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Grammar School Entrance Mock Test 1

Question paper · for entry to Year 7 in September 2028

Name: _____ **Date:** _____ **Start time:** _____

How to use this paper

1. Find a quiet place. Use a clock or timer. Have a pencil, an eraser and the separate answer sheet ready. No calculator.
2. Each section has a practice page. Do the practice questions first, then start the timer for the section.
3. Answer on the **separate answer sheet**, not on this paper. Draw a single horizontal line through the box beside the answer you choose. For the one question that says “Mark TWO boxes”, mark both.
4. If you are stuck, move on and come back if there is time. There is no penalty for a wrong answer, so answer every question.
5. Stop when the time is up, even if you have not finished.

Structure of this test

Part	Questions	Suggested time
English: comprehension and literacy	25	5 min practice + 25 min
Maths	25	5 min practice + 25 min
Verbal reasoning	30	25 min
Non-verbal reasoning (4 short timed sections)	20	5 min per section
Writing task (choose one title)	1	40 min (10 min planning)

What this paper is based on. The order of sections, the 25-minute English and maths sections with a 5-minute practice, the separate answer sheet, the short timed non-verbal sections and the 40-minute writing task follow the Kent Test description published by Kent County Council. The number of questions in each section, the timings for verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning, the mix of question types and the answer options (five per question) are our own working assumptions, because the exact figures are not published. All questions are original. Content is Key Stage 2. Keep a note of your child’s raw scores; they cannot be turned into an official standardised score.

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English

Questions 1–25 · 25 minutes (after a 5-minute practice)

Practice (do these first, answer in the practice boxes)

P1. Which word is a noun?

- **A** quickly
- **B** table
- **C** happy
- **D** run
- **E** softly

P2. Which word is closest in meaning to HAPPY?

- **A** sleepy
- **B** angry
- **C** tiny
- **D** joyful
- **E** heavy

Section A: Comprehension (questions 1–12)

Read the passage, then answer the questions.

The Last Light of Harrowmouth

By the time Mara reached the end of the sea wall, the fog had swallowed the town behind her. The harbour lights, which usually stitched a gold line along the water, had vanished one by one, and the only sound was the slow slap of the tide against the stones.

Her grandfather had warned her about the fog bank that morning. “It creeps in like a cat,” he had said, tapping the barometer in the hallway, “and by the time you notice, it has already made itself at home.” Mara had laughed. Now she was not laughing.

At the far end of the wall stood the old signal lamp, a squat iron cage that nobody had lit for twenty years. The new electric beacon on the headland had made it unnecessary. But tonight the beacon had failed. A fishing boat, the Marigold, was somewhere out beyond the rocks, and Mara’s cousin Tomas was on board.

She fumbled for the matches her grandfather had pressed into her pocket. Her fingers were numb, and the first three flared and died in the damp air. The fourth caught. Cupping it in her palm, she lifted the glass and touched the flame to the wick, which hissed, sputtered and then, slowly, bloomed into a steady amber glow.

For a long minute nothing happened. Then, far out in the grey, a horn sounded: two short blasts, one long. It was the Marigold’s signal. Mara let out a breath she had not known she was holding.

By the time the boat nosed in against the wall, her grandfather had limped down from the town with a flask and a blanket. “Twenty years,” he murmured, looking up at the lamp. “And it still remembers its job.”

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1. **Where was Mara at the start of the passage?**
   A On the headland
   B At the end of the sea wall
   C In her grandfather’s hallway
   D On board the Marigold
   E In the town square

2. **Why had the harbour lights disappeared from view?**
   A The lamps had been switched off one by one
   B The tide had risen over them
   C Mara had walked too far to see them
   D The fog had covered them
   E The electric beacon had failed

3. **“It creeps in like a cat.” What is the grandfather suggesting about the fog?**
   A It arrives quietly, before people notice
   B It is soft and harmless
   C It moves only at night
   D It makes a purring sound
   E It is attracted to houses

4. **How many matches failed to light before the fourth one caught?**
   A One
   B Two
   C Three
   D Four
   E Five

5. **Why had the signal lamp gone unused for twenty years?**
   A A storm had broken it
   B Nobody knew how to light it
   C The harbour had been closed
   D It had been moved to the headland
   E The electric beacon had replaced it

6. **In the sentence “She fumbled for the matches”, the word “fumbled” most nearly means**
   A counted carefully
   B searched clumsily
   C reached eagerly
   D gathered proudly
   E chose calmly

7. **The flame “bloomed into a steady amber glow”. What does “bloomed” suggest?**
   A The flame smelled of flowers
   B The flame suddenly exploded
   C The flame was fading
   D The flame grew gradually and beautifully
   E The flame changed colour many times

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8. How did Mara feel when she heard the horn?

A Relieved
B Furious
C Bored
D Embarrassed
E Puzzled

9. How is Tomas related to Mara?

A He is her brother
B He is her uncle
C He is her cousin
D He is her neighbour
E He is her grandfather’s friend

10. “And it still remembers its job.” This is an example of

A alliteration
B onomatopoeia
C a simile
D a rhetorical question
E personification

11. Which detail shows that the grandfather had prepared Mara for the possibility of needing the lamp?

A He tapped the barometer
B He pressed matches into her pocket
C He limped down from the town
D He looked up at the lamp
E He laughed at Mara

12. Which word best describes Mara’s behaviour on the sea wall?

A Careless
B Lazy
C Forgetful
D Determined
E Boastful

English · Section B: Literacy skills

Questions 13–25

13. Choose the word that is spelt correctly.

A necessary
B neccessary
C necesary
D necessery
E nesessary

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14. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

A “Where are you going.” asked Dad.
B “Where are you going?” Asked Dad.
C “Where are you going?” asked Dad.
D “Where are you going,” asked Dad?
E Where are you going? “asked Dad.”

15. Choose the word that completes the sentence correctly. The players collected ___ medals.

A there
B they’re
C thair
D theyre
E their

16. Which word is closest in meaning to ABUNDANT?

A scarce
B plentiful
C ancient
D fragile
E hidden

17. Which word is opposite in meaning to RELUCTANT?

A hesitant
B careful
C gloomy
D eager
E stubborn

18. Which word is an adverb in this sentence? The old clock ticked loudly in the empty hall.

A loudly
B old
C clock
D ticked
E empty

19. Which sentence uses a semicolon correctly?

A The rain; stopped we went out to play.
B Although the rain stopped; we went out.
C The rain stopped; we went out to play.
D The rain stopped we went; out to play.
E The rain stopped, and; we went out to play.

20. Which verb form completes the sentence? Neither of the boys ___ ready.

A were
B are
C been
D be
E was

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21. Which word means “unable to be read clearly”?

A illegal
B illegible
C immobile
D irregular
E inedible

22. Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?

A The childrens’ coats hung on the pegs.
B The childrens coat’s hung on the pegs.
C The children’s coat’s hung on the pegs.
D The children’s coats hung on the pegs.
E The childrens coats’ hung on the pegs.

23. Which sentence is in the passive voice?

A The window was broken by the storm.
B The storm broke the window.
C The storm is breaking the window.
D The window broke.
E Did the storm break the window?

24. Choose the word that best completes the sentence. She was ___ tired that she fell asleep at the table.

A such
B very
C so
D too
E quite

25. Which word is a conjunction in this sentence? We stayed indoors because it was snowing heavily.

A indoors
B stayed
C snowing
D heavily
E because

END OF ENGLISH

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Maths

Questions 1–25 · 25 minutes (after a 5-minute practice)

No calculator. You may use the margins for working.

Practice

P1. What is 8 × 7?

A 56
B 54
C 49
D 63
E 48

P2. What is 100 − 37?

A 73
B 67
C 63
D 53
E 64

1. What is 4,827 + 3,596?

A 8,313
B 8,423
C 8,433
D 7,423
E 8,323

2. What is 7,000 − 2,358?

A 4,742
B 5,642
C 4,652
D 4,642
E 5,742

3. What is 36 × 24?

A 864
B 764
C 844
D 854
E 964

4. What is 756 ÷ 12?

A 53
B 62
C 63
D 64
E 72

5. What is three quarters of 128?

A 32
B 84
C 92
D 98
E 96

6. What is 0.6 + 0.75?

A 0.81
B 1.35
C 1.25
D 1.45
E 1.15

7. What is 15% of 240?

A 24
B 32
C 38
D 36
E 48

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8. What is the next number in the sequence 3, 7, 15, 31, ___ ?

A 63
B 47
C 62
D 61
E 65

9. A rectangle has a perimeter of 36 cm and a width of 7 cm. What is its length?

A 29 cm
B 18 cm
C 11 cm
D 14 cm
E 9 cm

10. A train leaves at 09:48 and the journey takes 2 hours 37 minutes. At what time does it arrive?

A 12:15
B 12:35
C 11:25
D 12:45
E 12:25

11. What is the mean of 12, 15, 18, 23 and 27?

A 18
B 19
C 20
D 23
E 17

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12. £64 is shared between two people in the ratio 3 : 5. How much is the smaller share?

A £19.20
B £32
C £40
D £24
E £21

13. Two angles of a triangle are 47° and 68°. What is the third angle?

A 65°
B 55°
C 75°
D 115°
E 105°

14. What is 6,849 rounded to the nearest hundred?

A 6,900
B 6,850
C 6,800
D 7,000
E 6,840

15. A shape is made by joining a rectangle measuring 9 cm by 6 cm to a square of side 4 cm along one edge, with no overlap. What is the total area?

A 54 cm²
B 60 cm²
C 86 cm²
D 64 cm²
E 70 cm²

16. Which TWO of these numbers are prime? (Mark two boxes.)

A 49
B 51
C 53
D 57
E 59

17. Six notebooks cost £7.50. How much do ten notebooks cost?

A £11.50
B £12
C £13.50
D £12.50
E £15

18. 3n + 8 = 41. What is the value of n?

A 11
B 10
C 12
D 13
E 33

19. Which is the largest of these fractions?

A 5/8
B 2/3
C 11/16
D 7/12
E 3/5

20. What is the volume of a cuboid measuring 5 cm by 4 cm by 3 cm?

A 94 cm³
B 47 cm³
C 36 cm³
D 12 cm³
E 60 cm³

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21. A coat costs £50. The price goes up by 20%, then the new price is reduced by 10%. What is the final price?

A £55
B £54
C £56
D £48
E £60

22. A theatre sold 240 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?

A 640
B 560
C 620
D 660
E 700

23. The temperature is −7°C. It rises by 12°C, then falls by 9°C. What is the final temperature?

A −4°C
B −2°C
C 4°C
D −14°C
E 14°C

24. A × 7 = 252. What is the value of A?

A 34
B 35
C 36
D 37
E 38

25. I think of a number, multiply it by 4, then subtract 9. The answer is 51. What was my number?

A 12
B 14
C 16
D 25
E 15

END OF MATHS

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Verbal reasoning

Questions 1–30 · 25 minutes (assumed)

Practice

P1. Which word is the odd one out? red, blue, chair, green, yellow

A red
B blue
C green
D yellow
E chair

P2. Which letter comes next? A B C D ___

A F
B E
C C
D G
E A

1. Choose the word closest in meaning to BRIEF.

A late
B short
C loud
D heavy
E rough

2. Choose the word closest in meaning to CONCEAL.

A reveal
B steal
C repair
D hide
E polish

3. Choose the word closest in meaning to GENUINE.

A real
B kind
C careful
D rare
E ancient

4. Choose the word closest in meaning to HESITATE.

A rush
B shout
C pause
D return
E escape

5. Which word is the odd one out? cat, dog, horse, sparrow, rabbit

A cat
B dog
C horse
D rabbit
E sparrow

6. Which word is the odd one out? oak, pine, birch, rose, maple

A oak
B rose
C pine
D birch
E maple

7. Which word is the odd one out? triangle, square, circle, pentagon, hexagon

A triangle
B square
C pentagon
D circle
E hexagon

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8. Which word is the odd one out? Mars, Venus, Moon, Jupiter, Saturn

A Moon
B Mars
C Venus
D Jupiter
E Saturn

9. Bird is to nest as bee is to ___

A honey
B sting
C hive
D wing
E flower

10. Pen is to write as knife is to ___

A sharp
B fork
C kitchen
D handle
E cut

11. Tall is to short as ancient is to ___

A old
B modern
C tiny
D famous
E dusty

12. Chapter is to book as scene is to ___

A actor
B stage
C page
D play
E ticket

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13. A four-letter word is hidden across two or more words in the sentence. Which is it? “We ate a meal outside.”

A team
B tame
C mate
D seat
E bale

14. A four-letter word is hidden across two or more words in the sentence. Which is it? “The plump earl waved.”

A reap
B pale
C pear
D pant
E damp

15. A four-letter word is hidden across two or more words in the sentence. Which is it? “Tom intended to leave.”

A tone
B late
C stem
D wine
E mint

16. A four-letter word is hidden across two or more words in the sentence. Which is it? “He lost a rare gem.”

A tear
B star
C lamp
D rate
E mast

17. Which letter continues the series? B D F H ___

A I
B K
C L
D J
E M

18. Which letter continues the series? Z X V T ___

A R
B S
C Q
D P
E U

19. Which letter continues the series? A C F J ___

A N
B M
C O
D P
E Q

20. Which pair continues the series? AZ BY CX DW ___

A EU
B FV
C DV
D EW
E EV

21. In a code, CAT is written as DBU. How is DOG written?

A EOH
B EPH
C DPH
D FPI
E EPG

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22. In a code, MAP is written as NZQ. Using the same code, how is TOP written?

A UOQ
B SNQ
C UNO
D UNQ
E UPQ

23. If A = 1, B = 2, C = 3 and so on, what is the total value of the letters in the word BAD?

A 7
B 6
C 8
D 9
E 10

24. What is the next number? 2, 6, 18, 54, ___

A 108
B 148
C 162
D 216
E 72

25. What is the next number? 5, 8, 13, 20, 29, ___

A 38
B 39
C 41
D 42
E 40

26. Find the missing number. 4 [20] 5 6 [42] 7 8 [?] 9

A 64
B 72
C 70
D 74
E 81

27. Anna is taller than Ben. Ben is taller than Cara. Dev is shorter than Cara. Who is the shortest?

A Anna
B Ben
C Cara
D Dev
E Cannot tell

28. Which day is two days after the day before Thursday?

A Friday
B Thursday
C Saturday
D Wednesday
E Sunday

29. Tom has twice as many marbles as Lily. Lily has 3 more than Jo. Jo has 4. How many marbles does Tom have?

A 8
B 11
C 14
D 12
E 18

30. Which word is an anagram of SILENT?

A SILKEN
B SAILED
C SINGLE
D STILTS
E LISTEN

END OF VERBAL REASONING

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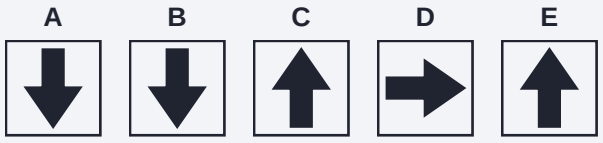
Non-verbal reasoning · Section 1: Series and matrices

Questions 1–5 · 5 minutes

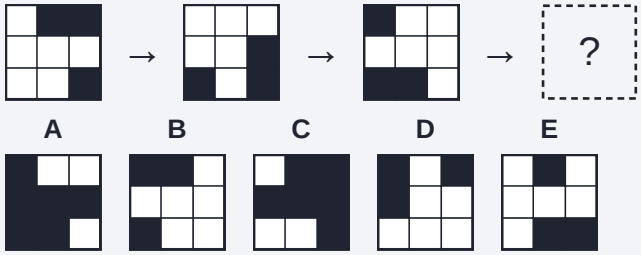
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Practice

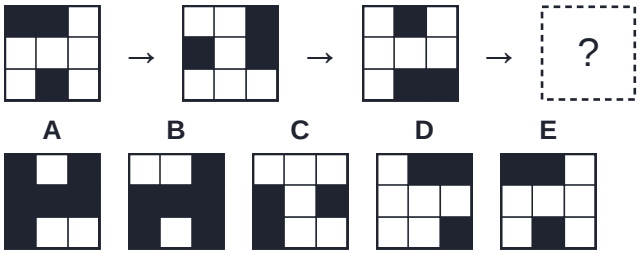
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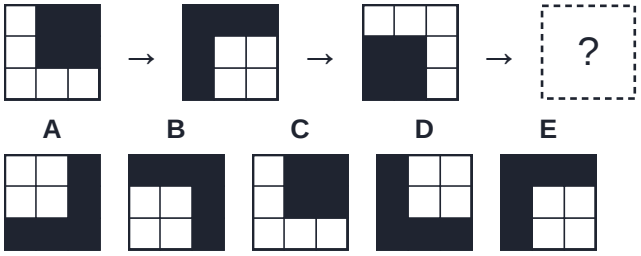
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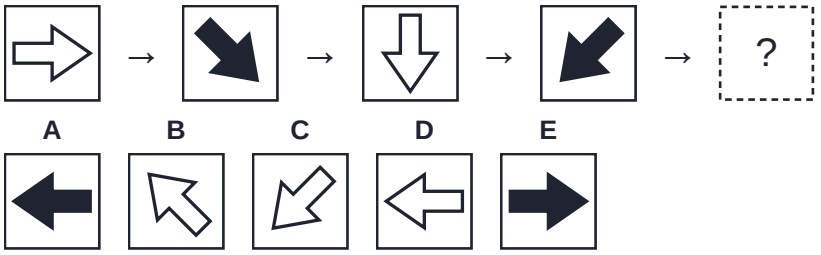
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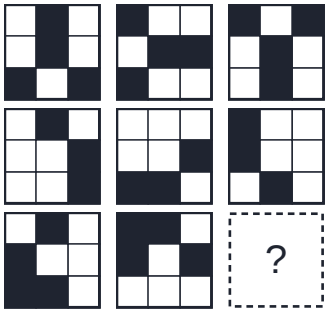


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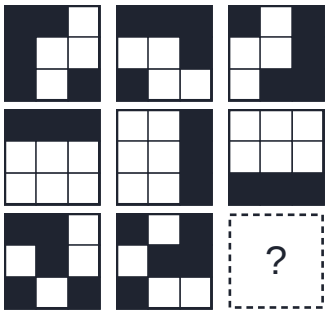
4. Which figure completes the grid?



A B C D E



5. Which figure completes the grid?



A B C D E



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Non-verbal reasoning · Section 2: Odd one out and codes

Questions 6–10 · 5 minutes

Find the figure that does not belong; or work out what the letters stand for and choose the code for the new figure. Time each section separately.

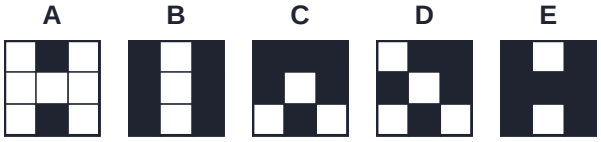
6. Which figure is the odd one out?

A B C D E



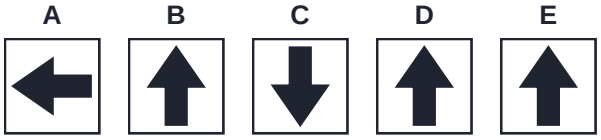
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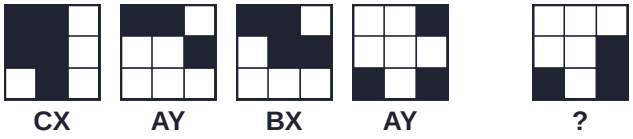


8. Which figure is the odd one out?

A B C D E



9. Each figure has a code. Which code belongs to the last figure?

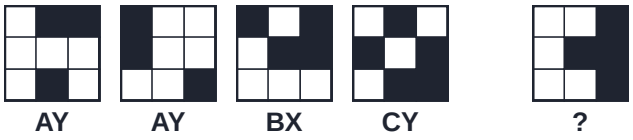


CX AY BX AY ?

A B C D E

CX AY CY AX BX

10. Each figure has a code. Which code belongs to the last figure?



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A B C D E

AX BY CY AY BX

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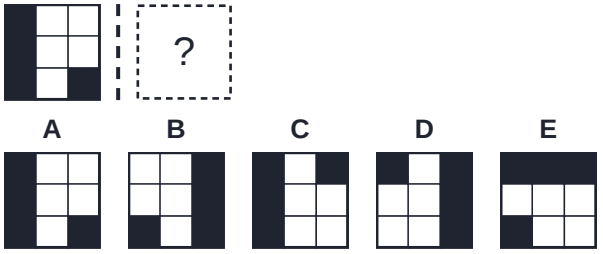
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Non-verbal reasoning · Section 3: Reflections and hidden shapes

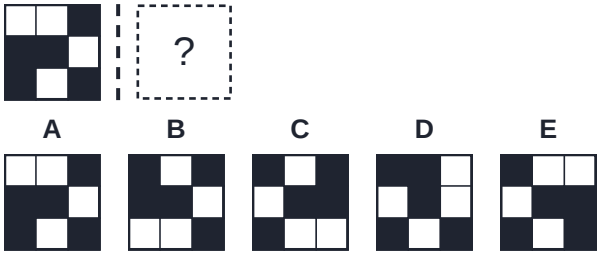
Questions 11–15 · 5 minutes

Choose the reflection of the shape in the mirror line; or find the figure that contains the small shape, the same way up. Time each section separately.

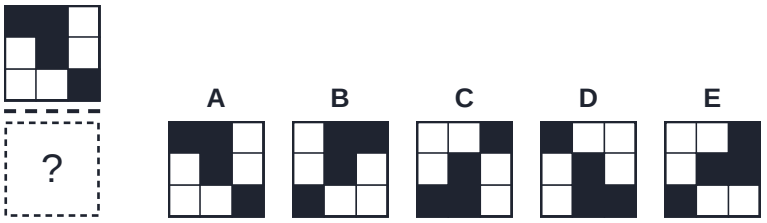
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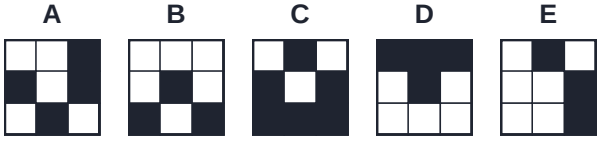


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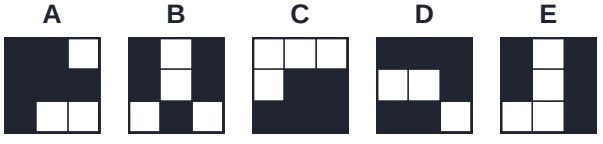
14. In which figure is the small shape hidden (the same way up)?

Find this shape: 



15. In which figure is the small shape hidden (the same way up)?

Find this shape: 



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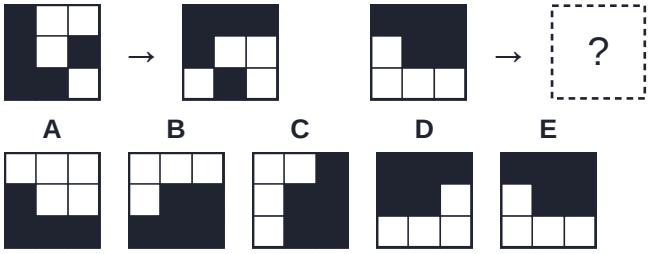
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Non-verbal reasoning · Section 4: Pairs and cube nets

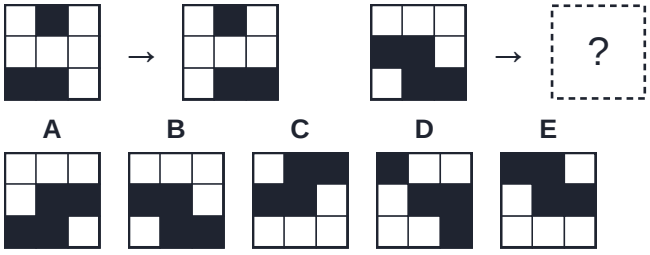
Questions 16–20 · 5 minutes

Complete the second pair in the same way as the first; or imagine folding the net into a cube. Time each section separately.

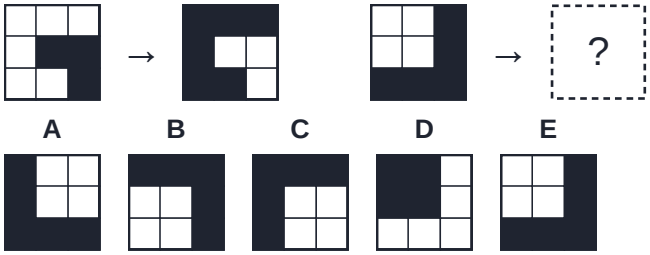
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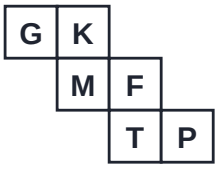
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18.



19. Cube net



Fold the net into a cube. Which letter is on the face opposite **T**?

A	B	C	D	E
G	K	M	F	P

20. Cube net



Fold the net into a cube. Which letter is on the face opposite **T**?

A	B	C	D	E
R	W	P	H	G

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Writing task

40 minutes · 10 minutes planning

Choose **one** of the titles below. Plan for 10 minutes, then write for 30 minutes. Use paragraphs, vary your sentences, and check your spelling and punctuation. Write on separate lined paper.

A. The Door in the Garden Wall
Write a story that begins with someone finding a door in an old garden wall that was not there yesterday.

B. A Place I Would Protect
Describe a place that matters to you and explain why it should be protected for the future.

C. Letter to the Headteacher
Your school is deciding whether to ban mobile phones from the playground. Write a letter to the headteacher giving your opinion and your reasons.

In the real Kent Test the writing task is not marked; a panel of headteachers may use it when a family asks for a headteacher assessment. Use the checklist in the answer booklet to review this piece.

Planning space

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