Practice, coaching and NYCC selection test question examples

We believe that children should be allowed to take the tests under conditions which are as normal as possible, and not face the pressure of extra coaching or home tutoring. We do not encourage coaching but cannot, of course, prevent it. Some schools do carry out a range of tests for assessment purposes whilst others don't. We do not expect any of our schools to carry out more than one VR or NVR test for each child each year. We instruct head teachers not to provide coaching and further practice for children in VR or NVR selection tests. You can find more information on practice and coaching at **www.nfer.co.uk**.

Copies of the test papers used by NYCC are not available to anyone. GL Assessment publishes a series of tests which you can get from bookshops, but they are standardised differently from the North Yorkshire ones.

Below are some examples of our VR and NVR selection test questions. The answers are available on **page 17.**

Verbal reasoning (VR) test (which examines language skills)

Question 1
If the code for ACRE is ZGQI, what is the code for HERB?

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

A) GBQF
B) FIQE
C) FBQE
D) GIQF
E) GBQE

Question 2
In this question, the same letter must fit into both sets of brackets, ending the word before the brackets and beginning the word after the brackets. Find this letter and mark your answer on the answer sheet on the next page.

coo [?] ick
mas [?] ind

A) t
B) s
C) w
D) k
E) l

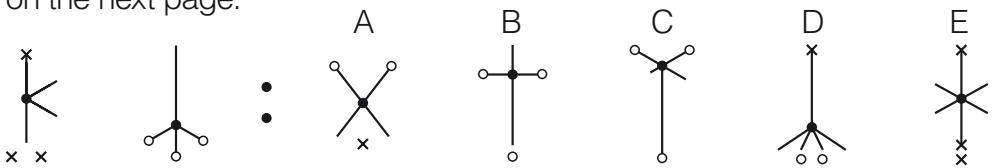
Question 3
Hillmead House is a building with five floors: ground, first, second, third and fourth. One person lives on each floor. Caroline lives on a higher floor than Dermot. Henry lives the same distance from Penelope, as he does from Yan-Ling. Penelope lives on the top floor. Dermot lives on the first floor.

If these statements are true, only one of the sentences below must be true. Which one?

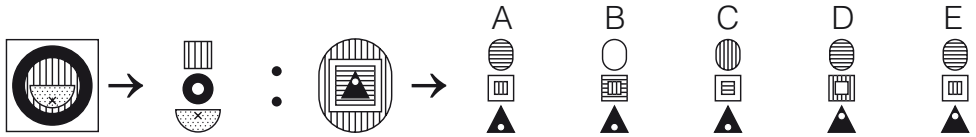
A) Yan-Ling lives on the ground floor.
B) Caroline lives on the second floor
C) Henry and Penelope live on floors next to each other.
D) Caroline lives closer to Yan-Ling than to Penelope.
E) Henry lives on the third floor.

Non-verbal reasoning (NVR) test

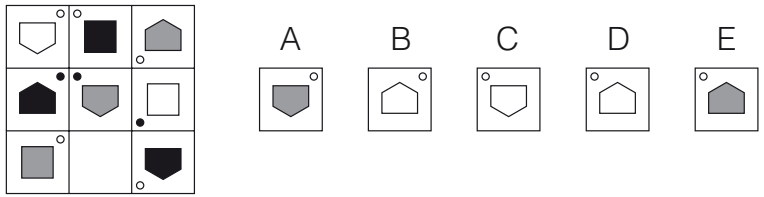
Question 1 On the left of the row below there are two figures that are alike. On the right there are five more figures: find which of these is most like the two figures on the left, and mark its letter on your answer sheet on the next page.



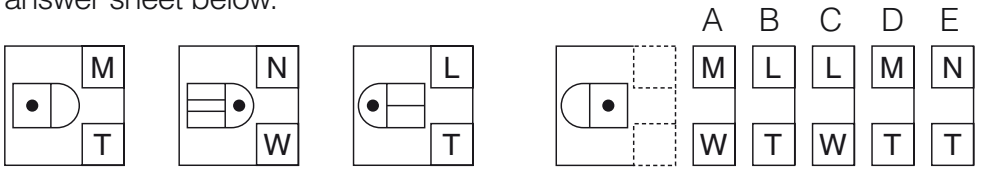
Question 2 On the left of the row below are two shapes with an arrow between them. Decide how the second is related to the first. After these, there is a third shape, then an arrow and then five more shapes. Decide which of the five shapes goes with the third one to make a pair like the two on the left. Mark its letter on your answer below.



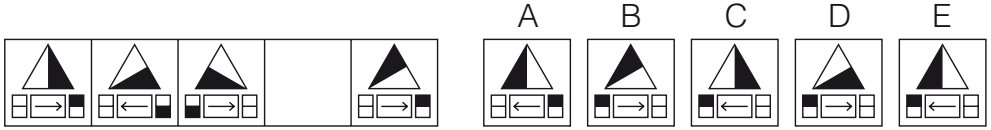
Question 3 In the big square on the left of the line below one of the small squares has been left empty. One of the five figures on the right should fill the empty square. Find the figure and mark its letter on the answer sheet below.



Question 4 To answer this question you have to work out a code. In the boxes on the left are shapes and code letters to go with them. The top letter means something different from the bottom ones. You must decide how the letters go with the shapes. Then find the correct code for the test shape from the set of five codes on the right. Mark its letter on the answer sheet below.



Question 5 To the left in the diagram below there are five squares arranged in order. One of these squares has been left empty. Find which one of the five squares on the right should take the place of the empty square and mark its letter on the answer sheet below.



Answer Sheet

VR1	VR2	VR3	NVR1	NVR2	NVR3	NVR4	NVR5
A ☐	A ☐	A ☐	A ☐	A ☐	A ☐	A ☐	A ☐
B ☐	B ☐	B ☐	B ☐	B ☐	B ☐	B ☐	B ☐
C ☐	C ☐	C ☐	C ☐	C ☐	C ☐	C ☐	C ☐
D ☐	D ☐	D ☐	D ☐	D ☐	D ☐	D ☐	D ☐
E ☐	E ☐	E ☐	E ☐	E ☐	E ☐	E ☐	E ☐