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SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR STAGE 1 ENTRANCE TEST (SET)

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**Selective Eligibility Test (SET) Information
for Candidates**

The **Selective Eligibility Test (SET)** will consist of around 60 questions and be split into four sections. The test will last for 1 hour and candidates will be told when to start and finish each section.

Section A: English (comprehension)

Section B: Mathematics

Section C: Verbal reasoning

Section D: Non-verbal reasoning

All questions will be multiple choice. In each section, candidates will have to work out which is the correct answer from five possible options.

The test comprises a question booklet and an ‘ANSWER SHEET’. The answer sheet will require you to use a HB pencil. The machine that reads the answer sheet cannot see anything else.

The numbers of the answer sheet will correspond to the question numbers on the Test paper. Each number on the answer sheet will have boxes A, B, C, D and E for you to fill in your answer. You must place a solid black mark on top of the letter that corresponds to your answer only. One mark on top of the letter should be entered for each question, **unless stated otherwise in the question.**

Example
If you think the answer to a question is B, put a solid black mark through the B as shown below:

1 [A] [B] [C] [D] [E]

If you change your mind about an answer, rub it out completely.

Please note that the marks shown below are incorrect and will not be recorded.

1 [A] [B] [C] [D] [E]
2 * [A] * [B] [C] [D] [E]

Your candidate name will be filled in for you in the row of boxes under ‘CANDIDATE NAME’

CANDIDATE NAME																INITS.	
B	A	G	G	A	G	E											
[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]	[A]
[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]	[B]
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Your candidate number will be filled in for you in the row of boxes under ‘CANDIDATE NUMBER’ as per the example below. A barcode will printed below the Candidate number, it is important that candidates do not write on this barcode.

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Sample Paper for website

Name:..... **Candidate number:**.....

This paper consists of 57 questions with 60 marks available.

In nearly all questions there is only 1 correct answer.

The only exceptions are questions 10, 11 and 12 where you should fill in 2 answers.

There are 4 sections. **Each section should take you 15 minutes. If you finish a section you can move on to the next section. You will be given a warning every 15 minutes of when you should move on to the next section if you have not done so.**

Section A: English (Comprehension)

Section B: Mathematics

Section C: Verbal Reasoning

Section D: Non-Verbal Reasoning

Total time: 1 hour

You must NOT use a calculator.

Here is an example of how to fill in the answer sheet.

Question: How many $\frac{1}{2}$ s are there in $2\frac{1}{2}$?

Answers: A: 4 B: 5 C: 6 D: 7 E: 8

The correct answer is B, so mark the answer sheet like this: [A] ~~[B]~~ [C] [D] [E]

If a question requires you to give two answer and for example the answer is A & D, mark the answer sheet like this: ~~[A]~~ [B] [C] ~~[D]~~ [E]

If you change your mind about an answer, rub it out completely.

Please note that the marks below are incorrect and will not be recorded.

[A] ~~[B]~~ ~~[C]~~ [D] ~~[E]~~

Do NOT turn over until told to do so.

Section A: English Comprehension Extract:

My head reeled at the sheer and startling beauty, the wide, bare openness of it. The sense of space, the vastness of the sky above and on either side made my heart race. I would have travelled a thousand miles to see this. I had never imagined such a place.

The only sounds I could hear above the trotting of the pony's hooves, the rumble of the wheels and the creak of the cart, were sudden, harsh, weird cries from birds near and far. We had travelled perhaps three miles, and passed no farm or cottage, no kind of dwelling house at all, all was emptiness. Then, the hedgerows petered out, and we seemed to be driving towards the very edge of the world. Ahead, the water gleamed like metal and I began to make out a track. As we slipped onto it, I realized that this must be the Nine Lives Causeway — this and nothing more — and saw how, when the tide came in, it would quickly be quite submerged and untraceable.

At first the pony and then the trap met the sandy path, the smart noise we had been making ceased, and we went on almost in silence save for a hissing, silky sort of sound. Here and there were clumps of reeds, bleached bone-pale, and now and again the faintest of winds caused them to rattle dryly. I looked up ahead and saw, as if rising out of the water itself, a tall, gaunt house of grey stone with a slate roof that now gleamed steelily in the light. It stood like some lighthouse or beacon, the most astonishingly situated house I had ever seen, isolated, uncompromising but also, I thought, handsome. This little island extended in a southerly direction across an area of scrub and field towards what looked like the fragmentary ruins of some old church or chapel.

English Comprehension: Questions 1-4 Question 1-4 only require one answer.

1. This extract is written in
A. 1st person B. 2nd person C. 3rd person D. 4th person E. 5th person
2. In the first paragraph what is the narrator's main response to his surroundings?
A. Fear B. Awe C. Anger D. Joy E. Confusion
3. The narrator is travelling by
A. Foot B. Car C. Plane D. Horse and cart E. Bicycle
4. 'My heart race' in line 2 suggests the narrator feels
A. A heart attack B. Fear C. Excitement D. Anger E. Envy

English Comprehension: Questions 5 to 12

Questions 10, 11 and 12 require two answers with one mark for each correct answer. All others require one.

5.	'My head reeled' in line 1 means the narrator feels A. Happy B. Fear C. Like his head exploded D. Giddy E. In pain
6.	The phrase 'the water gleamed like metal' in line 8 is an example of A. Personification B. Simile C. Alliteration D. Rhyme E. Sibilance
7.	Which one of the following does not contribute to the sense of isolation? A. Three miles from any farm B. causeway cut off by water C. very quiet D. lots of space E. Lots of birds
8.	The reeds are described as 'bleached bone-pale' which makes them sound like they are A. Skeletons B. Scared C. Fish D. Burned E. Clean
9.	Which combination of vocabulary creates a sense of foreboding in the passage? A. Near, far, trotting B. miles, farm, cottage C. creak, track, edge D. emptiness, edge, isolated E. pony, handsome, island
10.	In line 13, 'silence save for a hissing, silky sort of sound', sibilance is used for which two reasons? (Mark two answers on the answer sheet) A. Mimics the sound of the cart wheels B. there are snakes C. creates a sinister atmosphere D. writer liked the sound E. sounds like silk
11.	The description in line 15 & 16, 'rising out of the water itself, a tall, gaunt house' has which two effects on our impression of the house (Mark two answers on the answer sheet)? It is A. Old B. Small C. Alive D. Funny E. Intimidating
12.	Both the water and the roof of the house are likened to metal contributing to the impression of the environment as being which two of the following? (Mark two answers on the answer sheet) A. Cold B. Futuristic C. Warm D. Unwelcoming E. Busy

End of Section A English Comprehension Questions