to WX as YZ is to \_\_\_\_
- A. VZ                      B. CD                      C. UW                      D. GH                      E. TQ
- 71** ZZ is to DE as AA is to \_\_\_\_
- A. EF                      B. FF                      C. GH                      D. EE                      E. BC

In the questions below, the words below are a jumbled sentence with one extra word. Identify the superfluous word from the sentence.

**Example**                      sprinted athlete the field fast the across determined

A. the                      B. fast                      C. across                      D. athlete                      E. field

**Answer**                      **fast**

**Solution**                      The complete and correct sentence should read: The determined athlete sprinted across the field. Therefore, the word 'fast' is extra in the sentence.

**72**    scored pitch a the in the final striker minutes of the match goal

A. match                      B. pitch                      C. striker                      D. goal                      E. the

**73**    beneath fish swam chips water bright the coloured clear

A. chips                      B. bright                      C. clear                      D. fish                      E. water

**74**    the a pond across skaters glided of group ice

A. ice                      B. a                      C. pond                      D. skaters                      E. group

**75**    freshly the scent window baked bread cafe the drifted through of

A. cafe                      B. scent                      C. through                      D. the                      E. baked

**76** heavy house shopping he bags into the carried car the

A. the                      B. car                      C. shopping                      D. bags                      E. heavy

**77** the fence behind repaired the house damaged they paint

A. damaged                      B. behind                      C. fence                      D. paint                      E. they

**78** she long her bottle filled the water walk chilled before

A. water                      B. the                      C. filled                      D. chilled                      E. bottle

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

**79** Read the statements below and then choose one option that must be true.

**Rome is the capital city of Italy. Italy is in Europe.**

- A. Spain is in Europe.
- B. The euro is the currency used in Europe.
- C. People from Italy speak Italian.
- D. Rome is a European city.
- E. Italy is famous for its pizza.

**80** Read the statements below and then choose one option that must be true.

**Dragonflies are insects. Insects have six legs.**

- A. All animals are insects.
- B. Dragonflies are small.
- C. Dragonflies have one eye.
- D. Animals have six legs.
- E. Dragonflies have six legs.

**End of Paper**



