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11+ For You

Paper 26

Please put your name at the bottom of the page.

This 11+ paper contains 80 questions.

You have 50 minutes to complete the test.

Mark all answers clearly on the answersheet.

Make sure any mistakes are erased.

Name: - _____

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In these questions you must add a letter to the end of the words on the left that can also be used to start the words on the right.

Example

hors (?) ager
tru (?) nvelope

Answer = e

Question 1

shou (?) erminal
leas (?) erm

Question 2

quot (?) nergy
fe (?) ssence

Question 3

dum (?) rune
scallo (?) romote

Question 4

furnis (?) orse
thoug (?) atred

Question 5

sudde (?) ewt
moa (?) iggle

Question 6

wedg (?) ntry
vi (?) ast

Question 7

pie (?) ain
fea (?) esnite

In these questions you must select two words that you think do not fit with the other three.

Example

arm leg human tongue person

Answer = human person

Question 8

stationary static moving mobile still

Question 9

hover float glide sink craft

Question 10

chest box crate lungs medic

Question 11

criminal police jail prison cell

Question 12

ferry liner submarine tug sail

Question 13

thief steal pirate bandit gun

Question 14

Everest Amazon Nile Alps Thames

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In these questions a three letter word has been taken out of the word in capitals. You must decide what that three letter word is so that the sentence makes sense.

Example

The boy WED to buy lots of toys.

Answer = ANT (wanted)

Question 15

You are not ALED to play on the glass.

Question 16

Walking in the COUNSIDE is peaceful.

Question 17

Try to ACHI something everyday.

Question 18

SOLRS fight wars and also help people.

Question 19

After the train DEPED we were a little sad.

Question 20

GAT round the camp fire to keep warm.

Question 21

Lots of different species live in the RAINESTS.

Question 22

If the day after tomorrow is Wednesday, what day was it four days before yesterday?

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

In these questions you must work out which two letters should be used to complete the sequence. Use the alphabet above to help you.

Example

AB is to CD
As EF is to (??)

Answer = GH

Question 23

CQ is to GM
as HA is to (??)

Question 24

JL is to QO
as VB is to (??)

Question 25

DI is to AL
as SX is to (??)

Question 26

EK is to ZF
as QW is to (??)

Question 27

AU is to ZW
as GX is to (??)

Question 28

OY is to KB
as JE is to (??)

Question 29

ER is to AV
as CT is to (??)

In these questions you must decide which number is required to balance the sum.

Example

$$12 + 17 = 3 \times 3 + (?)$$

Answer = 20

Question 30

$$11 \times 3 \times 2 = 11 \times 4 + 17 + (?)$$

Question 31

$$42 \div 7 \times 4 = 9 \times 3 + 19 - (?)$$

Question 32

$$91 - 71 + 13 = 6 \times 8 - 16 + (?)$$

Question 33

$$81 \div 9 - 7 = 4 \times 5 \div 5 - (?)$$

Question 34

$$27 + 14 + 22 = 7 \times 7 + 12 + (?)$$

Question 35

$$63 \div 9 + 21 = 81 - 49 + 9 - (?)$$

Question 36

$$17 \times 2 + 8 + 3 = 84 \div 2 - 7 + (?)$$

Question 37

If you divide me by 3 and add 12 you get 21.
What number am I?

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

In the following questions you must work out how the code has been made from the word and use this to provide either the word or the code.

Example

If the code for the word TRAP is USBQ
What is the code for BEAR?

Answer = CFBS

Question 38

If the code for BLAST is AKZRS
What is the code for JOUST?

Question 39

If the code for HOLD is SLOW
What is the code for WANE?

Question 40

If the code for STRING is VUUIJQH
What is the word for JMDOFF?

Question 41

If the code for LINE is JKLG
What is the word for RTCG?

Question 42

If the code for HIGHER is EFDEBO
What is the code for SINGER?

Question 43

If the code for MIRE is NKUI
What is the code for SHUT?

Question 44

If the code for HORRIBLE is JPTSKCNF
What is the word for UIQVVJPH?

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

In these questions you must decide which two letters should come next in the sequence.

Example

FG HI JK LM NO (??)

Answer = PQ

Question 45

CA EX GW IT KS (??)

Question 46

VI WH YJ ZG BK CF (??)

Question 47

KR NQ MO PL OH (??)

Question 48

AB DY FW GV JS LQ (??)

Question 49

SQ WP AO EN IM (??)

Question 50

FB JD HC LE JD NF (??)

Question 51

AK EF DA HV GQ KL (??)

In these questions you must decide which number would come next in the sequence.

Example

3 6 9 12 15 (?)

Answer = 18

Question 52

14 9 19 14 24 19 (?)

Question 53

61 53 45 37 29 (?)

Question 54

2 6 12 20 30 (?)

Question 55

7 7 14 21 35 56 (?)

Question 56

103 95 88 82 77 73 (?)

Question 57

8 16 32 64 (?)

Question 58

79 76 74 73 70 (?)

In these questions you must decide which word goes with which set of numbers. You must then use this to answer the questions below.

MAST LATE FACT TAME
6231 4253 3241

Question 59

What is the word for 41326?

Question 60

What is the code for SAME?

Question 61

What is the word for 42315?

SHOW WAND WISH SOAR
6715 6389 1526

Question 62

What is the code for SAND?

Question 63

What is the word for 15781?

Question 64

What is the code for DISH?

In these questions you must choose one word from the top brackets and from the bottom brackets that together will make a new word.

Example

(drain youth low)
(fall pipe high) **Answer** = drainpipe

Question 65

(trust heart loan)
(feel felt coin)

Question 66

(sea saw trust)
(ring weed out)

Question 67

(heart neat cart)
(ridge lame point)

Question 68

(shun plea hum)
(bell bug down)

Question 69

(mask sup chap)
(long pose bring)

Question 70

(blank friend slate)
(ship tile dig)

Question 71

(sit pin at)
(mile bull tack)

Question 72

(haul under land)
(age all over)

In these questions you must find a four letter word that is hidden between two words in the sentence

Example

The real animal eventually came out

Answer = animal eventually (male)

Question 73

Leave the tin of fish open

Question 74

Better make the bed before breakfast

Question 75

It was hard but we passed

Question 76

She sighed after losing the game

Question 77

‘Never give up!’ answered the teacher.

Question 78

Sometimes even happy people are sad.

Question 79

‘Forgiven but not forgotten’ they said.

Question 80

If I will be 17 years old next birthday, how old was my brother 3 years ago if he is 4 years younger than me?

Paper Notes: 11+ Verbal Reasoning Question Booklet (Test 26)

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Overview

This is **11+ For You Paper 26**, a full-length verbal reasoning practice paper designed for pupils preparing for the **11+ entrance examination** under the **GL Assessment** format. The paper contains **80 multiple-choice questions** to be completed in **50 minutes**, closely mirroring the time pressure and question variety found in the actual 11+ exam.

The paper tests a broad range of verbal reasoning skills, including word relationships (analogies and synonyms), letter sequences, code breaking, vocabulary knowledge, and logic patterns. All answers are marked on a separate answer sheet, requiring candidates to transfer their choices accurately while managing their time.

This paper suits pupils in Year 5 or Year 6 working towards independent or grammar school entry. It provides authentic exam practice for those familiar with the basic question types and ready to work under timed conditions. The breadth of question styles makes it a comprehensive test of verbal reasoning ability.

How this paper is organised

The paper opens with clear instructions directing candidates to write their name at the bottom of the page, mark all answers on a separate answer sheet, and ensure mistakes are fully erased. The **80 questions** are presented across multiple pages, with no formal section breaks, though the question types rotate throughout.

Early questions (1 to 7) focus on **word relationships and analogies**, where candidates identify missing words or select pairs with equivalent relationships. Questions 8 to 21 shift to **selecting two words from lists** that fit specific criteria (most similar, most opposite, or closest relationship). From question 22 onwards, the paper includes **alphabet sequences, number codes, and logic puzzles**.

The paper also features **code-breaking tasks** (questions 38 to 58), where candidates decode letter or number patterns to reveal words or solve sequences. The final questions (59 to 80) return to word relationships, testing vocabulary and comprehension of word structure. The **50-minute time limit** allows roughly 37 seconds per question, demanding brisk but careful working.

Topics covered

- Word analogies and relationships identifying pairs with equivalent meanings or logical connections
- Synonym and antonym recognition selecting words with closest or most opposite meanings
- Letter sequences following alphabetical patterns with gaps and reversals
- Code breaking translating number-to-letter and letter-to-letter substitutions to decode words
- Alphabet position logic using codes like MAST LATE FACT TAME to solve for specific words
- Vocabulary knowledge distinguishing between homonyms and recognising word families
- Logic patterns identifying sequences in mixed letter and number series
- Word completion choosing pairs of words that complete analogies or satisfy dual conditions
- Rhyme and phonetic reasoning matching words by sound or pronunciation patterns
- Compound relationships linking words through prefixes, suffixes, or shared roots

How to use this paper for revision

- Work through each question type individually at first, mastering analogies before moving to codes, then combine them in timed practice sessions.
- For code-breaking questions, write out the alphabet and mark the substitutions clearly to avoid confusion under pressure.
- Build your vocabulary by reading widely and keeping a list of new words with their meanings, focusing on synonyms and antonyms.
- Practise spotting letter patterns by reciting the alphabet forwards and backwards, noting common jumps (every second letter, every third, etc.).
- Time yourself on individual pages to learn your natural pace, then aim to complete all 80 questions within the 50-minute limit.
- Use scrap paper for rough work on logic questions, but transfer answers carefully to the answer sheet and double-check bubbles.
- Review mistakes by understanding why the correct answer works, not just memorising it, to recognise similar patterns in future papers.

Common mistakes to avoid

- Choosing a word that fits one part of an analogy but not the relationship as a whole, such as selecting 'run' for 'walk : sprint' when 'stroll' is needed.
- Misreading code instructions and substituting letters incorrectly, especially when codes reverse or skip letters in the alphabet.
- Rushing synonym questions and picking the first familiar word rather than the word with the closest meaning.
- Losing track of time and spending too long on a single difficult question, leaving later questions unattempted.
- Filling in the wrong bubble on the answer sheet or skipping a line, throwing off all subsequent answers.
- Overlooking negative wording in questions (e.g. 'most opposite' or 'does not fit') and choosing the wrong relationship.

Exam technique

Begin by reading the instructions carefully and checking you have the correct answer sheet for this paper. Skim the entire paper to gauge question variety, then start at question 1 and work sequentially. If a question takes more than a minute, mark it lightly and return to it later.

For **analogy questions**, identify the relationship first (e.g. 'type of', 'opposite of', 'part to whole') before scanning the answer options. For **code questions**, jot down the alphabet on scrap paper and map the substitutions before attempting the decode. For **word selection tasks**, eliminate obviously wrong answers first to narrow your choices.

In the final five minutes, return to any skipped questions and make educated guesses rather than leaving blanks. Check your answer sheet for stray marks or skipped lines. If time allows, revisit questions you found difficult and verify your reasoning. Stay calm and trust your preparation; rushing in the last minutes causes more errors than it solves.

What to revise alongside this paper

Alongside this paper, revise **English vocabulary** by reading a range of texts (fiction, newspapers, non-fiction) and practising synonyms and antonyms daily. Work on **spelling patterns and word roots** to improve your ability to break down unfamiliar words and infer meanings from context.

Strengthen your **logical reasoning skills** by attempting non-verbal reasoning puzzles, Sudoku, or pattern recognition exercises, as these share the same analytical thinking required for letter sequences and codes. Practise **mental arithmetic** lightly to handle number-based codes more fluently.

Once confident with this paper, progress to **harder GL-style verbal reasoning papers** or mixed-format tests that combine verbal and non-verbal reasoning under stricter time limits. Review any **comprehension passages** that test inference and deduction, as these skills underpin many analogy and vocabulary questions.

Key terms

Analogy, Synonym, Antonym, Letter sequence, Code substitution, Alphabet position, Logic pattern, Word relationship, Homonym, Compound word, Prefix, Suffix, Phonetic, Word family, Inference

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Paper 26 - Answers

1	T	41	TREE
2	E	42	PFKDBO
3	P	43	TJXX
4	H	44	SHOUTING
5	N	45	MP
6	E	46	EL
7	R	47	RC
8	Fish open	48	MP
9	Better make	49	ML
10	Was hard	50	LE
11	Sighed after	51	JG
12	Up!' answered	52	29
13	People are	53	21
14	Forgotten' they	54	42
15	LOW	55	91
16	TRY	56	70
17	EVE	57	128
18	DIE	58	68
19	ART	59	METAL
20	HER	60	5241
21	FOR	61	MATES
22	Wednesday	62	1389
23	LW	63	SHINS
24	EY	64	9715
25	PA	65	Heartfelt
26	LR	66	Seaweed
27	FZ	67	Cartridge
28	FH	68	Humbug
29	YX	69	Suppose
30	5	70	Friendship
31	22	71	Attach
32	1	72	Haulage
33	2	73	Moving mobile
34	2	74	Sink craft
35	13	75	Lungs medic
36	10	76	Criminal police
37	27	77	Submarine sail
38	INTRS	78	Steal gun
39	DZMV	79	Everest Alps
40	GLANCE	80	9