

EduTest Year 9 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. Remove one letter from the word CHEAT to make a new word that means 'an informal talk'. Which letter must be removed?

- A letter C
- B letter T
- C letter A
- D letter E
- E letter H

2. Choose the word most OPPOSITE in meaning to PENNILESS.

- A scanty
- B flamboyant
- C affluent
- D needy
- E solitary

3. Which word does NOT belong with the others?

- A tiny
- B miniature
- C small
- D big
- E little

4. Cog is to machine as rung is to _____. Choose the best word to complete the second pair.

- A machine
- B climb
- C temperature
- D ladder
- E roof

5. What comes next in this letter series? L, D, M, F, N, H, O, ?

- A K
- B H
- C J
- D P
- E O

6. Study is to knowledge as exercise is to _____. Choose the best word to complete the second pair.

- A gym
- B sweat
- C herd
- D fitness
- E knowledge

7. Using the code in the table, how is LAMP written?

Word	Code
CUP	EWR
FARM	HCTO

The same rule is used for every word.

- A ODPS
- B PEQT
- C MBNQ
- D NCOR
- E JYKN

8. Remove one letter from the word CHAIR to make a new word that means 'growth on the head'. Which letter must be removed?

- A letter H
- B letter A
- C letter I
- D letter R
- E letter C

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Answers & worked solutions

Answer Key

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

1. Remove one letter from the word CHEAT to make a new word that means 'an informal talk'. Which letter must be removed? [Letter manipulation: removing a letter]

Correct answer: D — letter E

- Step 1: The new word must mean 'an informal talk', and it must use the letters of CHEAT in the same order with one letter missing.
- Step 2: Take away the E from CHEAT. That leaves 'chat', which means 'an informal talk'.
- Why the other options are wrong:
 - A (letter C): Removing C from CHEAT leaves 'heat', which does not mean 'an informal talk'.
 - B (letter T): Removing T from CHEAT leaves 'chea', which does not mean 'an informal talk'.
 - C (letter A): Removing A from CHEAT leaves 'chet', which does not mean 'an informal talk'.
 - E (letter H): Removing H from CHEAT leaves 'ceat', which does not mean 'an informal talk'.

LOS: VR6 Letter manipulation

KEY TAKEAWAY

Read the clue first: it tells you what the shorter word means, so you only need to find which letter to drop.

2. Choose the word most OPPOSITE in meaning to PENNILESS. [Antonyms]

Correct answer: C — affluent

- Step 1: 'penniless' means having very little money.
- Step 2: The opposite idea is having a great deal of money. 'affluent' means having a great deal of money, so it is the antonym.
- Why the other options are wrong:
 - A (scanty): 'scanty' means too small in amount to be enough, which is not the opposite of 'penniless'.
 - B (flamboyant): 'flamboyant' means designed to impress or attract notice, which is not the opposite of