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32-question sampler: English (11), Maths (10) and Verbal Reasoning (11) · multiple choice

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English	Comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar	11
Mathematics	Key Stage 2 curriculum, mostly Year 5/6, multi-step problem solving	10
Verbal Reasoning	Word, letter and number logic: codes, analogies, synonyms, antonyms, sequences	11
Non-Verbal Reasoning	Visual logic: rotations, reflections, odd-one-out, pattern series	see below

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English

11 questions

COMPREHENSION

The Allotment Key

1. Grandad Osei had never once let anyone else carry the allotment key, not even when his knees complained on the walk there, so when he pressed it into Marcus's palm that Saturday morning, Marcus knew something had shifted between them. "You'll need both hands free for the wheelbarrow," Grandad said, which was true, 5. but it was not the real reason and they both knew it. The gate stuck the way it always did, and Marcus leaned his shoulder into it exactly as he had watched Grandad do a hundred times. Inside, the runner beans had climbed higher than his head, and the smell of turned soil and tomato leaves hung thick in the warm air. Grandad lowered himself onto the old bench with a small, private sigh, the 10. one he thought nobody noticed, and watched Marcus find the trowel without being told where it was kept. "Right then," Grandad said, "show me what you remember."

An original passage written for this practice paper.

1 **Why did Marcus know something had shifted between him and Grandad?**

(A) Grandad had bought him a new trowel (B) Grandad let him carry the allotment key for the first time
(C) Grandad had stopped visiting the allotment (D) Marcus had grown taller than Grandad
(E) Grandad had given him a wheelbarrow

2 **What was the stated reason Grandad gave for handing over the key, and why does the passage suggest it was not the whole truth?**

(A) He needed both hands for the wheelbarrow, but the passage says this was not the real reason
(B) He was too tired to walk, and the passage confirms this was the real reason
(C) He had lost his own key, which the passage later disproves
(D) He wanted Marcus to lock up alone, which the passage confirms
(E) He was testing Marcus's honesty, which the passage confirms

3 **Which of these is closest in meaning to "private" as used in line 9 ("a small, private sigh")?**

(A) Loud and obvious (B) Angry (C) Not meant to be noticed by others (D) Excited (E) Painful

4 **What can be inferred from Marcus finding the trowel "without being told where it was kept"?**

(A) He guessed by chance (B) He is already familiar with the allotment from spending time there before
(C) Grandad had written him a list (D) He found it by accident while looking for something else
(E) The trowel was the only tool visible

5 What does Grandad's final line, "show me what you remember," mainly suggest about this moment?

A He doubts Marcus can manage without help

B He is testing whether Marcus has been paying attention on past visits, as a kind of trust

C He has forgotten how to grow vegetables himself

D He wants Marcus to read from a book

E He is annoyed that Marcus is slow

GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

6 **Which sentence uses the correct form of the verb?**

A The box of tools were left outside. B The box of tools was left outside.
C The box of tools are left outside yesterday. D The box of tools have been leave outside.
E The box of tools be left outside.

7 **Which sentence correctly shows that the tools belong to one gardener?**

A The gardeners tools were left outside. B The gardener's tools were left outside.
C The gardeners' tools were left outside. D The gardener's' tools were left outside.
E The gardeners tool's were left outside.

8 **Which word correctly completes the sentence? "Although the soil looked dry, the seedlings grew ____ once the rain came."**

A quick B quickly C quickness D quickening E quickest

9 **Which of these is a complete, grammatically correct sentence?**

A Digging carefully around the roots. B Because the ground was frozen.
C Grandad watered the beans every evening. D Whenever the frost arrives early.
E The beans, which had climbed high, and thick.

10 **Which word is spelled correctly?**

A Vegtable B Vegetable C Vegtible D Vegetible E Vegatable

11 **Which sentence uses formal language most appropriately for a letter to a local council asking to keep an allotment plot?**

A Hiya, can I just keep the plot please? B I really need that plot, cheers.
C I am writing to request that my allotment plot be renewed for the coming year. D Sort my plot out for me, ta.
E That plot is mine so just leave it, thanks.

Mathematics

10 questions · no calculator

1 What is the value of the 5 in 258,431?

A 5 B 50 C 50,000 D 5,000 E 500

2 Work out: 9 + 6 × 5 − 7

A 32 B 68 C 27 D 39 E 37

3 Work out $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{6}$, giving your answer as a fraction in its simplest form.

A $\frac{4}{9}$ B $\frac{3}{9}$ C $\frac{3}{18}$ D $\frac{1}{6}$ E $\frac{5}{6}$

4 Find 25% of 72.

A 14 B 18 C 21 D 26 E 28

5 How many grams are there in 3.2 kilograms?

A 32 B 320 C 3.2 D 3,200 E 0.32

6 A triangle has two angles of 55° and 72°. What is the size of the third angle?

A 43 B 53 C 65 D 127 E 180

7 Find the mean of these numbers: 8, 14, 22, 10, 16

A 12 B 70 C 18 D 22 E 14

8 Plant pots cost £4.2 each. Aisha buys 5 of them, then gets 10% off the total in a sale. How much does she pay?

A £21.00 B £22.00 C £18.90 D £20.90 E £23.10

9 Tulip and daffodil bulbs are planted in the ratio 5:3. There are 48 bulbs altogether. How many are tulips?

A 30 B 18 C 24 D 6 E 48

10 If a number machine squares the number you put in and then subtracts 5, what comes out if you put in 7?

A 40 B 49 C 51 D 44 E 9

Verbal Reasoning

11 questions

1 Find the next letter in the sequence: C, F, I, L, ?

A M B N C P D O E Q

2 Find the next letter in the sequence: Y, V, S, P, ?

A L B M C N D K E O

3 Find the next letter in the sequence: B, D, G, K, ?

A R B O C Q D N E P

4 Find the next number in the sequence: 4, 9, 19, 39, ?

A 79 B 77 C 81 D 75 E 84

5 Find the next number in the sequence: 3, 8, 15, 24, ?

A 37 B 33 C 35 D 31 E 40

6 Find the next number in the sequence: 90, 81, 73, 66, ?

A 65 B 58 C 62 D 56 E 60

7 Which word means most nearly the same as "ancient"?

A age-old B modern C rare D costly E ordinary

8 Which word means most nearly the same as "reluctant"?

A eager B furious C certain D unwilling E patient

9 Which word means most nearly the reverse of "generous"?

A kind B selfish C wealthy D cheerful E humble

10 Chef is to Kitchen as Pilot is to ____

A Runway B Airport C Cockpit D Sky E Plane

11 Petal is to Flower as Page is to ____

A Book B Chapter C Ink D Word E Cover

Answer sheet

Circle or mark your chosen letter for each question.

English 1 to 11

1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
2	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
3	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
4	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
5	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
6	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
7	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
8	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
9	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
10	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
11	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

Maths 1 to 10

1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
2	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
3	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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Verbal Reasoning 1 to 11

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English answers

Q1 · **B**	The passage opens by explaining that Grandad "had never once let anyone else carry the allotment key", so pressing it into Marcus's palm marked a clear change.
Q2 · **A**	Grandad says he needs both hands for the wheelbarrow, "which was true, but it was not the real reason and they both knew it."
Q3 · **C**	The passage immediately explains this: it was "the one he thought nobody noticed", meaning the sigh was quiet and not meant to be seen.
Q4 · **B**	Knowing exactly where the trowel is kept, with no instruction needed, suggests Marcus has spent enough time at the allotment to already know his way around it.
Q5 · **B**	Handing over the key and then asking Marcus to "show me what you remember" frames this as a moment of trust: Grandad is letting Marcus demonstrate what he has already learned.
Q6 · **B**	The subject is the singular noun "box", not the plural noun "tools", so the past-tense verb is "was".
Q7 · **B**	"Gardener's" correctly shows singular possession (the tools belonging to one gardener) with the apostrophe before the s.
Q8 · **B**	The word describes how the seedlings grew, so it needs to be an adverb: "quickly", not the adjective "quick".
Q9 · **C**	Only "Grandad watered the beans every evening" has a subject and a full verb and expresses a complete thought. The others are sentence fragments.
Q10 · **B**	Vegetable has an "e" after the "g": ve-ge-ta-ble.
Q11 · **C**	A formal letter to a council calls for formal register. "I am writing to request that my allotment plot be renewed" avoids slang and informal phrasing.

Mathematics answers

Q1 · C	5 is in the ten-thousands column of 258,431, so its value is 50,000.
Q2 · A	Multiplication is done before addition and subtraction: 6 × 5 = 30. Then 9 + 30 − 7 = 32.
Q3 · E	A common denominator of 6 gives $^{4}/_{6} + {}^{1}/_{6} = {}^{5}/_{6}$, which is already in simplest form.
Q4 · B	25% is a quarter, so 72 ÷ 4 = 18.
Q5 · D	1 kilogram = 1,000 g, so 3.2 kg = 3.2 × 1,000 = 3,200 g.
Q6 · B	Angles in a triangle total 180°. 180 − 55 − 72 = 53°.
Q7 · E	Add the numbers: 8 + 14 + 22 + 10 + 16 = 70. Divide by how many there are (5): 14.
Q8 · C	5 × £4.2 = £21.00. A 10% discount means she pays 90%: £21.00 × 0.9 = £18.90.
Q9 · A	48 shared into 5 + 3 = 8 parts is 6 per part. Tulips are the larger share, 5 parts: 5 × 6 = 30.
Q10 · D	7 squared is 49, then 49 − 5 = 44.

Verbal Reasoning answers

Q1 · D	The rule is each letter moves 3 places forward in the alphabet. This gives O.
Q2 · B	The rule is each letter moves 3 places back in the alphabet. This gives M.
Q3 · E	The rule is the gap between letters grows by one each time: +2, +3, +4, then +5. This gives P.
Q4 · A	The rule is double the number, then add 1, giving 79.
Q5 · C	The rule is the amount added grows by 2 each time: +5, +7, +9, then +11, giving 35.
Q6 · E	The rule is the amount subtracted shrinks by 1 each time: −9, −8, −7, then −6, giving 60.
Q7 · A	"Ancient" means very old, and "age-old" is the closest match in meaning among the options.
Q8 · D	"Reluctant" means unwilling or hesitant to do something, which matches "unwilling" most closely.
Q9 · B	"Generous" means willing to give freely, and "selfish" (only thinking of oneself) is its clearest opposite.
Q10 · C	A chef works in a kitchen, and a pilot works in a cockpit. Both pairs link a worker to the specific space they operate in.
Q11 · A	A petal is one part that makes up a flower, and a page is one part that makes up a book.

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