FREE SAMPLE

Northern Ireland transfer test style (SEAG format, English and maths): Set 2 (Tests 5 to 8)

Four more full mock tests in the same format as Set 1, with new questions throughout, answer sheets, answers and the parent guide.

In this sample

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

In the full set2

- Four complete mock tests (Tests 5 to 8)
- 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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Northern Ireland Transfer Test Style Mock Test 5

English and Mathematics

Practice section (10 questions, not timed) · Main test: 56 questions in 60 minutes

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Instructions

1. Do the **practice section** first, with an adult. It is not timed and not scored.
2. The **main test** has English (questions 1–28) and maths (questions 29–56). You have **60 minutes** for both. You may start with either section.
3. Answer on the **answer sheet**. For multiple-choice questions, draw **one horizontal line** through the box beside your answer. Do not tick, shade or cross.
4. In questions 1–5 and 11–15, choose the section with a mistake, or **N** if there is no mistake.
5. For questions 23–28 and 51–56, write your answer in the box on the answer sheet.
6. No calculator. You may write working in this booklet. There is no penalty for a wrong answer.

What this paper is based on. This paper follows the published format of the Northern Ireland transfer test (the SEAG Entrance Assessment). **Published:** a practice section, then 56 questions in 60 minutes, with English (questions 1–28) and maths (questions 29–56). **Reported:** multiple choice with options A–E, an N option for “no mistake” in punctuation and spelling, and some written answers. **Our assumptions:** the exact split of question types in each section, showing each punctuation and spelling sentence in four sections (A–D), the difficulty, and one mark per question. All questions are original. Raw scores cannot be converted to the age-standardised scores used in the real test.

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Practice section

Not timed · not scored

English practice questions P1–P5, then maths P6–P10. Mark them in the practice rows of the answer sheet.

P1. Which word is spelt correctly?

A warter
B water
C watter
D wotter
E watr

P2. Which word means the opposite of “wet”?

A damp
B cold
C soft
D dry
E clean

P3. Choose the word that completes the sentence: Two ___ were sitting on the fence.

A birds
B bird
C bird’s
D birdes
E birdd

P4. Which word means the same as “quick”?

A slow
B late
C fast
D calm
E weak

P5. Which sentence is written correctly?

A we live in Omagh.
B We live in omagh.
C We live in Omagh
D we live in omagh
E We live in Omagh.

P6. What is 5,288 + 2,415?

A 7,603
B 7,703
C 7,803
D 7,693
E 7,713

P7. What is 9,000 − 2,306?

A 6,684
B 6,594
C 6,704
D 6,694
E 6,794

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P8. What is 43 × 14?

A 602
B 592
C 612
D 702
E 645

P9. What is 275 ÷ 11?

A 15
B 24
C 25
D 35
E 26

P10.What is 7,268 rounded to the nearest hundred?

A 7,100
B 7,000
C 7,300
D 7,200
E 7,270

END OF PRACTICE. WAIT TO BE TOLD TO START THE MAIN TEST.

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English · Punctuation

Questions 1–5

1. Which section has a mistake? If there is no mistake, choose N.

Niamh's aunt works	in a bike shop in	ballymena and fixes	about twenty bikes a week.
A	**B**	**C**	**D**

2. Which section has a mistake? If there is no mistake, choose N.

"Whats the best way	to make it faster?"	asked Jakub, peering	under the cart.
A	**B**	**C**	**D**

3. Which section has a mistake? If there is no mistake, choose N.

Bring your helmet,	your gloves and a	bottle of water to	the race on Saturday.
A	**B**	**C**	**D**

4. Which section has a mistake? If there is no mistake, choose N.

Aunt Bernie smiled	and said, "Let's try	the brakes one	more time.
A	**B**	**C**	**D**

5. Which section has a mistake? If there is no mistake, choose N.

At the stall we	sold cupcake's and	lemonade to raise	money for charity.
A	**B**	**C**	**D**

Grammar (questions 6–10)

6. Choose the word that best completes the sentence: Niamh and Jakub ___ painting the cart when the rain started.

A was
B were
C is
D be
E been

7. Choose the word that best completes the sentence: The blue cart was ___ than the red one.

A lightest
B most light
C lightly
D lighter
E more lighter

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8. Choose the word that best completes the sentence: If it ___ tomorrow, the race will be put off.

A rains
B rained
C will rain
D raining
E rain

9. Choose the word that best completes the sentence: Jakub held the rope tightly ___ Niamh tightened the last bolt.

A unless
B although
C while
D because
E or

10. Choose the word that best completes the sentence: The team thanked the marshals, ___ had stood in the cold all day.

A which
B whose
C what
D whom
E who

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Northern Ireland Transfer Test Style Mock Test 5

Answers and explanations

Every question was written for this product. Maths answers were recomputed by script before printing; English answers were checked against the passage and the rules of punctuation, grammar and spelling. One mark per question (our assumption). For written English answers, accept any answer with the same meaning, and do not take marks off for small spelling slips. If you spot a mistake, tell us and we will correct it. Raw scores cannot be converted to the age-standardised scores used in the real test.

Practice section (not scored)

Q	Answer	Skill	Why
P1	**B**	Practice: spelling	“Water” is spelt w-a-t-e-r.
P2	**D**	Practice: antonyms	The opposite of wet is dry.
P3	**A**	Practice: plurals	“Two” tells us there is more than one, so we need the plural “birds”, with no apostrophe.
P4	**C**	Practice: synonyms	“Fast” is a synonym for quick.
P5	**E**	Practice: capital letters	A sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop, and the name of a town needs a capital letter.
P6	**B**	Number: addition	5,288 + 2,415 = 7,703.
P7	**D**	Number: subtraction	9,000 − 2,306 = 6,694.
P8	**A**	Number: multiplication	43 × 14 = 43 × 10 + 43 × 4 = 430 + 172 = 602.
P9	**C**	Number: division	11 × 25 = 275.
P10	**C**	Number: rounding	Look at the tens digit (6); round up to 7,300.

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English (questions 1–28)

Q	Answer	Skill	Why
1	**C**	Punctuation	Ballymena is the name of a town, so it needs a capital letter: “Ballymena”.
2	**A**	Punctuation	“What is” is shortened to “What’s”, which needs an apostrophe.
3	**N**	Punctuation	No mistake. The list is separated by commas, with “and” before the last item, and Saturday has a capital letter.
4	**D**	Punctuation	The spoken words have opening speech marks, so they need closing speech marks too: “more time.”
5	**B**	Punctuation	“Cupcakes” is a simple plural, so it needs no apostrophe. Nothing belongs to the cupcakes.
6	**B**	Grammar: agreement	“Niamh and Jakub” is plural and the rain started in the past, so the plural past form “were” is needed.
7	**D**	Grammar: comparatives and superlatives	Two carts are being compared, so the comparative “lighter” is needed. Never use “more” and “-er” together.
8	**A**	Grammar: tense	After “If it” we need the present tense “rains” when the rest of the sentence says what “will” happen.
9	**C**	Grammar: conjunctions	“While” shows that the two things happened at the same time.
10	**E**	Grammar: relative pronouns	“Who” begins a relative clause about people (the marshals) and is the subject of “had stood”.
11	**B**	Spelling	“Explaned” should be “explained”: e-x-p-l-a-i-n-e-d.
12	**D**	Spelling	“Serface” should be “surface”: it begins s-u-r.
13	**N**	Spelling	No mistake. Every word is spelt correctly, including “audience” and “towards”.
14	**A**	Spelling	“Importent” should be “important”: the ending is -ant.
15	**C**	Spelling	“Hole” (a gap) should be “whole” (all of it). They sound the same but are spelt differently.
16	**B**	Comprehension: retrieval	Paragraph 1 says Aunt Bernie “mended bikes for a living”.
17	**D**	Comprehension: inference	The derby has many safety rules; hay bales are soft, so they would protect a driver who could not get round a bend. The road was already closed to traffic.
18	**A**	Comprehension: retrieval	Paragraph 3: the brake lever “snapped clean in two” and the inspector said, “You can’t race without brakes.”
19	**C**	Vocabulary: figurative language	Porridge is a pale grey-white colour. A face goes pale when someone is worried or shocked.
20	**E**	Comprehension: inference	Darragh’s team had beaten them in the quiz and his red cart was the favourite, yet he still helped them.
21	**B**	Comprehension: language	The writer says the bowl of the spoon “pointed up at the sky like a tiny satellite dish”.
22	**D**	Comprehension: theme	Darragh helps his rivals, and Niamh offers to share her trophy: the story shows kindness counts more than coming first.
23	**An old fruit crate.**		Accept “a fruit crate”, “an old crate” or “a crate”. Small spelling slips are fine if the meaning is clear.

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