



STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL
VERBAL REASONING EXAMINATION
Sample Paper – TIME: 50 minutes

Fill in the following details:-

Surname _____

First Name _____

Candidate Number _____

Read the following carefully:

1. When you are told to begin, answer the questions as quickly as you can in the spaces provided.
2. Start at the beginning and go straight through.
3. If you try a question and find that you cannot answer it, leave it and go on to the next one.
4. Write your answers clearly and try to spell correctly.
5. You may do rough working at bottom or side of page.
6. Make any changes to your answers CLEAR
7. *Calculators MUST NOT be used.*
8. ***Ask no questions at all.***

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There are 100 questions. Answer as many as you can. Put the answers in the spaces provided. If you find a question hard, leave it and go on to the next. At the end of the paper, go back to questions which you have not done. MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT TURN OVER MORE THAN ONE PAGE AT ONCE.

Which ONE letter **ends** all the words in each question?

Example: pea- sta- colou- fou-

Answer R (it gives: pear, star, colour, four)

1. ris- bar- bloc- plan- _____

2. stor- ver- might- agon- _____

3. stea- alar- cal- fil- _____

4. stee- clea- bea- fea- _____

5. bee- clas- clam- hea- _____

(5 Marks)

Which ONE letter **starts** all the words in each question?

6. -ocket -ipple -oll -ich _____

7. -ell -orse -ound -heel _____

8. -care -hove -ort -ell _____

9. -rave -lank -ought -ring _____

(4 Marks)

Underline the **TWO** words, one in each bracket, that are closest in meaning to each other.

- 10. (run travel walk) (move jog trainer)
- 11. (cook warm knead) (burn roast stir)
- 12. (band instrument tune) (score notes melody)
- 13. (noble power rich) (honourable money important)

(4 Marks)

Underline the one word which does not belong in each of these lists.

Example: HORSE COW HAMSTER SHEEP

HAMSTER is underlined because it is not a Farm Animal.

- 14. JENNIFER ALEX KATIE HARRIET
- 15. INDIAN MEDITERRANEAN ATLANTIC PACIFIC
- 16. PRIDE FLOCK SHOAL FISH
- 17. BOILED FRIED ROASTED SCRAMBLED

(4 Marks)

Underline the TWO words in each list which are OPPOSITE in meaning to each other.

Example: grey hard dry fierce lonely soft

18. chilly wild fruitless warm sulky

19. pretty fair rapid sluggish hairy

20. crucial absolute silver unimportant gentle

21. wooden upright colourful angular drab

(4 Marks)

Re-arrange the jumbled letters in each sentence to make up a word which makes good sense.

22. GAVBEETLES are good for you.

23. In the film, the PUREHORSE wore a cape.

24. Everybody enjoys going to TRAIPISE.

25. CLARALOCUST are not allowed in this exam.

(4 Marks)

Messages may be written using the following code:

B R I S T L E D
4 5 1 7 3 2 8 6

26. Which word does 735168 stand for? _____

27. Which word does 516628 stand for? _____

28. What is code for BLISTER? _____

29. What is code for TRIED? _____

(4 Marks)

In the following questions a letter can be taken from the first word and put into the second word to form TWO new words. Write both NEW words.

Example:

PLACE AND (PACE) (LAND)

The L moves from PLACE to AND to make PACE and LAND

30. SONG ONE (_____) (_____)

31. SPARSE WEAR (_____) (_____)

32. BOLD ALLOT (_____) (_____)

33. ORANGE BAT (_____) (_____)

(4 Marks)

In each sentence below a word has 3 letters missing. The letters are next to each other and they spell a word. Write the missing word in the brackets.

Example: London is a ITAL city (CAP)
The complete word is CAPITAL

34. I went to see the ORS in the theatre. (_____)

35. On holiday, I lost my WAL. (_____)

36. The ink made a stain on the PET. (_____)

37. The children all enjoyed the school F. (_____)

(4 Marks)

Find a word that can go **in front** of each of the words to form three new words

Example: where times how SOME

(making somewhere sometimes somehow)

38. some brake writing _____

39. ball cushion hole _____

40. colour works proof _____

41. look side let _____

42. port word ion _____

(5 Marks)

Find the word that completes the third pair of words so that it follows the same pattern as the first two pairs.

Example site sit cute cut pipe pip

43. switch witch tripe ripe preach _____

44. dear read drop prod team _____

45. rending ring endear ear trendy _____

46. olive evil strap part creed _____

47. police polite scream stream incense _____

(5 Marks)

Each question uses a different code. Use the alphabet to help you work out the answer to each question.

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

Example:

if code for HOME is IPNF, what is code for PLAY? (QMBZ)

48. If code for RAT is TCV, what is code for OATH? (_____)

49. If code for BEST is YVHG, what is code for DIVER? (_____)

50. If code for JUMP is ISJL, what is NTBN code for? (_____)

51. If code for COW is DQZ, what is NQVW code for? (_____)

52. If code for FLY is EKX, what is RSNO code for? (_____)

53. If code for ATOM is BSPL, what is code for FELL? (_____)

(6 Marks)

David invited three friends to his birthday party: Ranjit, Jennifer and Bradley. They each chose something different for lunch (either hot dog, pizza or a burger) and each brought him a different present (either a book, a model or pyjamas).

Ranjit did not order a pizza but he brought a book. Jennifer had a hot dog. Bradley brought a model.

54. Who had pizza for lunch? (_____)

55. Who gave David pyjamas for his birthday? (_____)

56. Who chose the burger? (_____)

57. What did Bradley have for lunch? (_____)

(4 Marks)

4 planes have landed at Manchester Airport from Dubai, New York, Paris and Cardiff. The Dubai flight was delayed for four hours but the others landed on schedule. The New York flight landed 2 hours before the flight from Cardiff. The Paris flight landed 15 minutes after the Dubai flight and half an hour ahead of the plane from Cardiff. The Dubai flight was scheduled to land at 10:15.

58. When did the New York flight land? (_____)

59. When did the Dubai flight land? (_____)

60. When did the Cardiff flight land? (_____)

61. When did the Paris flight land? (_____)

(4 Marks)

A word is hidden in each of the sentences below. The number in brackets at the end tells you how many letters are in the hidden word. A theme links all the hidden words. Write the hidden word in the brackets.

Example: I can't grassp it in gloves (4) (spit)

62. The staff is hard-working. (4) (_____)

63. Lycra bodysuits enable cyclists to travel more quickly. (4) (_____)

64. Andy Murray's lobs terrified his opponent. (7) (_____)

65. My suitcase always seems to be the heaviest. (4) (_____)

66. His moves harked back to a previous era of dancing. (5) (_____)

67. What do the hidden words have in common?
(_____)

(6 Marks)

Four teachers (Mr Kenny, Miss Trott, Mr Hoy and Mr Wiggins) have rooms on the same side of a corridor. Mr Kenny is not next to Miss Trott. Mr Hoy is next to Miss Trott and Mr Wiggins.

68. Whose classrooms are at each end of the corridor?
(_____) & (_____)

69. Whose classrooms are in the middle of the corridor?
(_____) & (_____)

(4 Marks)

The Wallington Rovers have just completed their best ever season. Half of their 42 goals were scored by 4 players: Chris, Evan, Robert and Mark.

Chris scored 6 more goals than Robert. Robert scored twice as many as Mark. Evan scored as many as Chris and Robert combined.

70. How many goals did Chris score? (_____)

71. How many goals did Evan score? (_____)

72. How many goals did Robert score? (_____)

73. How many goals did Mark score? (_____)

74. The two top goalscorers for Wallington Rovers, Jeremy and Scarlett, scored the rest of the goals. If Jeremy scored 3 more than Scarlett, how many did Scarlett score?

(_____)

(5 Marks)

Write the pair of letters that completes the sequence in the most sensible way. Use the alphabet below 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

75. JM KN LO MP (_____)

76. MN LO KP JQ (_____)

77. AD DG GJ JM (_____)

78. ZA WD RI KP (_____)

79. AC FH KM PR (_____)

(5 Marks)

In the sentences below TWO words must change places so that the sentences make sense. Underline the TWO words which must change places.

Example: The wood was made of table.

80. Sharks are not as people as dangerous think.

81. I can hear the crowd of the sound.

82. The cat had black claws and sharp fur.

83. I have always books reading liked.

84. Thomas enjoyed hamster with his playing.

(5 Marks)

In each line below underline TWO words, one from each set of brackets, which together will make one correctly spelled word. The word on the left always comes first.

Example:

(black all top) (and bird boy)

85. (cup sharp meat) (top board pile)

86. (skull light down) (house paper hole)

87. (part post under) (like water fence)

88. (up jump rail) (horse motor way)

89. (all few some) (mail sun times)

(5 Marks)

90. Which letter occurs twice in CONFERENCE, twice in CONSCIENCE and once in COHERENCE?

(_____)

91. Which letter occurs twice in ANALGESIC, once in ARCHITECT and once in CRATES?

(_____)

92. Which letter occurs twice in EXCESSIVE, twice in VICISSITUDE and once in SECRETIVE?

(_____)

(3 Marks)

Jim Nast took his three sons (Max, Niall and Louis) to the zoo. His sons were so excited to see their favourite animals that each left something behind in the zoo. The boy who left his coat in the bat cave liked the tiger the best. Max's favourite animal was the lion, but he did not lose his phone. One of Jim's sons was most excited to see the elephant, but this was not Niall. Fortunately Jim was able to collect the hat, phone and coat left behind by his sons from Lost Property before they went home.

93. Which of the boys liked the tiger the best? (_____)

94. Which of the boys liked the elephant the best? (_____)

95. Which of the boys left his phone behind? (_____)

96. Which of the boys left his hat in the cafe? (_____)

(4 Marks)

Briony, Caroline, Celia and Katie competed at their School Sports Day. The girls were all friends but they all wanted to win. The events were the 1500m, the 100m the Long Jump and the High Jump.

Briony only competed in one running event in which she did not race any of her friends. Only one of the girls competed in three of the events and none did all four. Caroline competed in two events but was not beaten by Celia who won the 100m. Katie was not involved in either of the running events. Two girls entered the Long Jump but the High Jump featured Celia and two others.

97. In which event did Briony compete? (_____)

98. In which event did Katie compete? (_____)

99. In which events did Caroline compete?

(_____)

100. In which events did Celia compete?

(_____)

(4 Marks)