

EduTest Year 8 Entry Verbal Reasoning Practice Paper 1

Verbal Reasoning

60 questions · 5 options each (A–E) · 30 minutes · No dictionary or calculator

How to use this booklet

- There are 60 questions in this paper. For each question there are five possible answers, A, B, C, D and E. Choose the one best answer.
- You will not lose marks for incorrect answers, so attempt all 60 questions.
- Dictionaries and calculators are not allowed. You have 30 minutes.

VERBAL REASONING — 60 QUESTIONS

Multiple choice · 30 minutes

Use vocabulary and logic to answer quickly: there are many questions in a short time. Choose the single best answer.

1. Rearrange the letters of CANOE to make a word that means 'a vast body of salt water'.

- A angel
- B ocean
- C angle
- D clean
- E gecko

2. Choose the odd one out.

- A spurn
- B choose
- C decline
- D reject
- E refuse

3. Shepherd is to pasture as judge is to ____ . Choose the best word to complete the second pair.

- A court
- B pasture
- C verdict
- D gavel
- E bore

4. Which one of these words is the odd one out?

- A car
- B motorbike
- C van
- D canoe
- E taxi

5. What comes next in this letter series? C, F, I, L, O, R, ?

- A V
- B X
- C R
- D U
- E T

6. Spoon is to stir as kettle is to ____ . Choose the best word to complete the second pair.

- A boil
- B stir
- C exhausted
- D water
- E steam

7. Which one of these words is the odd one out?

- A trout
- B whale
- C sardine
- D mackerel
- E cod

8. Three friends each have a different pet: parrot, rabbit and hamster. Yara does not own the parrot. Priya owns the rabbit. Which pet does Priya own?

- A parrot
- B hamster
- C cat
- D dog
- E rabbit

9. What comes next in this letter series? F, H, J, L, N, P, ?

- A T
- B P
- C R
- D Q
- E S

VERBAL REASONING — 60 QUESTIONS

Answers & worked solutions

Answer Key

1 B	2 B	3 A	4 D	5 D	6 A
7 B	8 E	9 C	10 B	11 A	12 B
13 C	14 A	15 C	16 E	17 D	18 E
19 C	20 B	21 A	22 E	23 A	24 D
25 C	26 E	27 B	28 E	29 D	30 D
31 A	32 D	33 B	34 E	35 C	36 E
37 C	38 E	39 B	40 D	41 A	42 C
43 E	44 D	45 C	46 C	47 E	48 D
49 B	50 C	51 B	52 B	53 C	54 A
55 E	56 D	57 A	58 A	59 D	60 A

1. Rearrange the letters of CANOE to make a word that means 'a vast body of salt water'.

[Anagrams]

Correct answer: B — ocean

- Step 1: The answer must use exactly the same 5 letters as CANOE: A, C, E, N, O.
- Step 2: Rearranged, they make 'ocean', which means 'a vast body of salt water'.
- Why the other options are wrong:
 - A (angel): 'angel' contains G, L, which CANOE does not have, so it is not an anagram of CANOE.
 - C (angle): 'angle' contains G, L, which CANOE does not have, so it is not an anagram of CANOE.
 - D (clean): 'clean' contains L, which CANOE does not have, so it is not an anagram of CANOE.
 - E (gecko): 'gecko' contains G, K, which CANOE does not have, so it is not an anagram of CANOE.

LOS: VR7 Anagrams and hidden words

KEY TAKEAWAY

Sort the letters in your head alphabetically. Two words are anagrams if their sorted letters match.

2. Choose the odd one out. [Classification by meaning]

Correct answer: B — choose

- Step 1: Find what four of the words share. reject, spurn, decline and refuse all mean to turn something down.
- Step 2: 'choose' means to decide on one from several options, a different idea, so it does not belong.
- Why the other options are wrong:
 - A (spurn): 'spurn' belongs with the group: it means to turn something down.
 - C (decline): 'decline' belongs with the group: it means to turn something down.
 - D (reject): 'reject' belongs with the group: it means to turn something down.
 - E (refuse): 'refuse' belongs with the group: it means to turn something down.