



This publication assists applicants for Year 7 entry to selective high schools to become more familiar with the Selective High Schools Test.

Some of the items have not been included for copyright reasons. Items that assess reading will be available at a later date.

In the actual Selective High Schools Test there are 45 questions in reading, 40 in mathematics and 60 in general ability.

The Selective High Schools Test measures ability and is set to discriminate at a very high level. Students who are accustomed to answering most questions in tests correctly should not be discouraged if they get a number of questions wrong. It is very rare for even the highest scoring candidates to score full marks on all components of the Selective High Schools Test.

Selective high school entry does not depend entirely on a student's performance in the Selective High Schools Test as school assessment scores in English and mathematics are provided by the primary schools. It is important to note that selection committees and appeals panels will not accept students' performance in this past paper as evidence of academic merit for the purposes of entry into a selective high school in any future year.

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SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS TEST

2002

TEST 3

GENERAL ABILITY

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 You have 40 minutes to complete the test. It contains 60 questions.
- 2 With each question there are four possible answers **A, B, C** or **D**. For each question you are to choose the **ONE** answer you think is best. To show your answer, fill the oval for one letter (**A, B, C** or **D**) on the answer sheet in the section headed General Ability.
- 3 If you decide to change an answer, rub it out completely and mark your new answer clearly.
- 4 If you want to work anything out you may write on the question booklet.
- 5 If you need the help of the supervisor during the test, raise your hand.

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD

In four different places in the General Ability test you will see a message like this.
When you see it follow the steps.

ANSWER CHECK (Example)

Look on your Answer Sheet — the last question you answered should have been Question 11 —

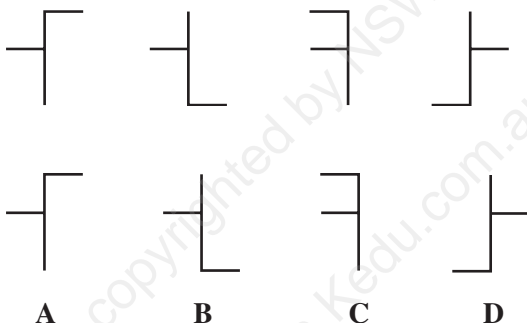
If it was, keep going.

If it wasn't, put your hand up for help.

1 IRON is to RUST as SILVER is to

- A TIN
- B METAL
- C MAGNET
- D TARNISH

2 Which one of these figures is the odd one out?



3 In a foreign language **NOOR MAT ARNOG** means **ABUNDANCE LOVES PROSPERITY**, and **ARNOG MUT LOMM** means **ABUNDANCE HIDES KINDNESS**.

If **NOOR MUT COZ** means **PROSPERITY HIDES GREED**, which of the following means **KINDNESS HIDES GREED**?

- A ARNOG MUT COZ
- B COZ ARNOG NOOR
- C NOOR MUT COZ
- D LOMM MUT COZ

4 The word **PAR** is nearest in meaning to

- A EQUAL
- B EXPERT
- C PARENT
- D COUNTER

5 COWARDLY is to BOLD as CLUMSY is to

- A FAST
- B AGILE
- C BRAVE
- D FRAGILE

6 Three of the following words have similar meanings. Which word has a different meaning to the other three?

- A BOND
- B DISPUTE
- C CONTEST
- D CHALLENGE

7 Rearrange all the words below to make the best sentence. What letter does the **last** word begin with?

a brown had each porch shack little

- A e
- B h
- C l
- D p

8

1	2	1
3	1	3

 is to 11 as

2	1	2
1	3	1

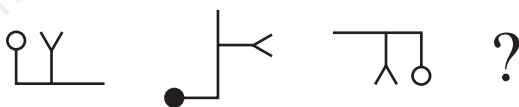
 is to

- A 7
- B 8
- C 9
- D 10

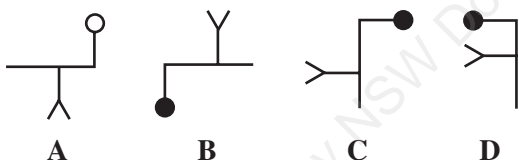
9 The word **UNNECESSARY** is nearest in meaning to

- A RUDE
- B SHORT
- C SUPREME
- D SUPERFLUOUS

- 10 A figure is missing in the following sequence.



Which of the answer figures would best replace the question mark?



- 11 Three of the following words have similar meanings. Which word has a different meaning to the other three?

- A TUNE
- B SONG
- C MELODY
- D INSTRUMENT

- 12 Rearrange all the words below to make the best sentence. What letter does the **last** word begin with?

word my for she repeated message
word desperate

- A d
- B f
- C s
- D w

- 13 The word **WRATH** is nearest in meaning to

- A ANGER
- B PRAISE
- C MONSTER
- D ACCEPTABLE

- 14 Which letter is missing in this series?

C M E O G Q ? S

- A G
- B I
- C K
- D M

- 15 The word **SURPLUS** is most nearly the opposite in meaning to

- A GLUT
- B POSSIBLE
- C INSTANCE
- D INSUFFICIENT

- 16 HEN is to ROOSTER as DUCK is to

- A DRAKE
- B TURKEY
- C CHICKEN
- D DUCKLING

- 17 Three of the following words have similar meanings. Which word has a different meaning to the other three?

- A ILL
- B CURED
- C SICKLY
- D INVALID

ANSWER CHECK

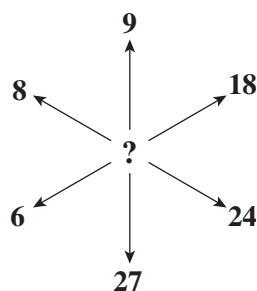
(General Ability No. 1)

Look on your Answer Sheet — the last question you answered should have been Question 17.

If it was, keep going.

If it wasn't, put your hand up for help.

- 18 Find the missing number that is connected to each of the other numbers.



- A 3
B 4
C 5
D 6

- 19 Rearrange all the words below to make the best sentence. What letter does the **last** word begin with?

with my your you said must love
soul mother once all

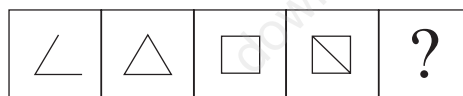
- A m
B s
C w
D y

- 20 There were 101 students who attended the Year 7 Camp this week. There were more boys than girls. The difference between the number of girls and the number of boys was 27.

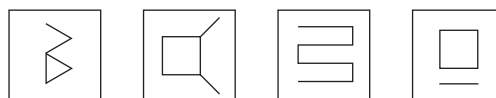
How many boys and how many girls attended the camp?

- A 35 boys and 66 girls
B 49 boys and 52 girls
C 57 boys and 44 girls
D 64 boys and 37 girls

- 21 A figure is missing in the following sequence.



Which of the answer figures would best replace the question mark?



- A B C D

- 22 Ellen is facing WEST and Bill is facing SOUTH. Ellen and Bill each turn a half circle to their right. What do one or both of them need to do before each faces NORTH?

- A Bill turns a quarter circle to his right
B Ellen and Bill each turn a half circle to their left
C Ellen turns a quarter circle to her left
D Bill turns another half circle to his left

- 23 Three of the following words have similar meanings. Which word has a different meaning to the other three?

- A RELATE
B PORTRAY
C NARRATE
D CONDESCEND

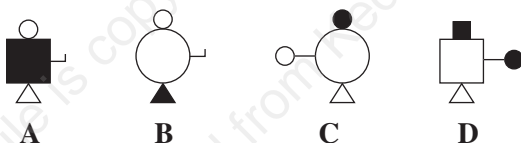
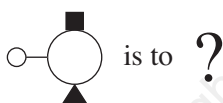
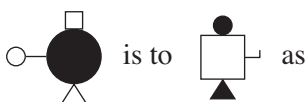
- 24 JOIN is to CONNECT as SEVER is to

- A TEAR
B INCISE
C SEPARATE
D CONTINUE

- 25 The word **COMPLICATE** is most nearly the opposite in meaning to

A DISCARD
B SIMPLIFY
C UNDERSTAND
D EXAGGERATE

26



- 27 The numbers in these patterns go together following the **same** rule. Find the missing number.

17	31	15	33	14	?	12	36
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A 28
B 32
C 34
D 35

- 28 Rearrange all the words below to make the best sentence. What letter does the **last** word begin with?

store her her not to to the go begged
department friend

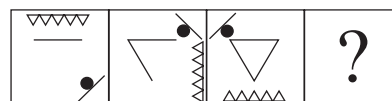
A b
B d
C n
D s

- 29 Which letter is missing in the series?

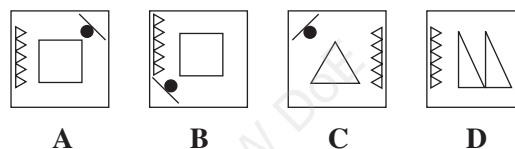
T AH R AF ? AD N AB

A J
B L
C M
D P

- 30 A figure is missing in the following sequence.



Which of the answer figures would best replace the question mark?



- 31 Dinar left the country four days ago when it was raining. Dinar arrives back in two days time, on Friday.

Therefore

A today is Tuesday.
B it was raining on Saturday.
C it was still raining on Tuesday.
D Dinar left the country on Monday.

ANSWER CHECK

(General Ability No. 2)

Look on your Answer Sheet — the last question you answered should have been Question 31.

If it was, keep going.

If it wasn't, put your hand up for help.

- 32 Three of the following words have similar meanings. Which word has a different meaning to the other three?

A REVIVED
B RESTORED
C REVISITED
D RECOVERED

- 33 Which letters are missing in the series?

GHI TSR DEF ? ABC ZYX

A GHI
B JKL
C OPQ
D WVU

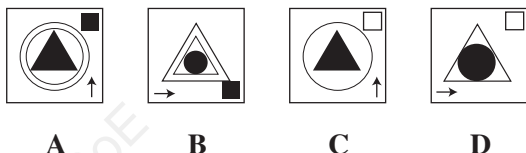
- 34 The word **IMPUDENT** is most nearly the opposite in meaning to

A VULGAR
B COURTEOUS
C DISSATISFIED
D UNIMPRESSIVE

- 35 A figure is missing in the following sequence.



Which of the answer figures would best replace the question mark?



- 36 Rearrange all the words below to make the best sentence. What letter does the **last** word begin with?

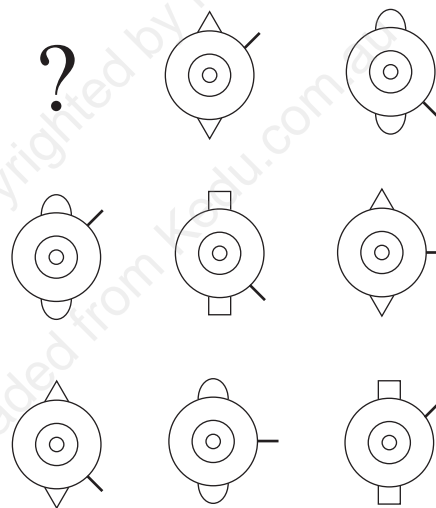
put the to on they their robes guests welcome

A g
B o
C p
D t

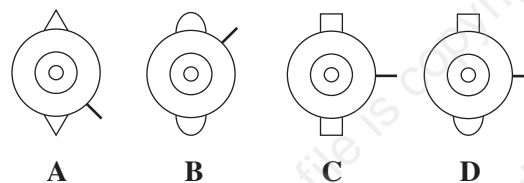
- 37 The word **AVID** is nearest in meaning to

A EAGER
B AWARE
C MATURE
D FEARFUL

- 38 The figures in the diagram below follow a set of rules.



Which of the answer figures would best replace the question mark?



- 39 Rearrange all the words below to make the best sentence. What letter does the **last** word begin with?

hand was the the that with by parcel
written letter came

- A b
- B c
- C h
- D w

- 40 Three of the following words have similar meanings. Which word has a different meaning to the other three?

- A MEEK
- B PROUD
- C HUMBLE
- D ASHAMED

- 41 The number codes 2857, 6815, and 2168 represent three of the four words REAL, BELT, LEFT, and BARE. The number code for TABLE is

- A 17285
- B 25817
- C 71258
- D 72158

- 42 The word **OPPOSED** is nearest in meaning to

- A AGREED
- B AVERSE
- C BEATEN
- D DOUBTFUL

- 43 CLOTHING is to CLOSET as
WEAPON is to

- A WAR
- B RIFLE
- C BATTLE
- D ARMOURY

- 44 The word **ARROGANT** is most nearly the opposite in meaning to

- A HUMBLE
- B SENSIBLE
- C FRIENDLY
- D ANNOYING

- 45 Which letters are missing in the series?

VEV RDW NCX ? FAZ

- A JBY
- B JCW
- C LCY
- D MBW

- 46 The word **REDUCE** is nearest in meaning to

- A ADD
- B PARE
- C WASTE
- D PRODUCE

- 47 The word **LIBERATE** is most nearly the opposite in meaning to

- A SLIP
- B FREE
- C RELEASE
- D CAPTURE

ANSWER CHECK

(General Ability No. 3)

Look on your Answer Sheet — the last question you answered should have been Question 47.

If it was, keep going.

If it wasn't, put your hand up for help.

- 48 Rearrange all the words below to make the best sentence. What letter does the **last** word begin with?

over the the his he on was leaf finger
fuzz running

- A h
- B l
- C o
- D r

- 49 APPRENTICE is to LEARNER as
NOVICE is to

- A EXPERT
- B TRAINER
- C BEGINNER
- D INSTRUCTOR

- 50 Which letters are missing in the series?

AB BC DD GE ? PG

- A KF
- B LF
- C LL
- D ML

- 51 Three of the following words have similar meanings. Which word has a different meaning to the other three?

- A CRUDE
- B ROUGH
- C FORMAL
- D PRIMITIVE

- 52 The word **PROFESSION** is nearest in meaning to

- A PROJECT
- B VOCATION
- C IMPROVEMENT
- D ADVANCEMENT

- 53 Which letters are missing in the series?

GX FD ? DP CV

- A EJ
- B EV
- C FV
- D FY

- 54 In a certain code **OYKEIUT** means **MAGICAL**.

In the same code what is **CURIOUS** represented by?

- A DSVUSOA
- B ESVEUOA
- C EVSEUAO
- D FVSEUAO

- 55 The word **ASSETS** is most nearly the opposite in meaning to

- A DEBTS
- B TAXES
- C DEPOSITS
- D CONTRACTS

- 56 Rearrange all the words below to make the best sentence. What letter does the **last** word begin with?

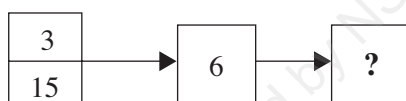
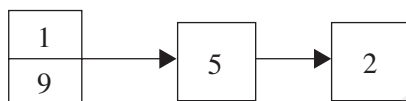
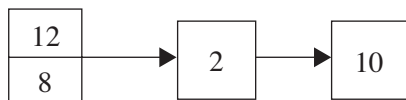
long the eel-like the to with move neck
began animal

- A a
- B b
- C m
- D w

- 57 Three of the following words have similar meanings. Which word has a different meaning to the other three?

- A CUR
- B COMIC
- C CLOWN
- D BUFFOON

- 58 The numbers in these patterns go together following the **same** rule. Find the missing number.



- A 3
- B 6
- C 8
- D 9

- 59 The word **DENOTE** is nearest in meaning to

- A SING
- B CURE
- C UNCLEAR
- D INDICATE

- 60 In a foreign language **MACHE ARCA KIP** means **SMALL MAGICAL CARDS**, and **MACHE FLO ROT** means **TRICKS IN CARDS**. If **GO FUP LECTY** means **SMOKE AND DISAPPEAR** and **FLO** means **IN**, which of the following means **MAGICAL CARDS DISAPPEAR IN SMOKE**?

- A ARCA KIP FLO FUP GO
- B MACHE LECTY FUP FLO ROT
- C MACHE ARCA ROT FUP LECTY
- D ARCA MACHE FLO LECTY FUP

ANSWER CHECK (General Ability No. 4)

Look on your Answer Sheet — the last question you answered should have been Question 60.

If it wasn't, put your hand up for help.

END OF TEST.

LOOK BACK OVER YOUR WORK IF YOU HAVE TIME.

GENERAL ABILITY 02	
No.	KEY
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2	C
3	D
4	A
5	B
6	A
7	D
8	D
9	D
10	C
11	D
12	D
13	A
14	B
15	D
16	A
17	B
18	A
19	B
20	D
21	B
22	C
23	D
24	C
25	B
26	A
27	C
28	D
29	D
30	B
31	B
32	C
33	D
34	B
35	C
36	A
37	A
38	C
39	C
40	B
41	C
42	B
43	D
44	A
45	A
46	B
47	D
48	B
49	C
50	A
51	C
52	B
53	A
54	B
55	A
56	C
57	A
58	A
59	D
60	D