

Verbal reasoning mini paper

10 questions | Suggested practice time: 10 minutes. Untimed practice is also welcome.

Choose one answer, A-D, for each question. Use rough paper for working. No calculator. The suggested time is ours, not the timing of a particular school or examination.

1. Choose the word closest in meaning to “swift”.

A. heavy B. rapid C. silent D. narrow

2. Choose the opposite of “scarce”.

A. plentiful B. rare C. missing D. limited

3. Book is to reading as fork is to ____.

A. writing B. sleeping C. eating D. running

4. Find the word that does not belong: oak, birch, willow, rose.

A. rose B. oak C. birch D. willow

5. Which word can follow both “tooth” and “hair” to make a compound word?

A. cut B. paste C. ache D. brush

6. Which pair are opposites?

A. repair / mend B. arrive / enter C. expand / shrink D. quiet / silent

7. Which letters complete both words: b__k and c__k?

A. ea B. oo C. ai D. ou

8. If all robins are birds and all birds are animals, which must be true?

A. All animals are robins B. All birds are robins C. No robins are animals D. All robins are animals

9. Choose the word closest in meaning to “observe”.

A. break B. notice C. forget D. carry

10. Hand is to glove as foot is to ____.

A. hat B. belt C. sock D. scarf

Verbal reasoning mini paper - answers and explanations

One mark per correct answer. No negative marking. Raw practice scores are not standardised scores, pass marks or admission predictions.

1. B - rapid

Both swift and rapid mean fast.

2. A - plentiful

Scarce means in short supply; plentiful means abundant.

3. C - eating

A book is used for reading; a fork is used for eating.

4. A - rose

Oak, birch and willow are trees; rose is a flowering shrub.

5. D - brush

Toothbrush and hairbrush are both common compound words.

6. C - expand / shrink

Expand means become larger; shrink means become smaller.

7. B - oo

Book and cook both use oo.

8. D - All robins are animals

The two statements place robins within birds and birds within animals.

9. B - notice

Observe can mean notice or watch carefully.

10. C - sock

A glove covers a hand; a sock covers a foot.