

# VERBAL REASONING PRACTICE PAPER 4



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Please mark boxes with a thin horizontal line like this —.

**EXAMPLE**

The film —  
film ended —  
ended happily —  
happily after —  
after all. —

**1**

Reach inside —  
inside to —  
to find —  
find your —  
your present. —

**2**

The path —  
path ends —  
ends at —  
at your —  
your greenhouse. —

**3**

She looked —  
looked pale —  
pale after —  
after the —  
the accident. —

**4**

The young —  
young nurse —  
nurse took —  
took her —  
her temperature. —

**5**

Were the —  
the children —  
children early —  
early at —  
at school? —

**6**

Trains were —  
were delayed —  
delayed through —  
through industrial —  
industrial action. —

**EXAMPLE**

STU —  
SND —  
UPF —  
SRQ —  
SNE —

**7**

CQWJ —  
AQTJ —  
CGVZ —  
AFTZ —  
CPVJ —

**8**

FELT —  
BELT —  
FILM —  
BEST —  
FIST —

**9**

LRDY —  
KPDX —  
JPBW —  
KQCX —  
CKYV —

**10**

MALT —  
LILT —  
MELT —  
LINT —  
MINT —

**11**

JEKS —  
JLPS —  
HFKO —  
HEIO —  
JFPO —

**12**

ROSY —  
RIOT —  
LOIN —  
LOOP —  
ROOT —

**EXAMPLE**

out —  
by —  
open —

**13**

bite —  
like —  
side —

**14**

scream —  
let —  
fail —

**15**

wish —  
under —  
well —

**16**

hand —  
nail —  
dog —

some —  
more —  
beg —

his —  
mine —  
main —

**17**

one —  
elf —  
imp —

**18**

wish —  
sack —  
act —

bird —  
ear —  
nose —

nest —  
swig —  
big —

**EXAMPLE**

black —  
mouse —  
red —  
green —  
hut —

**19**

country —  
town —  
village —  
sea —  
river —

**20**

coach —  
bus —  
run —  
swim —  
train —

**21**

table —  
chair —  
bed —  
sofa —  
bench —

**22**

top —  
under —  
leg —  
chest —  
head —

**23**

lemon —  
red —  
melon —  
banana —  
blue —

**24**

spade —  
dig —  
cultivate —  
grow —  
bulb —

**25**

Screen 1 —  
Screen 2 —  
Screen 3 —  
Screen 4 —  
Screen 5 —

**EXAMPLE**

A —  
B —  
C —  
D —  
E —

**26**

A —  
B —  
C —  
D —  
E —

**27**

A —  
B —  
C —  
D —  
E —

**28**

A —  
B —  
C —  
D —  
E —

**29**

A —  
B —  
C —  
D —  
E —

**30**

A —  
B —  
C —  
D —  
E —

**31**

A —  
B —  
C —  
D —  
E —

**EXAMPLE**

office —  
shop —  
start —

**32**

work —  
begin —  
end —

**33**

dirty —  
soap —  
dust —

**34**

bath —  
drudge —  
unclean —

flame —  
time —  
burn —

dark —  
dusk —  
scorch —

hit —  
dodge —  
trick —

avoid —  
secret —  
shy —

**35**

money —  
cost —  
coin —

**36**

label —  
buy —  
price —

**37**

error —  
size —  
alter —

**37**

change —  
shape —  
dress —

stage —  
act —  
music —

play —  
theatre —  
perform —



Please mark boxes with a thin horizontal line like this =.

EXAMPLE

GP   
GO   
HO   
GR   
GQ

38

IH   
IJ   
JH   
JI   
JK

39

LQ   
MP   
MQ   
NO   
NP

40

UE   
UD   
VD   
WC   
WD

41

MN   
NM   
OP   
QR   
ST

42

TN   
UM   
UN   
VM   
VN

43

XR   
XT   
YR   
YT   
YU

EXAMPLE

small   
orange   
colour

apple   
red   
narrow

44

lock   
piano   
shut

ball   
violin   
wind

45

shop   
fix   
old

holiday   
new   
damage

46

fly   
brown   
bird

arm   
walk   
black

47

tree   
go   
off

on   
come   
door

48

firm   
difficult   
climb

soft   
chair   
simple

49

risk   
knife   
jump

sit   
security   
belt

EXAMPLE

p   
o   
u   
n   
d

50

t   
h   
e   
i   
r

51

f   
l   
o   
u   
r

52

m   
o   
n   
t   
h

53

g   
l   
o   
v   
e

54

p   
a   
i   
n   
t

55

b   
a   
t   
c   
h

56

A   
B   
C   
D   
E

EXAMPLE

bud   
beg   
dug   
bed   
wed

57

pat   
tap   
rat   
ray   
pet

58

hint   
real   
hare   
lent   
gear

59

girl   
lick   
kill   
rack   
cars

60

isle   
eels   
lime   
mile   
dime

61

fast   
safe   
east   
peas   
nest

62

met   
pit   
rip   
pet   
pie

EXAMPLE

LAD   
LAW   
HAD   
RAW   
RED

63

CAN   
TIN   
TON   
LOG   
HOE

64

AIL   
EEL   
LAY   
DEN   
TIN

65

HOW   
TOP   
BEG   
RAT   
OUT

66

ICE   
EAR   
WIG   
ASS   
ATE

67

HIT   
ONE   
OWN   
ROW   
OWE

68

EEL   
WAR   
ARM   
AWE   
RAW

EXAMPLE

16   
11   
10   
9   
12

69

122   
99   
103   
68   
102

70

51   
73   
81   
85   
50

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16   
8   
13   
12   
64

72

66   
90   
100   
104   
56

73

22   
20   
12   
24   
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74

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51   
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EXAMPLE

p   
n   
f   
t   
c

75

m   
g   
w   
t   
b

76

r   
t   
l   
s   
p

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p   
r   
s   
h   
t

78

h   
d   
m   
p   
t

79

s   
w   
r   
m   
l

80

t   
m   
e   
p   
c



In these sentences, a word of **four letters** is hidden at the **end** of one word and the **beginning** of the next word.

Find the pair of words that contains the hidden word and mark this answer on the answer sheet.

**Example**      The film ended happily after all.

- A** The film
- B** film ended
- C** ended happily
- D** happily after
- E** after all.

**Answer**      **film ended** (The hidden word is **mend**.)

**1**      Reach inside to find your present.

- A** Reach inside
- B** inside to
- C** to find
- D** find your
- E** your present.

**2**      The path ends at your greenhouse.

- A** The path
- B** path ends
- C** ends at
- D** at your
- E** your greenhouse.

**3**

She looked pale after the accident.

- A** She looked
- B** looked pale
- C** pale after
- D** after the
- E** the accident.

**4**

The young nurse took her temperature.

- A** The young
- B** young nurse
- C** nurse took
- D** took her
- E** her temperature.

**5**

Were the children early at school?

- A** Were the
- B** the children
- C** children early
- D** early at
- E** at school?

**6**

Trains were delayed through industrial action.

- A** Trains were
- B** were delayed
- C** delayed through
- D** through industrial
- E** industrial action.

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 here to help you with these questions.

You need to work out a **different** code for **each** question.

Choose the correct answer and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example** If the code for **FOOT** is **ENNS**, what is the code for **TOE**?

- A STU      B SND      C UPF      D SRQ      E SNE

**Answer** **SND**

7

If the code for **TIME** is **SNLJ**, what is the code for **BLUE**?

- A CQWJ      B AQTJ      C CGVZ      D AFTZ      E CPVJ

8

If the code for **BRED** is **ZSCE**, what does **DFJU** mean?

- A FELT      B BELT      C FILM      D BEST      E FIST

9

If the code for **EVEN** is **IYGO**, what is the code for **GNAW**?

- A LRDY      B KPDX      C JPBW      D KQCX      E CKYV

10

If the code for **SPOT** is **TNPR**, what does **NCMR** mean?

- A MALT      B LIIT      C MELT      D LINT      E MINT

11

If the code for **GALE** is **CXJD**, what is the code for **LIMP**?

- A JEKS      B JLPS      C HFKO      D HEIO      E JFPO

12

If the code for **SHOW** is **PGLV**, what does **ONLS** mean?

- A ROSY      B RIOT      C LOIN      D LOOP      E ROOT

In these questions, find **two** words, **one** from each group, that together make **one** correctly spelt word, without changing the order of the letters. The word from the first group always comes first. Mark **both** words on the answer sheet.

**Example** (out by open) (bite like side)

- A** out
  - B** by
  - C** open
  - X** bite
  - Y** like
  - Z** side

**Answer**      **out**    **side**

13 (water scar eyes)

- |   |       |   |        |
|---|-------|---|--------|
| A | water | X | scream |
| B | scar  | Y | let    |
| C | eyes  | Z | fail   |

## 14 (wish over fare)

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| <b>A</b> wish | <b>X</b> under |
| <b>B</b> over | <b>Y</b> well  |
| <b>C</b> fare | <b>Z</b> ill   |

**15** (hand nail dog)

- A** hand
  - B** nail
  - C** dog  
  - X** some
  - Y** more
  - Z** beg

**16**

(deter warn story)

(his mine main)

**A** deter

**X** his

**B** warn

**Y** mine

**C** story

**Z** main

**17**

(one elf imp)

(wish sack act)

**A** one

**X** wish

**B** elf

**Y** sack

**C** imp

**Z** act

**18**

(bird ear nose)

(nest swig big)

**A** bird

**X** nest

**B** ear

**Y** swig

**C** nose

**Z** big

In these questions, three of the five words are related in some way.

Find the **two** words that do **not** go with these three and mark them **both** on the answer sheet.

**Example** black mouse red green hut

- A black      B mouse      C red      D green      E hut

**Answer** mouse hut

**19** country town village sea river

- A country      B town      C village      D sea      E river

**20** coach bus run swim train

- A coach      B bus      C run      D swim      E train

**21** table chair bed sofa bench

- A table      B chair      C bed      D sofa      E bench

**22** top under leg chest head

- A top      B under      C leg      D chest      E head

**23** lemon red melon banana blue

- A lemon      B red      C melon      D banana      E blue

**24** spade dig cultivate grow bulb

- A spade      B dig      C cultivate      D grow      E bulb

Read the following information, then find the correct answer to the question and mark it on the answer sheet.

**25**

A cinema has five screens.

During one week, each screen shows a different film.

This week:

Screen 1 has as many viewers as Screen 2 and Screen 5 together.

Screen 3 has fewer viewers than Screen 2.

Screen 4 has fewer viewers than Screen 5, but more than Screen 2.

**Which screen has the fewest viewers?**

- A** Screen 1
  - B** Screen 2
  - C** Screen 3
  - D** Screen 4
  - E** Screen 5
- 

In these questions, letters stand for numbers.

Work out the answer to each sum, then find its letter and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example** If  $A = 1$ ,  $B = 2$ ,  $C = 3$ ,  $D = 6$ ,  $E = 8$ ,  
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$A + B + C = [?]$$

- A** A
- B** B
- C** C
- D** D
- E** E

**Answer** **D**

**26**

If  $A = 7$ ,  $B = 3$ ,  $C = 11$ ,  $D = 13$ ,  $E = 19$ ,  
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$E - D - B = [?]$$

- A** A
- B** B
- C** C
- D** D
- E** E

**27**

If  $A = 25$ ,  $B = 30$ ,  $C = 12$ ,  $D = 20$ ,  $E = 2$ ,  
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$A \times E - B = [?]$$

**A** A

**B** B

**C** C

**D** D

**E** E

**28**

If  $A = 3$ ,  $B = 15$ ,  $C = 25$ ,  $D = 75$ ,  $E = 5$ ,  
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$D \div C \times E = [?]$$

**A** A

**B** B

**C** C

**D** D

**E** E

**29**

If  $A = 4$ ,  $B = 2$ ,  $C = 16$ ,  $D = 64$ ,  $E = 32$ ,  
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$C \times A \div B = [?]$$

**A** A

**B** B

**C** C

**D** D

**E** E

**30**

If  $A = 3$ ,  $B = 4$ ,  $C = 6$ ,  $D = 12$ ,  $E = 18$ ,  
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$C \div A \times D \div C = [?]$$

**A** A

**B** B

**C** C

**D** D

**E** E

**31**

If  $A = 3$ ,  $B = 5$ ,  $C = 12$ ,  $D = 25$ ,  $E = 45$ ,  
what is the answer to this sum **written as a letter**?

$$A \times D \div B - A = [?]$$

**A** A

**B** B

**C** C

**D** D

**E** E

In these questions, find **two** words, **one** from each group, that are **closest in meaning**.

Mark **both** words on the answer sheet.

**Example** (office shop start) (work begin end)

- |          |         |
|----------|---------|
| A office | X work  |
| B shop   | Y begin |
| C start  | Z end   |

**Answer** start begin

**32** (dirty soap dust) (bath drudge unclean)

- |         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| A dirty | X bath    |
| B soap  | Y drudge  |
| C dust  | Z unclean |

**33** (flame time burn) (dark dusk scorch)

- |         |          |
|---------|----------|
| A flame | X dark   |
| B time  | Y dusk   |
| C burn  | Z scorch |

**34** (hit dodge trick) (avoid secret shy)

- |         |          |
|---------|----------|
| A hit   | X avoid  |
| B dodge | Y secret |
| C trick | Z shy    |

**35** (money cost coin) (label buy price)

- |         |         |
|---------|---------|
| A money | X label |
| B cost  | Y buy   |
| C coin  | Z price |

**36**

(error size alter)

(change shape dress)

**A** error

**X** change

**B** size

**Y** shape

**C** alter

**Z** dress

**37**

(stage act music)

(play theatre perform)

**A** stage

**X** play

**B** act

**Y** theatre

**C** music

**Z** perform

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 here to help you with these questions.

Find the next pair of letters in the series and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example**      CQ    DQ    EP    FP    [ ? ]

**A** GP

**B** GO

**C** HO

**D** GR

**E** GQ

**Answer**

**GO**

**38**

BL    DK    FJ    HI    [ ? ]

**A** IH

**B** IJ

**C** JH

**D** JI

**E** JK

**39**

AB    DY    GV    JS    [ ? ]

**A** LQ

**B** MP

**C** MQ

**D** NO

**E** NP

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

40 MN NM PK SH [ ? ]

- A** UE      **B** UD      **C** VD      **D** WC      **E** WD

41 CD TS GH RQ KL PO [ ? ]

- A** MN      **B** NM      **C** OP      **D** QR      **E** ST

42 AA ED IF MI QK [ ? ]

- A** TN      **B** UM      **C** UN      **D** VM      **E** VN

43 DE GG KJ NL RO UQ [ ? ]

- A** XR      **B** XT      **C** YR      **D** YT      **E** YU

In these questions, find the **two** words, **one** from each group, that will complete the sentence in the best way. Mark **both** words on the answer sheet.

**Example** **Big** is to (small orange colour) as **wide** is to (apple red narrow).

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>A</b> small  | <b>X</b> apple  |
| <b>B</b> orange | <b>Y</b> red    |
| <b>C</b> colour | <b>Z</b> narrow |

**Answer** **small narrow**

**44**

**Key** is to (lock piano shut) as **string** is to (ball violin wind).

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>A</b> lock  | <b>X</b> ball   |
| <b>B</b> piano | <b>Y</b> violin |
| <b>C</b> shut  | <b>Z</b> wind   |

**45**

**Restore** is to (shop fix old) as **break** is to (holiday new damage).

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| <b>A</b> shop | <b>X</b> holiday |
| <b>B</b> fix  | <b>Y</b> new     |
| <b>C</b> old  | <b>Z</b> damage  |

**46**

**Wing** is to (fly brown bird) as **leg** is to (arm walk black).

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| <b>A</b> fly   | <b>X</b> arm   |
| <b>B</b> brown | <b>Y</b> walk  |
| <b>C</b> bird  | <b>Z</b> black |

47

**Leave** is to (tree go off) as **arrive** is to (on come door).

- |        |        |
|--------|--------|
| A tree | X on   |
| B go   | Y come |
| C off  | Z door |

48

**Hard** is to (firm difficult climb) as **easy** is to (soft chair simple).

- |             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| A firm      | X soft   |
| B difficult | Y chair  |
| C climb     | Z simple |

49

**Danger** is to (risk knife jump) as **safety** is to (sit security belt).

- |         |            |
|---------|------------|
| A risk  | X sit      |
| B knife | Y security |
| C jump  | Z belt     |

In these questions, one letter can be moved from the first word to the second word to make two new words.

The letters must **not** otherwise be rearranged and **both** new words must make sense.

Find the letter that moves and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example**      pound    or

- A p                  B o                  C u                  D n                  E d

**Answer**      u (The two new words are **pond** and **our**.)

**50**      their    sake

- A t                  B h                  C e                  D i                  E r

**51**      flour    fare

- A f                  B l                  C o                  D u                  E r

**52**      month    pie

- A m                  B o                  C n                  D t                  E h

**53**      glove    son

- A g                  B l                  C o                  D v                  E e

**54**      paint    red

- A p                  B a                  C i                  D n                  E t

**55**      batch    lap

- A b                  B a                  C t                  D c                  E h

Read the following information, then find the correct answer to the question and mark its letter on the answer sheet.

**56**

James, Rajeesh and Callum go to the park every afternoon.

There are swings, a slide and a climbing frame.

James likes the swings best, but Callum prefers the climbing frame and the slide.

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

**Which one?**

- A** Rajeesh likes the slide best.
- B** Callum likes the swings least.
- C** James plays on the swings in the morning.
- D** Rajeesh and Callum never go on the swings.
- E** James doesn't like Callum.

In these questions, the three words in the second group should go together in the **same way** as the three in the first group.

Find the word that is missing in the second group and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example**      (man [mat] tip)      (bug [ ? ] dew)

- A** bud
- B** beg
- C** dug
- D** bed
- E** wed

**Answer**      **bud**

**57**

(joy [jaw] awe)      (try [ ? ] ape)

- A** pat
- B** tap
- C** rat
- D** ray
- E** pet

**58**

(place [ripe] bring)      (night [ ? ] clear)

- A** hint
- B** real
- C** hare
- D** lent
- E** gear

**59**

(reads [dome] moans) (skill [ ? ] cigar)

- A** girl      **B** lick      **C** kill      **D** rack      **E** cars

**60**

(horse [read] dairy) (slims [ ? ] elder)

- A** isle      **B** eels      **C** lime      **D** mile      **E** dime

**61**

(elves [vast] start) (opens [ ? ] shaft)

- A** fast      **B** safe      **C** east      **D** peas      **E** nest

**62**

(feel [led] idle) (trip [ ? ] item)

- A** met      **B** pit      **C** rip      **D** pet      **E** pie

In these sentences, the word in capitals has had three letters next to each other taken out. These three letters will make one correctly spelt word without changing their order. The sentence that you make must make sense. Mark the correct three-letter word on the answer sheet.

**Example**      The cat scratched him with his **CS**.

- A LAD      B LAW      C HAD      D RAW      E RED

**Answer**      **LAW** (The word in capitals is **CLAWS**.)

**63**      The boy kicked **SES** along the street.

- A CAN      B TIN      C TON      D LOG      E HOE

**64**      The doctor asked how she was **FING** today.

- A AIL      B EEL      C LAY      D DEN      E TIN

**65**      They will be **INNING** the race soon.

- A HOW      B TOP      C BEG      D RAT      E OUT

**66**      His hair looked **NR** after it was cut.

- A ICE      B EAR      C WIG      D ASS      E ATE

**67**      The girl **FRED** when her mother would not let her go.

- A HIT      B ONE      C OWN      D ROW      E OWE

**68**      When the bees **SMED** it was quite frightening.

- A EEL      B WAR      C ARM      D AWE      E RAW

In these questions, find the number that continues the series in the most sensible way and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example**    2    4    6    8    [ ? ]

- A 16      B 11      C 10      D 9      E 12

**Answer**    10

**69**        121    78    133    90    145    [ ? ]

- A 122      B 99      C 103      D 68      E 102

**70**        71    99    64    92    57    [ ? ]

- A 51      B 73      C 81      D 85      E 50

**71**        2    3    4    9    8    27    [ ? ]

- A 16      B 8      C 13      D 12      E 64

**72**        80    72    88    64    96    [ ? ]

- A 66      B 90      C 100      D 104      E 56

**73**        13    12    13    16    12    20    12    [ ? ]

- A 22      B 20      C 12      D 24      E 13

**74**        81    72    64    57    [ ? ]

- A 47      B 52      C 49      D 51      E 50

In these questions, the **same** letter must fit into **both** sets of brackets, to complete the word in front of the brackets and begin the word after the brackets.

Find this letter and mark it on the answer sheet.

**Example**      mea [?] able      si [?] op

- A** p      **B** n      **C** f      **D** t      **E** c

**Answer**      **t** (The four words are **meat, table, sit, top**.)

**75**      cra [?] ail      dra [?] ase

- A** m      **B** g      **C** w      **D** t      **E** b

**76**      hea [?] ave      si [?] eep

- A** r      **B** t      **C** l      **D** s      **E** p

**77**      bas [?] ound      fis [?] ave

- A** p      **B** r      **C** s      **D** h      **E** t

**78**      cas [?] int      gri [?] aint

- A** h      **B** d      **C** m      **D** p      **E** t

**79**      tea [?] ing      sea [?] on

- A** s      **B** w      **C** r      **D** m      **E** l

**80**      ar [?] ast      bar [?] ager

- A** t      **B** m      **C** e      **D** p      **E** c