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QUEST-STYLE PRACTICE PAPER

Quest-style 11+ Practice Paper 1

English Comprehension · Verbal Ability · Numerical Reasoning · Non-verbal Reasoning

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
Paper 1 · English Comprehension	1 to 20	25 minutes
Paper 1 · Verbal Ability	21 to 45	25 minutes
Paper 2 · Numerical Reasoning	46 to 70	25 minutes
Paper 2 · Non-verbal Reasoning	71 to 95	25 minutes

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Section 1: English Comprehension

25 minutes · Questions 1 to 20

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

The Causeway to Seal Holm

This story is about a girl and her brother who are on a small island when the tide comes in.

Nell and her younger brother, Joe, had wanted to visit Seal Holm all summer. The little island lay a short way out in the bay, joined to the mainland by a narrow causeway of stone and sand. Twice a day the sea covered the causeway completely, and the island was cut off from the shore. Nell had checked that the sun was shining, and she had packed sandwiches, a flask and a bag of apples.

Mum waited in the harbour café with her book. "Be back by four," she said, tapping her watch. "The tide times are on the board by the slipway." Nell nodded, but she did not stop to read the board. It was only one o'clock, and the sea lay far off, glittering like a sheet of tin.

The island was everything they had hoped for. They climbed to a ruined lookout hut, found tiny crabs in the rock pools and ate their sandwiches among the sea pinks. Joe filled his pockets with smooth, speckled pebbles. Gulls wheeled above the cliffs, crying loudly, and the air smelled of salt and warm seaweed. Time slipped away from them, as it does on the very best days.

At last Nell glanced at her watch. It was twenty to four. "Come on, Joe," she said, and they hurried back to the causeway. Her stomach dropped. A thin silver ribbon of water already lay across the stones, and it was creeping wider as they watched.

Joe's smile vanished, and he wanted to run for it. Nell caught his sleeve. "Wait," she said. "Let's think first." Beside the causeway stood a weathered post, its paint faded by years of salt and wind. She read the notice aloud: "High water 5.10 pm. Causeway unsafe from two hours before until two hours after."

Nell did the sums quickly. Two hours before high water was ten past three. Two hours after was ten past seven. "We cannot cross until then," she said.

Joe's face crumpled. "But Mum will worry."

"She will," said Nell, "but wading would be far worse."

Nell noticed something else, and she felt a little calmer. A ragged line of dried brown seaweed, broken in places and uneven, ran along the foot of the sea wall, well above the causeway. "That shows how high the last high tides came," she said. "Look, the water is not up to the line yet." Joe stopped arguing.

They climbed back to the lookout hut, where the ground was dry and high. Nell spread her yellow coat on the wall, and the two of them took turns waving it towards the shore. Far away, a tiny figure at the end of the slipway stopped, shaded her eyes and waved back.

Within the hour, the harbour master was calling across the water through a loudhailer. "Stay where you are!" he boomed. "You are quite safe! Cross when the causeway is clear again, and I will meet you halfway." Nell gave

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17 The usher seated Omar and ___ in the second row.

A she **B** her **C** hers **D** he

18 As soon as the fog lifted, we launched the boat and ___ for the sandbank.

A will make **B** make **C** made **D** making

Answer these questions about the meanings of words.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Which word is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to "noise"?

A satchel **B** gravel **C** quiet **D** racket

The answer is C. Mark it like this: **C** ⟦=⟧. "quiet" means the opposite of "noise". Noise is sound; quiet means making little noise.

19 "A broken spring poked through the mattress." What does "spring" mean in this sentence?

A to appear suddenly out of nowhere

B a place where water rises out of the ground

C a coiled piece of metal that pushes back when pressed

D the season that follows winter

20 Which word is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to "expel"?

A teach **B** eject **C** admit **D** forgive

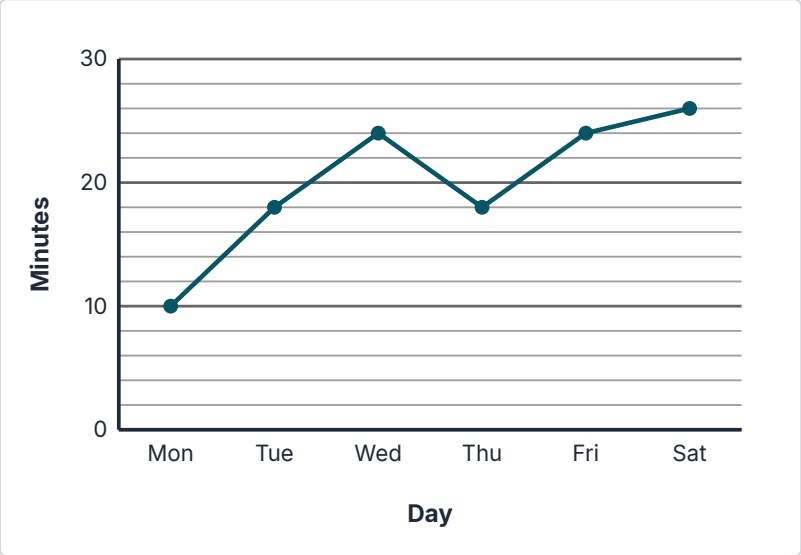
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51 How many minutes does the graph show on Fri?



A 14 **B** 10 **C** 18 **D** 24

52 What is 29 × 5?

A 5 **B** 1450 **C** 145 **D** 150

53 What is 19 × 100?

A 19000 **B** 190 **C** 1900 **D** 190000

54 What is the total of the Tuesday sales column?

Fruit	Monday sales	Tuesday sales
Grapes	30	64
Apples	78	82
Pears	75	73
Bananas	133	76
Plums	202	183

A 478 **B** 518 **C** 396 **D** 661

55 Each group has some packs of stickers. The table shows how many packs each group has and how many stickers are in each pack. How many more stickers do the Ravens have than the Foxes?

Group	Packs	Stickers per pack
Ravens	8	13
Otters	7	13
Falcons	3	15
Foxes	9	7

A 6 **B** 41 **C** 104 **D** 167

56 Which fraction is equivalent to 13/16?

A 25/32 **B** 29/32 **C** 26/32 **D** 16/13

57 A box holds 80 marbles. 1/4 of them are purple. Half of the marbles that are left are yellow. How many marbles are yellow?

A 20 **B** 50 **C** 40 **D** 30

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