FREE SAMPLE

Gloucestershire (FSCE format): four-test pack

Four full mock tests in the Adventure, Beacon and Compass format, with a parent guide.

In this sample

- The first 5 pages of Test 1 (Question Booklet)
- The first 2 pages of the Test 1 answers

In the full pack

- Four complete mock tests (Tests 1 to 4)
- Answer sheets (where the test uses them), answers and explanations or mark schemes
- A parent guide to the format, timings and how to use the tests

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Gloucestershire-style Entrance Mock Test 1

Question booklet · for entry to Year 7 in September 2028

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

How to use this booklet

1. There are three papers: **Adventure**, **Beacon** and **Compass**. They can be done in any order, ideally on different days or with a break between them. A fourth, optional creative paper (**Discovery**) is at the back.
2. Use a clock or timer. Allow about **45 minutes** for each paper (assumed). No calculator. Use a black pen for the answer sheet, as in the real test.
3. **Adventure and Compass:** choose one answer for each question and shade the oval on the answer sheet. To change an answer, cross it out and shade the new oval.
4. **Beacon:** write short answers on the answer sheet, one digit or one capital letter per box.
5. Wrong answers do not lose marks, so answer every question. Questions can come from any school subject, and you may meet topics you have not practised: use what you know.

Structure of this test

Paper	Content	Questions	Answer style
Adventure	English and maths	27	Shade an oval (A–D)
Beacon	Maths and English, short answers	24	Digits or capital letters in boxes
Compass	School subjects (science, history, geography, computing and more)	30	Shade an oval (A–D)
Discovery (optional)	Creative writing	1	Handwritten, 30 min

What this paper is based on. The three paper names, the cross-curricular content to the end of Year 5, the shaded-oval answer style for multiple choice, the digit-or-capital-letter boxes for short answers, the absence of penalties and the optional creative paper follow the candidate guide published by Future Stories Community Enterprise. Gloucestershire sources reported for 2028 entry list three papers; the guide describes four, so we include Discovery as optional. **Our assumptions:** the number of questions and minutes per paper, four answer options per question, and the exact subject mix. Gloucestershire's registration and test dates are reported, not confirmed: check the schools' websites. All questions are original.

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Paper 1 · Adventure

27 questions · about 45 minutes

Shade one oval for each question. Read the passage, then answer questions 1–5.

Wool and Stone

In the Middle Ages, the Cotswold hills were famous for their sheep. The thick, creamy wool of the Cotswold Lion was prized across Europe, and the merchants who traded it grew very rich.

They spent their money on grand houses and, above all, on churches. The tall towers and wide windows of Cirencester, Northleach and Chipping Campden still stand as proof of that wealth. Inside, brass plates set into the floor show wool merchants standing proudly on sheep or sacks of wool.

Today, sheep graze quietly again on the same hills, but the churches remain, built from the golden local limestone that glows warmly in the evening sun.

1. What made the merchants of the Cotswolds rich?

A Building churches
B Trading wool
C Farming limestone
D Making brass plates

2. What did the merchants spend their money on above all?

A Churches
B Sheep
C Ships
D Brass

3. In the first paragraph, “prized” most nearly means

A easily broken
B poorly made
C cheaply sold
D highly valued

4. What do the brass plates in the churches show?

A Sheep grazing on the hills
B The towers of the churches
C Wool merchants standing on sheep or sacks of wool
D Kings of England

5. Why does the church stone glow in the evening?

A It is covered in brass
B It is golden limestone lit by the low sun
C It is painted gold
D It is wet from the rain

Adventure · Questions 6–27

Literacy, then maths

6. Choose the word that is spelt correctly.

A necessary
B neccessary
C necesary
D nessecary

7. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

A Although it was raining we, played outside.
B Although, it was raining we played outside.
C Although it was raining we played, outside.
D Although it was raining, we played outside.

8. Choose the word that completes the sentence. The ___ of cows crossed the road.

A heard
B hurd
C herd
D hird

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9. Which word is closest in meaning to ENORMOUS?

A thin
B huge
C quick
D quiet

10. Which word is opposite in meaning to VICTORY?

A defeat
B triumph
C journey
D contest

11. Which word is an adverb? The snail moved slowly across the path.

A snail
B moved
C path
D slowly

12. Which sentence is in the future tense?

A Yesterday we visited the castle.
B We are visiting the castle now.
C Tomorrow we will visit the castle.
D We have visited the castle.

13. Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly to show that the books belong to several pupils?

A The teacher collected the pupil's books.
B The teacher collected the pupils' books.
C The teacher collected the pupils book's.
D The teacher collected the pupils's books.

14. Choose the word that completes the sentence. I took an umbrella ___ it might rain.

A because
B although
C unless
D until

15. Choose the word that completes the sentence. Please give the book to Sam and ___.

A I
B myself
C mine
D me

16. What is 0.8 + 0.67?

A 1.67
B 1.37
C 1.47
D 1.57

17. A rectangle has a perimeter of 38 cm and a width of 8 cm. What is its length?

A 12 cm
B 11 cm
C 14 cm
D 9 cm

18. A train leaves at 12:38 and the journey takes 1 hour 46 minutes. At what time does it arrive?

A 14:24
B 13:24
C 14:14
D 14:34

19. £60 is shared between two people in the ratio 3 : 7. How much is the smaller share?

A £24
B £20
C £12
D £18

20. Two angles of a triangle are 44° and 64°. What is the third angle?

A 62°
B 82°
C 72°
D 18°

21. What is 3,121 rounded to the nearest hundred?

A 3,102
B 3,100
C 3,200
D 3,000

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22. A shape is made by joining a rectangle measuring 7 cm by 7 cm to a square of side 4 cm along one edge, with no overlap. What is the total area?

A 65 cm²
B 49 cm²
C 69 cm²
D 44 cm²

23. 6 pens cost £8.70. How much do 15 pens cost?

A £20.30
B £24.65
C £10.20
D £21.75

24. Which is the largest of these fractions?

A 5/8
B 13/24
C 11/12
D 11/16

25. What is the volume of a cuboid measuring 4 cm by 6 cm by 2 cm?

A 88 cm³
B 48 cm³
C 24 cm³
D 52 cm³

26. A coat costs £40. The price goes up by 20%, then the new price is reduced by 20%. What is the final price?

A £38.40
B £48
C £42
D £36.40

27. The temperature is −3°C. It rises by 8°C, then falls by 10°C. What is the final temperature?

A −3°C
B 1°C
C −7°C
D −5°C

END OF ADVENTURE

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Paper 2 · Beacon

24 questions · about 45 minutes

Write each answer on the answer sheet, one digit or one capital letter per box. Questions 1–12 are maths; 13–24 are English.

1. What is 2,265 + 2,436?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

2. What is 7,000 − 1,206?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

3. What is 44 × 20?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

4. What is 378 ÷ 14?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

5. What is three quarters of 92?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

6. What is 60% of 400?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

7. What is the next number in the sequence 2, 6, 12, 20, ___ ?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

8. What is the mean of 33, 32, 22, 13 and 25?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

9. 5n + 11 = 41. What is the value of n?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

10. A museum sold 180 tickets on Friday. On Saturday it sold 40 more than on Friday. On Sunday it sold half as many as on Saturday. How many tickets were sold in total?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

11. A × 9 = 243. What is the value of A?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

12. I think of a number, multiply it by 6, then subtract 9. The answer is 81. What was my number?
Write the answer in the boxes, one digit per box.

13. Which letter marks the word that is spelt wrongly? The (A) neighbour (B) recieved (C) a (D) large (E) parcel.
Write ONE capital letter in the box.

14. Which letter marks the verb? The (A) tired (B) farmer (C) carried (D) heavy (E) sacks.
Write ONE capital letter in the box.

15. Which letter marks the adjective? (A) A (B) fierce (C) wind (D) blew (E) loudly.
Write ONE capital letter in the box.

16. Which letter marks the adverb? The (A) choir (B) sang (C) lovely (D) songs (E) beautifully.
Write ONE capital letter in the box.

17. Which letter marks the word that needs a capital letter? On (A) tuesday (B) we (C) visited (D) the (E) museum.
Write ONE capital letter in the box.

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Answers and explanations

Every question in this test was written for this product. Maths answers were computed and re-checked by script; the English and Compass answers were checked against the passage, the rules and the topic facts. If you spot a mistake, tell us and we will correct it. Beacon marks: one mark per correct answer; for digit answers all digits must be right. Answer positions are balanced across A–D.

Adventure

Q	Ans	Skill	Why
1	**B**	Comprehension: retrieval	The first paragraph says the merchants who traded the wool grew very rich.
2	**A**	Comprehension: retrieval	“Above all, on churches.”
3	**D**	Vocabulary in context	Something prized across Europe was highly valued.
4	**C**	Comprehension: retrieval	The second paragraph describes the brass plates.
5	**B**	Comprehension: inference	The stone is golden local limestone that glows warmly in the evening sun.
6	**A**	Spelling	necessary: one c, two s.
7	**D**	Punctuation: commas	A comma follows the opening subordinate clause.
8	**C**	Grammar: homophones	A herd is a group of cows; “heard” is the past tense of “hear”.
9	**B**	Vocabulary: synonyms	Enormous means very large.
10	**A**	Vocabulary: antonyms	Victory is winning; defeat is losing.
11	**D**	Grammar: word classes	“Slowly” tells us how the snail moved.
12	**C**	Grammar: tense	“Will visit” refers to the future.
13	**B**	Punctuation: apostrophes	The apostrophe goes after the plural “pupils”.
14	**A**	Grammar: conjunctions	“Because” gives the reason.
15	**D**	Grammar: pronouns	“Me” is the object pronoun: give the book to me.
16	**C**	Decimals	0.80 + 0.67 = 1.47.
17	**B**	Measure: perimeter	Half the perimeter is 19 cm; 19 − 8 = 11 cm.
18	**A**	Measure: time	12:38 + 1 h = 13:38; + 46 min = 14:24.
19	**D**	Ratio	3 + 7 = 10 parts; £60 ÷ 10 = £6; 3 × £6 = £18.
20	**C**	Geometry: angles	Angles in a triangle total 180°: 180 − 108 = 72°.
21	**B**	Number: rounding	Look at the tens digit (2); round down to 3,100.
22	**A**	Measure: area	49 + 16 = 65 cm².
23	**D**	Proportion	One pen costs £8.70 ÷ 6 = £1.45; 15 pens cost 15 × £1.45 = £21.75.
24	**C**	Fractions: ordering	As decimals: 13/24 = 0.542, 13/20 = 0.650, 11/12 = 0.917, 11/16 = 0.688, 5/8 = 0.625, so 11/12 is the largest.
25	**B**	Measure: volume	4 × 6 × 2 = 48 cm³. (88 is the total area of the six faces, not the volume.)

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26	**A**	Percentages: multi-step	20% of £40 is £8, so the new price is £48. 20% of £48 is £9.60, so the final price is £48 − £9.60 = £38.40.
27	**D**	Negative numbers	−3 + 8 = 5; 5 − 10 = −5°C.

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