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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

27. The total cost of 4 rulers and 5 pencils is the same as the total cost of 2 rulers and 11 pencils.

How many pencils cost the same as 5 rulers?

- A. 10                      B. 15                      C. 20                      D. 25                      E. 30

**End of Section B Mathematics Questions**

**Section C : Verbal Reasoning : Questions 28 to 42**

In this section you have to answer 15 Verbal Reasoning questions which will test your skills of comprehension, grammar and logic. Select the answer from A to E that you think is the correct answer to the problem and enter it on your answer sheet. Use the space provided with each question for workings.

28. Arrange the words of the following sentence in descending order of length (number of letters):

**Butterflies fly freely**

In what order do the words now appear?

- A. Butterflies fly freely
- B. Fly freely butterflies
- C. Freely butterflies fly
- D. Butterflies freely fly
- E. Freely fly butterflies

29. Arrange the words of the following sentence in descending order of the number of vowels within each word:

**Her babies dozed**

In what order do the words now appear?

- A. Her babies dozed
- B. Babies dozed her
- C. Dozed her babies
- D. Her dozed babies
- E. Babies her dozed

30. Arrange the words of the following sentence in reverse alphabetical order of their final letter:

**Bob never arrives on time**

In which order should the words now appear?

- A. Bob never arrives on time
- B. Never on time Bob arrives
- C. Arrives never on time Bob
- D. On time Bob never arrives
- E. Time Bob never arrives on

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31. Rearrange the words of the following sentence in descending number of syllables:

**Straight watercourses seldom deviate**

In what order should the words now appear?

- A. Straight watercourses seldom deviate
- B. Watercourses seldom deviate straight
- C. Watercourses deviate seldom straight
- D. Deviate watercourses straight seldom
- E. Seldom straight watercourses deviate

32. Which of the following words from this list are homophonic?

**Caught Fought Court Fort**

- A. Caught & Fought
- B. Fought & Court
- C. Court & Fort
- D. Fort & Caught
- E. None of the above

33. In the following sentence the letters in capitals are an anagram of another word which belongs in that place to make sense of the sentence. Solve the anagram and identify which of the following statements is true of the word which fits there:

**CARFEN is a country west of Switzerland**

- A. The word begins with the letter A
- B. The word begins with the letter C
- C. The word begins with the letter E
- D. The word begins with the letter F
- E. The word begins with the letter N

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34. In the following sentence the letters in capitals are an anagram of another word which belongs in that place to make sense of the sentence. Solve the anagram and identify which of the following statements is true of the word which fits there:

**My favourite predator is the OLDPEAR**

- A. The word ends with the letter A
- B. The word ends with the letter D
- C. The word ends with the letter E
- D. The word ends with the letter L
- E. The word ends with the letter O

35. Find the same pair of letters that will start the first word and end the second. There is only one correct answer.

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- A. BO                  B. RO                  C. CH                  D. BE                  E. LE

36. In the sentence below, a four letter word is hidden at the end of one word and the start of the next. Which of the following is true of the hidden word?

**If you ask me, cat ears are very furry**

- A. The first letter is 'm'
- B. The second letter is 'a'
- C. The third letter is 't'
- D. The fourth letter is 'r'
- E. The last letter is 'e'

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37. Find the three letter word which completes the word in capital letters, finishing the sentence in a sensible way, and choose which of the answers is true of the missing three letter word.

**My uncle is my father's BHER**

- A. The middle letter is A
- B. The middle letter is E
- C. The middle letter is I
- D. The middle letter is O
- E. The middle letter is U

38. Which of these pairs of words is the odd one out in terms of how their meanings relate to one another?

- A. Country    Angola
- B. School    Primary
- C. Lion    Carnivore
- D. River    Thames
- E. Tree    Elm

39. Which pair of words is grammatically the odd one out?

- A. Fluffy cloud
- B. Steep hill
- C. Sleepy boy
- D. Scary monster
- E. Brick red

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40. Malgon's torvid darples were climping scurvidly

Which word in the above sentence is an adverb?

- A. torvid
- B. darples
- C. climping
- D. scurvidly
- E. None of the above

41. Letters used in the following words each correspond to a single digit code number. The number codes for three of these words are listed in a random order. Work out the code to answer the question.

**IDEA ~ FLED ~ FADE ~ DIAL 5412  
~ 4531 ~ 6153**

Which sequence of numbers represents the code for the word "FLEA"?

- A. 1536      B. 6461      C. 5312      D. 6231      E. 2145

42. Billy, Pat, Jon, Tom and Peter go to a funfair. Everyone except for Tom goes on the roller coaster. Four of the boys went on the ghost train. Only Billy did not go on the big wheel. Peter went on the log flume and the spinning teacups. Pat did not go on the ghost train. Jon and Tom went on the big wheel before going on the log flume.

Which boy went on the most different rides?

- A. Billy      B. Pat      C. Jon      D. Tom      E. Peter

### End of Section C Verbal Reasoning Questions