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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.

The passage below has 7 spelling mistakes. Identify these mistakes, and write the corrected versions of the words on the lines below.

Turtles were an easy catch indeed, as the survival manual said they were. Under the “hunting and gathering” heading, they would go under “gathering”. Solid in build tho they were, like tanks, they were nither fast nor powerful swimmers; with just one hand gripped around a back flipper, it was possible to hold on to a turtle. But the survival manual flailed to mention that a turtle caught was not a turtle had. It still needed to be brought abored. And hauling a struggling 130-pound turtle aboard a lifeboat was anything but easy. It was a labor that demanded feets of strength worthy of Hanuman.

-from *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

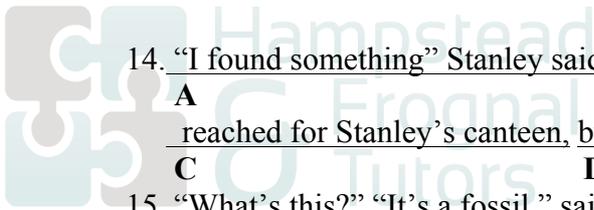
Complete the sequences of letters. The alphabet has been written out to help you.

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

8. AC EG ___ MO QS
9. ___ BY CX DW EV
10. AD EH IL ___ QT
11. NM OL ___ ___ RI
12. LK KN NM MP _____

The following extract includes a number of mistakes in the use of punctuation and capital letters. Choose the letter where the mistake is or, if there is not mistake, write ‘correct’ on the line provided.

13. Mr. Pendanski filled each boys’ canteen, until Stanley was the only one left.
A B C D



14. "I found something" Stanley said, taking it out of his pocket. Mr. Pendanski
A reached for Stanley's canteen, but Stanley handed him the rock instead.
B C
C D
15. "What's this?" "It's a fossil," said Stanley. "See the fish"? Mr. Pendanski
A .because your child comes first B C
D looked at it again. "See, you can even see all of its little bones," said Stanley.
16. "Interesting," said Mr. Pendanski. "Let me have your canteen." Stanley
A B C
D handed it to him. Mr Pendanski filled it, then returned it.
17. "So do I get the rest of the day off?" "what for?" "You know, you said if I
A B C
D found something interesting, the Warden would give me the day off."
18. Mr. Pendanski laughed as he gave the fossil back to Stanley. "Sorry Stanley.
A B C
D The Warden isnt interested in fossils."

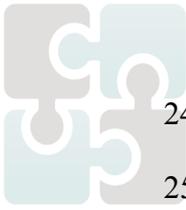
-from *Holes* by Louis Sachar

13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____

Choose the letter that will complete the first word and begin the second word.

19. a p (_) a r
20. m a (_) a l
21. s l a (_) e a m
22. p a r (_) i s s
23. p e a (_) e a p

**Transform the first word into the second word by changing one letter at a time.
The word in the middle MUST be a real word.**



Ex: PIN → PIT → POT

24. RAP → _____ → DIP

25. DOE → _____ → TIE

26. BIN → _____ → FAN

27. GAG → _____ → TUG

28. BUT → _____ → BAR

Underline the word in the brackets that will go equally well with both sets of words outside the brackets.

29. pattern, sequence command, instruct (line, order, tell, series, pull)

30. tale, narrative level, floor (fiction, story, even, book, bottom)

31. boat, yacht move, haul (mail, ship, sail, crew, tug)

32. suggest, imply rude, unkind (argue, mean, selfish, ignore, frown)

33. voyage, outing falter, misstep (error, wrong, trip, fall, vacation)

Underline the word from each group that represents an example of the part of speech listed in bold.

34. **PREPOSITION**- if under read when then

35. **CONJUNCTION**- after he but smells rocky

36. **ADVERB**- clean pink French sparkles kindly

37. **PROPER NOUN**- they shoes China plant green

38. **VERB**- we glad tall sprint I



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