

Candidate Name:



Gresham's School
SAMPLE 2
General Paper

Please note: *General Papers are designed to be unpredictable! Please do not expect a standard format. The paper here is for illustration only – the actual paper format may vary each year.*

Time allowed: **1 hour**

Section A – Reasoning Problems (spend 30 minutes on this section) – 20 marks

*In the following questions, circle the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the word in **bold type**.*

1) Persist:

(a):Growth (b):Begin (c):Finish (d):Endure

2) Futile:

(a):Tiny (b):Trivial (c):Testing (d):Trying

3) Stagnant:

(a): Still (b): Silly (c) Smart (d) Suspect

4) Impotent:

(a): Rude (b): Irritating (c): Powerless (d) Hurtful

5) Deteriorate:

(a) Slow down (b): Get worse (c): Make easier (d):Annoy

In the following questions, circle the number that continues each sequence of numbers in the most sensible way:

6) : 9, 7, 18, 14, 27, ?

(a): 14 (b):21 (c):30 (d):36

7) 1, 5, 10, 16, 23, ? :

(a):28 (b):29 (c):31 (d):32

8) 2, 4, 16, 256, ?

(a)655, (b) 6553 (c) 65,536 (d) 655,360

9) 13, 17, 19, 23, ?

(a)29 (b) 33 (c) 35 (d) 36

10)4, 12, 36, 108, ?

(a)240 (b) 282 (c) 324 (d) 408

In the following questions, circle the word which best links the others in the group.

11) watchman, time, cap, gown

(a):sleep (b):night (c): bath (d):bed

12) chance, post, week, place

(a): home (b): last (c): first (d) only

13) beans, belt, putting, fingers

(a): sport (b): baked (c): iron (d): green

14) brown, hug, skin, teddy

(a): children (b): big (c): bear (d) back

15) blue, high, diver, lark

(a): sea (b) sky (c): sand (d): bird

In the following section, insert the word in the box which best completes the sequence:

16. Pear, bear, beer, beet:

17. Sheet, sheer, cheer, cheek:

18. An, ant, cant, scant:

19. Enlist, listen, inlets, tinsel:

20. Tor, hill, ridge, summit:

Section B: Essay (Spend 30 minutes on this question) – 20 marks

Choose ONE essay from the list below. Be sure to write out the question number you have chosen.

Write your answers on **lined paper**.

You are reminded of the importance of **clear English** and orderly **presentation**.

Structure your answer carefully and **write a plan** before you begin.

You should consider **different points of view** and **use examples** from **any** appropriate areas of your own experience and knowledge to support your arguments.

Select **ONE** of these essays:

1. Discuss the idea that Britain should limit migration from other countries.
2. "It is never right to eat animals." Do you agree?
3. Is seeing believing?

4. "Nobody should be ever forced to fight." Do you agree?
5. Is it right to give aid to other countries?

END OF THE EXAM