

Paper One

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You will have a total of **45 minutes** to complete the test. The time allowed for each section is given at the start of that section. At the end of each section, you must wait to be told to continue on to the next section. Answer as many questions as you can.

There are four sections in this paper:

Section One (Verbal Reasoning - Comprehension): 15 questions in 15 minutes

Section Two (Verbal Reasoning - Cloze): 15 questions in 8 minutes

Section Three (Verbal Reasoning - Synonyms and Antonyms): 27 questions in 15 minutes

Section Four (Verbal Reasoning - Scrambled Sentences): 10 questions in 7 minutes

Total Number of Questions: 67

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Section 1 - Verbal Reasoning (Comprehension)

15 QUESTIONS: 15 MINUTES

YOU HAVE 15 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

THERE ARE 15 QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.

Read the text then answer the questions that follow. Mark your answers on the answer grid.

The Mysterious Disappearance of Stanley Brown

Stanley Brown was a happy man. He lived all alone in a forest at the foot of a mountain in a small, wooden shack he had built with his own hands. He spent his days collecting sticks for the fire, scavenging berries and fungi for sustenance and watching the cool waters of the brook that rushed unceasingly through the forest. He was 127 years old.

At the break of the fifteenth day of his 25th year in the forest, Stanley was woken by an impertinent-sounding knock on the shack's rickety wooden door.

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Stanley opened one eye: a horrible, grinning face was leering through the open window. Alarmed, Stanley leapt up and ran to the window.

"Who-?" he began, but was immediately interrupted by the face.

"Good morning, Mr Brown. WHAT a fine day. I was starting to believe that spring would never arrive this year. Rain, rain, rain - and the temperature's been decidedly chilly, hasn't it? I've given up on my tomato plants, I'm sure it's going to be a terrible year for crops. May I ask a favour, Mr Brown? May I ask you to open the front door? It's SO lovely to meet you!"

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Stanley shut the window, feeling like he had been caught in a downpour and was now sodden with the creature's words. Shuddering, he quickly determined to do whatever the face asked, the quicker to be rid of it. In the weeks and months to come, Stanley Brown would remember this snap decision and look back on it as the moment his subsequent troubles became inescapable.

Stanley opened the door slowly, in contrast to the great haste with which his visitor charged into his home and filled it up with its face and body.

It sniffed the air. "Is there any tea on the go? Never mind, I mustn't stop. I'm in a fearful rush. SO nice to meet you, though."

Stanley took a good look at the horrifyingly verbose female who had imposed herself on his previously tranquil shack. She was as wide as she was tall and

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her rotund frame was draped in silks, pashminas and animal hides of indeterminate origin, none of which matched. Her leering, pasty face was adorned in smudgy scarlet and vivid blue daubings.

Before he could tell her to get out or shut up or at least inform him as to the reason for this invasion, the creature began scuffling on the floor, casting aside piles of firewood and old, patched rugs.

"Ah, here it is," she beamed, pointing to a small, rectangular shape etched on the wooden floor and, taking up her gaudily beringed hand, she rapped sharply on it thrice.

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All at once, the floor opened up to reveal a deep, spiral staircase, lit by a thousand glowing fireflies.

1. What description best fits this piece of writing?

- a) a report
- b) an advertisement
- c) an explanation
- d) narrative fiction

2. What description best fits the character of Stanley Brown?

- a) a brave adventurer
- b) an outgoing people-person
- c) an elderly hermit
- d) a frail invalid

3. Why does Stanley gather berries and fungi?

- a) to decorate his shack
- b) to eat
- c) to examine
- d) to hide

4. At what time of day does Stanley's visitor arrive?

- a) dawn
- b) mid-morning
- c) sunset
- d) in the middle of the night

5. How does Stanley react to his visitor?

- a) He is shocked.
- b) He is bored.
- c) He is excited.
- d) He is happy.

6. Why does Stanley agree to open the door?

- a) He feels threatened.
- b) He thinks his visitor will go away sooner if he does as he is asked.
- c) His visitor is an old friend.
- d) He wants to tell the visitor to leave him alone.

7. Why does Stanley feel "sodden with the creature's words" (line 18)?

- a) It is raining outside and some rain has come through the window.
- b) He dislikes the sound of his visitor's voice.
- c) His visitor speaks a lot without pausing and Stanley feels bombarded by her words.
- d) He is fed up.

8. Why does the writer refer to the visitor as 'it' until she enters the house?

- a) The visitor is a non-human animal.
- b) The visitor is very old.
- c) The visitor hasn't introduced herself yet.
- d) Stanley cannot tell whether his visitor is male or female until she enters the house.

9. What are the "smudgy scarlet and vivid blue daubings" (line 31) on the visitor's face?

- a) scars
- b) scarves
- c) make up
- d) animal markings

10. How does the visitor open the trapdoor?

- a) She knocks on it three times.
- b) She shouts special words at it.
- c) She throws a dice.
- d) It isn't mentioned in the text.

11. What does the word 'brook' (line 4) mean?

- a) a tap
- b) a stream
- c) a puddle
- d) a well

12. What does the word 'rickety' (line 8) mean?

- a) antique
- b) unsafe
- c) dilapidated
- d) extraordinary

13. What does 'tranquil' (line 28) mean?

- a) noisy
- b) joyful
- c) empty
- d) peaceful

14. What does 'beringed' (line 36) mean?

- a) wearing a ring or lots of rings
- b) encircled
- c) like a bear
- d) heavy

15. From what you have read in the text, what do you think will happen next?

- a) Stanley will get rid of his visitor.
- b) Stanley will disappear.
- c) Stanley's visitor will stay for a cup of tea.
- d) Stanley will befriend his visitor.

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Section 2 - Verbal Reasoning (Cloze)

15 QUESTIONS: 8 MINUTES

Instructions:

Read the following passage and choose the best word to fill in the gaps. Mark your answer on the answer grid provided and not on this question paper.

Paris is the	a) letter	of France.
	b) country	
	c) capital	
	d) land	

The answer is 'C' - capital.

1.		2.		3.		
They are often	a) myths	and seldom	a) here	but	a) sandwiches	
	b) gone		b) fast		b) spiders	
	c) feared		c) welcomed		c) biscuits	
	d) human		d) interesting		d) these	
4.			5.			
are very fascinating	a) creatures.	These eight-legged	a) marvels			
	b) plants.		b) bridges			
	c) cakes.		c) articles			
	d) cars.		d) congregations			
spin complex webs with spider silk, which is an		6.		strong material. In fact,		
		a) old				
		b) exceptionally				
		c) inept				
damaging a web		actually make it stronger. Don't		8.		
				a) put		
				b) mistake		
				c) find		
d) threatens	d) think					
a spider for an insect: insects have six legs, whilst spiders have				9.		
				a) to.	Spiders are	
				b) eight.		
				c) none.		
d) theirs.						
10.		11.		12.		
members of the arachnid	a) family.	a) None	arachnids	a) would	scorpions	
	b) club.	b) Very		b) see		
	c) gang.	c) Other		c) create		
	d) gaggle.	d) Human		d) include		
13.		14.		15.		
and mites.	a) Spiders	are	a) some	harmless but	a) all	produce venom.
	b) Life		b) mainly		b) humans	
	c) Creatures		c) seen		c) never	
	d) Poison		d) extremely		d) simple	

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Section 3 - Verbal Reasoning (Synonyms and Antonyms)

27 QUESTIONS: 15 MINUTES

IN THIS SECTION YOU HAVE 15 MINUTES TO ANSWER 27 QUESTIONS

Synonyms

Complete the word on the right, so that it means the same, or nearly the same, as the word on the left.

EXAMPLE: HOT

	a		
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The answer is 'warm'

On the answer grid, mark the box next to each letter that needs to be added to complete each word.

EXAMPLE			
?	a	?	?
d		r	t
w		p	e
l		s	m

1	slender		k		i			y
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2	adult			t		r		e
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3	regal		o			l
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4	eager			e	
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5	nonstop		e	a		e	l		s	s
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6	grumble			r	
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7	energetic			v		l	
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8	moist		a		
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9	weak		r		i	l
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10	foremost			p		e		e
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11	violet		u	r			e
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12	elaborate		a		c	
13	sleepless			k	e	l
14	leave			a	n	o
15	fortunate			c		y

Antonyms

Complete the word on the right, so that it means the opposite of the word on the left.

EXAMPLE: bright

		o		m	y
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The answer is 'gloomy'

On the answer grid, mark the box next to each letter that needs to be added to complete each word.

EXAMPLE					
?	?	o	?	m	y
g <input type="checkbox"/>	a <input type="checkbox"/>		o <input type="checkbox"/>		
b <input type="checkbox"/>	l <input type="checkbox"/>		e <input type="checkbox"/>		
l <input type="checkbox"/>	s <input type="checkbox"/>		s <input type="checkbox"/>		

16	unknown		a		o		s
17	nasty				i		
18	broad		a				w
19	alert				e		
20	decisive			s		a	t
21	cheerful			s	r		e
22	sombre				i		h
23	strong						n
24	outer			t		n	l
25	unfunny		i		r	o	
26	break			e		a	
27	normal			r		n	e

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Section 4 - Verbal Reasoning (Scrambled Sentences)

10 QUESTIONS: 7 MINUTES

YOU HAVE 7 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

THERE ARE 10 QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.

Each group of words can be rearranged to make a sentence.
Identify the word that does not fit into the sentence.

Mark the answer sheet on your answer sheet by choosing an option from A - G.

EXAMPLE his gathered clothes did all together he

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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Extra word: 'did', so the answer is 'D'. Answers are marked on the answer grid like this:-

	[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]	[E]	[F]	[G]
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The remaining words can be rearranged to make the sentence: 'He gathered all his clothes together.'

1. overdue is book now library your since

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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2. 5th it borrowed on then June you

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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3. September the today is last 8th of

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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4. bring soon next the please book back

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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5. they fine there due unfortunately is a

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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6. Pippi is Longstocking book my on favourite

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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7. adults lives without with all Pippi alone
A B C D E F G

8. never school doesn't she ever to go
A B C D E F G

9. fun lots have of adventures enjoys she
A B C D E F G

10. horse on lift she up a can
A B C D E F G

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