

Bexley Selection Tests
Specimen Questions - Verbal Reasoning
Answers and Comments for Parents

Question 1

D - You have found the correct answer.

A, B, C, E,

You do not have the correct answer. The second word was made up from the first and second letter together followed by the 4th letter and then the last letter of the first word.

You can check it was not the 3rd letter from 'carrot' by looking at the second set of words (develop, deep).

You should try and make full use of both completed examples to formulate your idea and check it before going on.



Try making up some games of your own.

You might try taking the first two and the last letter from long words to see what you get.

Then try the first two and last two.

Also try making up some anagrams.

Question 2

E - You have found the correct answer.

A, B, C, D,

You do not have the correct answer. The second word was made up from the 3rd letter, the 5th letter, the 4th letter and the 8th letter of the first word.



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Try making up some anagrams.

Question 3

C - You have found the correct answer.

A, B, D, E

You do not have the correct answer. The second group of letters was made up from the last letter, the 1st letter, the 2nd letter and the 4th letter of the first group of letters.



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Then try the first two and last two.

This example uses a group of letters that do not make up a word.

Try making up some anagrams.

Question 4

A - You have found the correct answer.

B, C, D, E

You do not have the correct answer. **A** was the correct group and the word was *here* taken from she realized in box A.



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When you next read a page of a book see how many hidden words you can find.

Try finding words that can be split up in this way. It's not as easy as it looks!

Question 5

C - You have found the correct answer.

A, B, D, E

You do not have the correct answer. **C** was the correct group and the word was *used* taken from because dumplings in box C.



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Try finding words that can be split up in this way. It's not as easy as it looks!

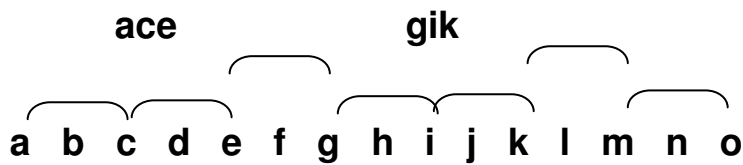
Question 6

A - You have found the correct answer.

B, C, D, E

You do not have the correct answer. **A** was correct as the letters are chosen by taking every other letter and missing a letter out to start a new three letter group in the sequence.

Sometimes helps if you write the alphabet out and draw above to show how the groups are chosen.



Try making up some examples of your own.

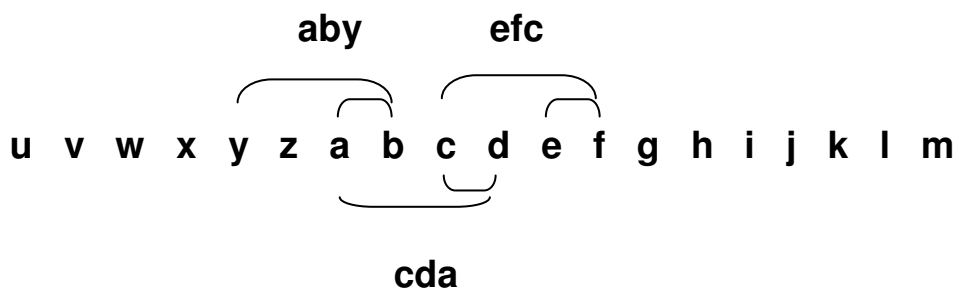
Question 7

A - You have found the correct answer.

B, C, D, E

You do not have the correct answer. **A** was correct as the letters are chosen by taking two letters next to each other then moving back missing two and choosing the next one. The next group starts with the last letter of the previous group.

Sometimes helps if you write the alphabet out and draw above to show how the groups are chosen.





Try making up some examples of your own.

Question 8

B - You have found the correct answer.

A, D

You do not have the correct answer. **B** (hand) was the correct answer because it best describes where a glove is worn.

E

You do not have the correct answer. **B** (hand) was the correct answer because it best describes where a glove is worn.

A glove does cover the *wrist* but the best answer is *hand*.

C

You do not have the correct answer. **B** (hand) was the correct answer because it best describes where a glove is worn.

A glove does cover the *fingers* but the best answer is *hand*.



It is important that children learn to pick the answer they think is best.

Sometimes they will not be able to decide which is the correct answer - *don't delay, pick the one you think is best and move on!*

Question 9

B - You have found the correct answer. Most dogs are covered in hair and this is the best answer.

A, D

You do not have the correct answer. **B** (dog) was the correct answer because it describes an animal that is covered in *hair*, just as a chicken is covered in feathers

Answer A (brush) and D (dressers) were words put in to distract you from the correct answer because they both go with *hair*.

C, E

You do not have the correct answer. **B** (dog) was the correct answer because it describes an animal that is covered in *hair*.



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Question 10

D - You have found the correct answer. Milk comes from a cow like eggs come from chickens.

A, B,

You do not have the correct answer. **D** (cow) was the correct answer because milk comes from a cow like eggs come from chickens.

Answer A (bottle) and B (carton) were words put in to distract you from the correct answer because they both go with *milk* but they don't describe the animal that milk comes from.

C, E

You do not have the correct answer. **D** (cow) was the correct answer because milk comes from a cow like eggs come from chickens.

Answer C (cream) and E (cheese) were words put in to distract you from the correct answer because they are both made from milk but they don't describe the animal that milk comes from.



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Question 11

D - You have found the correct answer.

A, B, C, E You do not have the correct answer. You have to use the values in place of the letters so the calculation becomes: $10 \times 6 \div 4$. This becomes $60 \div 4 = 15$. 15 is represented by D, so D is the correct answer.



In this example the order of calculation does not matter. It could be in the order it is written:

$$10 \times 6 \div 4. \text{ This becomes } 60 \div 4 = 15.$$

or doing the division first:

$$10 \times 6 \div 4 \text{ This becomes } 10 \times 1.5 = 15.$$

15 is represented by D so D is the correct answer.

Where the order of calculation does matter, it has to be shown with brackets - calculate the inside brackets first!

Question 12

E - You have found the correct answer.

A, B, C, D You do not have the correct answer. You have to use the values in place of the letters so the calculation becomes: $(6 + 7) \times 3$. This becomes $13 \times 3 = 39$. 39 is represented by E, so E is the correct answer.



In this example the order of calculation does matter so the contents of the brackets needs to be worked out first.

$$(6 + 7) \times 3. \text{ This becomes } 13 \times 3 = 39$$

In most examples the order of calculation has to be shown with brackets - calculate the inside brackets first!

Question 13

B - You have found the correct answer.

A, C, D, E You do not have the correct answer. **B** was the correct answer because the letter **t** fits in making:

aunt	()	table
bolt	()	taken



Lots of chances for word games here! Get armed with a dictionary!

Question 14

E - You have found the correct answer.

A, B, C, D, You do not have the correct answer. **E** was the correct answer because the letter **e** fits in making:

cu <u>e</u>	()	<u>e</u> ar
ca <u>r</u> e	()	<u>e</u> rase



Lots of chances for word games here! Get armed with a dictionary!

Dust off the *Scrabble*.

If you don't know all the words, remember to put in the word you think is the best answer and move on to the next question!

Question 15

AR - You have found the correct answer.

AP AQ
BP BQ BR
CP CQ CR

You do not have the correct answer. The words most opposite in meaning were **sad** 😞 and **happy** 😊.



Lots of chances for word games here! Get armed with a dictionary!

Best advice is: *If you don't know all the words remember to use the words you think give the best answer and move on to the next question!*

It's easy to waste time thinking for just one mark.

Question 16

CP - You have found the correct answer.

AP AQ AR
BP BQ BR
 CQ CR

You do not have the correct answer. The words most opposite in meaning were **hot** and **cold**. You know how different a hot and a cold shower are! The words are opposite in meaning.



Lots of chances for word games here! Get armed with a dictionary!

Best advice is: *If you don't know all the words, remember to use the words you think give the best answer and move on to the next question!*

One way of making these questions more difficult is to choose words that are *nearly* opposite.

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Question 17

AQ - You have found the correct answer.

AP **AR**

BP **BQ** **BR**

CP **CQ** **CR** You do not have the correct answer. The words most nearly the same in meaning were **diary** and **journal**. Both a diary and a journal are a day-by-day account of the writer's life and thoughts.



Lots of chances for word games here! Get armed with a dictionary!

Best advice is: *If you don't know all the words, remember to use the words you think give the best answer and move on to the next question!*

It's easy to waste time thinking for just one mark.

Question 18

BR - You have found the correct answer.

AP **AQ** **AR**

BP **BQ**

CP **CQ** **CR** You do not have the correct answer. The words most nearly the same in meaning were **hunt** and **search**. You could hunt for a lost dog or search for a lost dog; the words mean the same.



Lots of chances for word games here! Get armed with a dictionary!

Best advice is: *If you don't know all the words, remember to use the words you think give the best answer and move on to the next question!*

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Question 19

C - You have found the correct answer.

A B - You do not have the correct answer

Fluffy laid 3 more than Polly so laid 10 eggs.

Polly laid 7 eggs

Mandy laid fewer eggs than Fluffy



Tackle these questions in a logical way by adding to the statements that the question has made by making use of the information they provide.

Sometimes a simple table can be made to show the relationships.

Question 20

A You have found the correct answer.

B, C - You do not have the correct answer



Tackle these questions in a logical way by adding to the statements that the question has made by making use of the information they provide.

Sometimes a simple table can be made to show the relationships.

Sometimes, as in the example, unnecessary information will be provided

Question 21

CE - You have found the correct answer.

AB

AC BC

AD BD CD

AE BE DE

You have not found the correct answer.

All the words are to do with horses but three describe parts of the harness that would be on the horse (bridle, reins, saddle) and the other two describe things you might see a horse pulling (cart, carriage).



You need to know the meanings of words and to be able to spot connections.

Again children need to think quickly and put down the answer they think best rather than spending too much time on one question.

Question 22

CD - You have found the correct answer.

AB

AC BC

AD BD

AE BE CE DE

You have not found the correct answer.

All the words are to do with boats but three describe parts of the boat itself (deck, sail, anchor) and the other two describe things you might see near a boat (harbour, lock).



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