Bucks Test-style 11+ Practice Paper 5

English · Verbal Reasoning · Analogies · Odd One Out and Analogies · Nets, Folds and Layers · Turns and Flips · Mathematics

Name _____ **Date** _____

Instructions

- Do not open this booklet until you are told to.
- Mark every answer on the separate answer sheet. Rough working can go in this booklet.
- Each section has its own time limit. Stop when you are told to, even if you have not finished.
- Each type of question starts with a worked example, except the questions about the reading passage. Read it carefully.
- Work as quickly and carefully as you can. If a question is too hard, mark your best guess and move on. Come back to it if you have time.

What is in this paper

Section	Questions	Time
Part 1 · English	1 to 24	25 minutes
Part 1 · Verbal Reasoning	25 to 54	20 minutes
Part 2 · Analogies	55 to 62	5 minutes
Part 2 · Odd One Out and Analogies	63 to 70	5 minutes
Part 2 · Nets, Folds and Layers	71 to 78	5 minutes
Part 2 · Turns and Flips	79 to 86	5 minutes
Part 2 · Mathematics	87 to 111	25 minutes

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Before you start: notes for the adult

Each section of this paper is timed, at about the pace of the real test, so your child can practise working at the right speed. The real test may split its time differently, because not every section timing is published. You will need:

- this question booklet, and the answer sheet printed separately,
- a pencil and an eraser,
- a clock or timer that you control.

Running the paper. Read each worked example with your child before you start the clock for that section. Then give the time shown at the top of the section. When the time is up, say "Stop", even if the section is not finished. A short break between sections is fine.

Marking. Use the answer key on the first page of the solutions booklet. Each correct answer scores one mark. Then read the worked solutions together for every question your child got wrong or guessed.

What to practise next. The solutions booklet ends with a list of the skills in each section. Practise them with the three 11+ Workbooks that come free with this paper, and with the free Smart Cub videos and exercises.

Tips for you, the test taker

- Read every question carefully, all the way to the end.
- Look at every answer choice before you choose one.
- Mark your answer next to the right question number on the answer sheet.
- If you are stuck, make your best guess, mark it, and move on. Come back to it if you have time.

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Section 1: English

25 minutes | Questions 1 to 24

Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions. You can look back at the passage as often as you like.

The Great Tortoise Escape

This story is told by a boy who is looking after his class's tortoise during the summer holidays.

On the last day of term, Mrs Okafor placed a cardboard box in my arms as though it held a crown. Inside, tucked in straw, was Biscuit, our class tortoise. "He is yours until September, Daniel," she said. "Fresh lettuce, clean water and a sunny spot." I nodded solemnly. I was ten years old, and nobody had ever trusted me with anything that could move by itself.

For three weeks, Biscuit was no trouble at all. He lived in a wooden pen at the bottom of our garden, where he spent his days chewing dandelions with the slow, serious air of a judge reading a verdict. My little sister, Poppy, who was six, appointed herself his assistant. She sang to him, told him secrets and gave him a pinch of parsley when she thought I was not looking, and I pretended to find this annoying.

Then, one Tuesday morning, I carried a lettuce leaf down the garden and found the pen empty. The gate was ajar, and a small dent in the soil showed where something heavy had pushed through. "He has escaped," whispered Poppy, her eyes huge. "He has gone to join the circus." I told her that tortoises do not join circuses, though my voice wobbled.

We searched under the hedge, behind the shed and inside every flowerpot. I even lifted the lid of the compost bin, which smelled like a hundred old socks. Poppy lay flat on the lawn, calling Biscuit's name in a voice like a tiny trumpet. I felt hot and tight inside, certain that I had ruined everything. The whole class would hear that Daniel Hart had lost the tortoise in under a month.

Then a cough came from over the fence. Mr Pemberton, our neighbour, stood there in a battered straw hat. He seemed about a hundred years old, and I had never said a single word to him. Every ball that landed in his garden had come back with a stern look, so I had decided he was grumpy. "Lost something?" he asked. I almost said no. Then Poppy blurted it all out.

To my surprise, he did not scold us. "Tortoises are cleverer than they look," he said. "They love shade. Try anywhere cool and damp." He let himself through his gate and, with a creak of knees, got down on all fours beside our hedge. A man who looked as if he might snap in a strong wind was crawling through the nettles for a tortoise. I stared.

It was Mr Pemberton who found him, wedged beneath the water butt, calmly munching a fallen strawberry. "Here is your escaped convict," he said, lifting Biscuit as gently as if he were made of glass. Biscuit blinked, unbothered, with red juice on his chin. Poppy cheered. I laughed so hard from relief that I had to sit down on the grass, and Mr Pemberton, to my amazement, laughed too.

He showed me how to mend the latch with a bit of wire. Then he told us that he had once kept a tortoise called Admiral for forty years. "Come round on Saturday," he said, "and I shall show you the photographs." The grumpy man I had imagined had vanished, like frost in sunshine. On Saturday, Poppy and I knocked at his door with Biscuit in his box, since

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Biscuit was now rather famous, and Mr Pemberton had already put the kettle
45 on and found three biscuits. Poppy checked that none of them were for the tortoise.

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