



Gresham's School
SAMPLE
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 – Verbal Reasoning Problems (spend 30 minutes on this section) – 20 marks

In the following questions, the first pair of letters are related in some way. Find the letters that complete the second pair so that they are related in the same way as the first.

- 1)** BD is to CE as FH is to...:
(a):GI (b):EG (c):AC (d):IJ

ANSWER: _____

- 2)** BP is to DR as FT is to...:
(a):FT (b):GU (c):HV (d):PT

ANSWER: _____

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

- 3)** 6,12,18,24:
(a): 28 (b):32 (c):26 (d):30

ANSWER: _____

- 4)** 13, 11, 15,13,17,15,19:
(a):21 (b):15 (c):17 (d):19

ANSWER: _____

Find the next letters in the series:

5) CF, VF, BF, UF, AF:

(a):TF (b):ZF (c):WF (d):DF

ANSWER: _____

6) JKL, MNO, PQR

(a):HIJ (b):ABC (c):STU (d):RST

ANSWER: _____

7) BE, EH, HK, KN

(a):NQ (b):LM (c):NO (d):FG

ANSWER: _____

In each question, letters stand for numbers. Work out the answer to the sum and mark its letter on the answer grid.

8) If $A=2$, $B=4$, $C=6$, $D=8$ and $E=16$, what is $E \times A \div D$?

(a):A (b):B (c):C (d):D

ANSWER: _____

9) If $A = 81$, $B=9$, $C=14$, $D=32$ and $E=2$, what is $A \div B \times E + C$?

(a):A (b):B (c):C (d):D

ANSWER: _____

In the following questions, the word in the bracket is constructed from the words to either side. Choose the word that fits into the empty bracket in the same way.

10) laugh (hop) open chat (?) apple

(a):tap (b):pat (c): top (d): hap

ANSWER: _____

11) drain (dance) chest stung (?) abroad

(a):bang (b):cat (c):sand (d):sugar

ANSWER: _____

In each question below, choose two words, one from each set of brackets, that complete the sentence in the best way.

12) Sun is to (day, light, paper) as moon is to (tree, scared, night)
(a):light, scared (b):paper, tree (c): day, night (d): night, tree

ANSWER: _____

13) Red is to (anger, hot, burn) as blue is to (unhappy, river, sky)
(a): anger, river (b):burn, sky (c): hot, unhappy (d): anger, unhappy

ANSWER: _____

In the questions below, move one letter from the word on the left to the word on the right in order to make two new words.

14) FEAR KIT
(a): far, kit (b):fur, kite (c): far, kite

ANSWER: _____

15) LENDING PEAT
(a):pat,leaving (b):ending,pleat (c):lend, peating

ANSWER: _____

16) Which letter occurs most often in the word EXPRESSIONISM?

ANSWER: _____

(17) Underline the word which is different from the rest:
Car / Motorbike / Train / Plane / Bus

(18) Which letter in the word TRIPS appears last in the alphabet?

ANSWER: _____

(19) The bus leaves for Norwich in 20 minutes from now. However, I have now decided to go by train which departs at 12.20. It takes 25 minutes to walk to the station and that will leave 10 minutes to buy my ticket and a cup of coffee before the train departs.

At what time does the bus leave for Norwich? ANSWER: _____

20) Look at these letters: HIJKLM

If the first and second letters were turned upside down and the third and the fifth changed places, what would be the result?

ANSWER: _____

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 reintroduce the death penalty for criminals who commit serious crimes
2. "It is never right to kill an animal." Do you agree?
3. Using examples, explain whether you think there is such a thing as good and evil.
4. "16 year olds should have the right to vote." Do you agree?
5. Can there ever be an excuse for going to war? Explain your answer, with examples.

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