

ISEB Common Pre-Test Verbal Reasoning Paper 1

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Instructions:

- You have 36 minutes to answer 25 questions.
- Read the instructions given at the beginning of each section before answering the questions.
- Put a line through the correct answer in the answer booklet by choosing one of the options A-E or A-F.
- Each question is worth 1 mark.
- There are 4 sections in this paper.
 1. Letter codes
 2. Letter series
 3. Number analogies
 4. Antonyms

Example:


The **Correct** way to mark your answers on the answer sheet:

Correct



The **Incorrect** way to mark your answers on the answer sheet:

Incorrect



Use a pencil to mark your answers. **Rub out any errors**, do not cross them out.

Please take care when marking your answers on your answer sheets.

Make sure you mark your answer **on the line that matches the question number and mark only one answer per line.**

Information about this test paper:

- The page number is in the top right corner of each page.
- The content of this paper is similar to that of the verbal reasoning ISEB Common Pre-Test taken in years 6/7 for independent school entry.
- Please remember that the real ISEB pre-test is taken online and students must click on their chosen answer for each question, rather than using an answering booklet. The answering booklet provided here is optional. Students may choose to circle their answers instead.
- When taking the ISEB pre-test, a countdown timer will be visible on screen. You may wish to set one up for your child before they start, using a smartphone or other device.
- A familiarisation test from ISEB showing how the test will appear for students on screen can be found here: <https://testwise.testingforschools.com/tests/player-demo-iseb/#/>

Section 1 - Letter Codes

Instructions

For the following questions, the three words in the second group go together in the same way as the three words in the first group. Select the word that is missing in the second group.

Mark your chosen answer for each question on your answering booklet.

You will have five options (A - E).

1) (idea [epic] crop) (last [????] demo)

A	B	C	D	E
mole	male	tale	told	sold

2) (drink [bond] bone) (lions [????] help)

A	B	C	D	E
hell	pill	pins	slip	spin

3) (each [back] bike) (most [????] lots)

A	B	C	D	E
loss	moss	lost	most	tots

4) (bake [bear] card) (mite [????] land)

A	B	C	D	E
male	mean	mile	mane	made

5) (call [calm] damp) (sigh [????] wins)

A	B	C	D	E
wis	sigh	nigh	sins	sign

Section 2 - Letter Series

Instructions

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The alphabet is above to help you with the following questions. Select the letters that will complete each series in the best way.

Mark your chosen answer for each question on your answering booklet.

You will have five options (A - E).

6) AQ BQ CP DP [??]

A	B	C	D	E
EP	EO	DO	EQ	FP

7) EZ HY KX NW [??]

A	B	C	D	E
PV	RV	PW	QU	QV

8) FT KR JP ON [??]

A	B	C	D	E
NL	LN	OM	MP	QP

9) MM LN KO JP [??]

A	B	C	D	E
IR	JQ	IQ	IS	JS

10) ZR CX YD BJ [??]

A	B	C	D	E
YQ	XP	ZA	RJ	WA

Section 3 - Number Analogies

Instructions

For the following questions, the three numbers in each group are related in the same way. Select the number that completes the last group.

Choose the best answer and mark its letter in your answering booklet.

You will have five options (A - E).

11) (3 [6] 9) (2 [4] 6) (4 [?] 12)

A	B	C	D	E
3	4	6	8	10

12) (5 [10] 20) (2 [4] 8) (3 [?] 12)

A	B	C	D	E
2	4	6	8	10

13) (4 [3] 2) (9 [6] 3) (16 [?] 4)

A	B	C	D	E
10	11	12	9	8

14) (77 [11] 7) (60 [10] 6) (45 [?] 5)

A	B	C	D	E
8	9	10	11	12

15) (20 [10] 5) (24 [12] 6) (18 [?] 4.5)

A	B	C	D	E
8	9	10	11	12

Section 4 - Antonyms

Instructions

In the following questions you need to find the **two words**, one from each group, which are **the most opposite in meaning**.

Choose the correct two answers for each question and mark their letters in your answering booklet.

16) (fix, strong, end) (force, break, prevent)

A	B	C	D	E	F
fix	strong	end	force	break	prevent

17) (morning, early, wake) (late, shop, dark)

A	B	C	D	E	F
morning	early	wake	late	shop	dark

18) (chaos, noise, muffle) (reserved, whisper, order)

A	B	C	D	E	F
chaos	noise	muffle	reserved	whisper	order

19) (convict, hostage, victim) (enemy, outlaw, culprit)

A	B	C	D	E	F
convict	hostage	victim	enemy	outlaw	culprit

20) (plastic, cheap, artificial) (genuine, realistic, extreme)

A	B	C	D	E	F
plastic	cheap	artificial	genuine	realistic	extreme

21) (plenty, included, minor) (many, extra, double)

A	B	C	D	E	F
plenty	included	minor	many	extra	double

22) (aid, assistant, voluntary) (helper, helpful, compulsory)

A	B	C	D	E	F
aid	assistant	voluntary	helper	helpful	compulsory

23) (offer, indirect, refrain) (decline, waste, almost)

A	B	C	D	E	F
offer	indirect	refrain	decline	waste	almost

24) (rich, lavish, abundant) (flawed, scarce, inferior)

A	B	C	D	E	F
rich	lavish	abundant	flawed	scarce	inferior

25) (conduct, play, demolish) (stand, construct, paint)

A	B	C	D	E	F
conduct	play	demolish	stand	construct	paint

End of paper.