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## 11+ Entrance Examination

English

Verbal Reasoning

Time: 30 minutes

1. Read the directions for each section carefully.
2. Write out your answers clearly and neatly.

Read the following passage. Determine whether or not the punctuation and grammar is correct. If it is incorrect, choose the most appropriate option. If no change is necessary, choose 'Correct'.

...because your child comes first

"Weve [1] got to talk about this fear and decide there's nothing in it. I'm frightened myself, sometimes [2] only that's nonsense! Like bogies. Then, when we've decided, we can start again and be careful about things like the fire. [3] A picture of three boys walking along the bright beach flitted through his mind. "And be happy."

...

"So this is a meeting to find out what's what. I'll tell you what's what. You littluns started all this, with the fear talk. Beasts! Where from? [4] Of course we're frightened sometimes but we put up with being frightened. only [5] Ralph says you scream in the night. What does that mean but nightmares? Anyway [6] you don't build or help – you're a lot of cry babies and sissies. That's what. And as for the fear—you'll have to put up with that like the rest of us" [7]

-from *Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding

- A. full stop
- B. comma
- C. semi-colon
- D. speech marks
- E. apostrophe
- F. question mark
- G. capital letter
- H. correct

**Underline the word that represents an example of the word in bold.**

**8. PALINDROME** – rotator devolved decided apple

**9. ADVERB**- fast quietly silly walk

**10. CONJUNCTION** -- been after but speech

**11. PREPOSITION** -- because let over trees

**12. PERSONAL PRONOUN**- our they're we my I'm

**Determine which two letters will complete the first word and begin the second word.**

- 13. se ( \_ \_ ) it
- 14. ci ( \_ \_ ) pe
- 15. fl a ( \_ \_ ) id
- 16. re ( \_ \_ ) so
- 17. fo ( \_ \_ ) ge

**Choose two words from each group that do not belong.**

18. house flat neighborhood address home

19. road street pavement path motorway
  20. boil fry cook bake prepare
  21. dash creep sprint crawl race
  22. tiger leopard zebra bumblebee ladybird
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**Underline one word from each set that go together to make a compound word.  
The word in the first group will always come first.**

Ex: (air, cloud, sky) (ship, sea, port)

23. ( animal, cow, grass ) ( people, lady, boy )
24. ( else, but, then ) ( place, where, how )
25. ( aim, target, goal ) ( watcher, keeper, time )
26. ( craft, make, produce ) ( turn, end, shift )
27. ( out, most, near ) ( by, cast, stiff )

**Underline the word from each group that is most opposite to the word in bold.**

28. **MINISCULE**- small tiny grand miniature slight
29. **DELICIOUS**- tasty bland delectable appetizing palatable
30. **SPECIAL**- exceptional uncommon indistinctive unique memorable
31. **KIND**- humane considerate gentle cruel gracious
32. **SMOOTH**- even coarse polished sleek flat

**In the following sentences, choose the option in the brackets which best completes the sentences using proper English.**

Ex: The manager said they (did well, done well, done good, did good) in the last match.

33. I asked the neighbours if I could borrow (they're, their, there, thay're) garden hose to water the plants.
34. We (had been, had gone, gone, been) to the shops when Uncle Jim called.
35. This is the (most good, deliciousest, best, least bad) dinner I have ever eaten!
36. She (was running, had been running, will run, ran) home as soon as she heard the news.
37. My brother got in trouble for eating (to, too, two, tow) many sweets.