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Question 1

All of these words are alike in some way: lewd, lascivious, lecherous, bawdy.

Which word could fit in the list?

- a. Lustrous b. Livid c. Vulgar d. Vociferous
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Question 2

Three of the following words are alike in some way. Which is the odd one out?

- a. Enchain b. Bind c. Disentangle d. Yoke
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Question 3

Bruce and Martha live in Parramatta. They have two children – Steve and Mark. While Steve is married to Bridget, Mark is married to Sue. Steve has two children – Peter and Alice, while Mark has three children – Alex, Brandon and Lily. What is Brandon's relationship to Steve?

- a. Uncle b. Nephew c. Cousin's brother d. Father
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Question 4

Find the two statements that together prove that: Kylie is a brunette.

1. Patricia is a brunette.
2. Kylie has short hair.
3. Patricia has long hair.
4. Kylie's hair is of the same colour as Patricia's.
5. Kylie is 11 years old.

- a. 1 and 2 b. 1 and 3 c. 1 and 4 d. 2 and 3 e. 2 and 4
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Question 5

A synonym for AZURE is:

- a. Black b. White c. Red d. Blue
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**Question 6**

All HODS are PODS Some SODS are RODS All ZODS are SODS All PODS are ZODS

Which of the following do we know is correct?

- a. All ZODS are RODS b. Some HODS are ZODS c. All RODS are SODS
d. All HODS are RODS e. Some ZODS are PODS
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Question 7

Steve drives 4km north of his home to meet Bart. From here the two friends drive 5km east to meet Cathy. From this point the three friends drive 8km south and pick up Tim. From there, all of them drive 3km west and 9km north where they complete their daily drive. Who is the closest to their home?

- a. Steve b. Bart c. Cathy d. Tim
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Question 8

Three of the following words are alike in some way. Which is the odd one out?

- a. Impede b. Enforce c. Impose d. Compel
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Question 9

Here are some words translated from an artificial language.

briftamint means militant

uftonel means occupied

uftonalene means occupation

Which word could mean "occupant"?

- a. uftonifta b. uftonamint c. elamint d. alenemint
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Question 10

Pediatrician is to children as:

- a. Geriatrician is to the elderly b. Gastrologist is to women
c. Ophthalmologist is to ears d. Orthodontist is to eyes
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Question 11

Negligible most nearly means

- a. insignificant b. arguable c. careless d. dark
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Question 12

Find the two statements that together prove that: Mark is learning to play the piano.

1. Mr. Stevens teaches violin, piano and guitar.
2. Mark's friend Steve attends guitar and piano classes.
3. Cathy has piano classes with Steve.
4. Steve and Mark go to the same classes.
5. Steve's sister Cathy attends guitar classes with Mark.

a. 1 and 2 b. 1 and 3 c. 1 and 4 d. 2 and 3 e. 2 and 4

Question 13

Anne drives 5km east of her home to meet her friend Elizabeth. From here the two friends drive 3km south to meet Brett. From this point the three friends drive 7km north and pick up Rachel. From there, all of them drive 4km west and finally 8km south where they complete their daily drive. Who is the closest to their home?

a. Anne b. Elizabeth c. Brett d. Rachel

Question 14

Three of the following words are alike in some way. Which is the odd one out?

a. Temperance b. Gluttony c. Excess d. Greed

Question 15

All of these words are alike in some way: miserly, stingy, tightfisted, niggardly.

Which word could fit in the list?

a. Generous b. Parsimonious c. Rude d. Wonderful

Question 16

Three of the following words are alike in some way. Which is the odd one out?

a. Seize b. Usurp c. Supply d. Grab

Question 17

Find the two statements that are irrelevant to the statement: I enjoy Mathematics.

1. My brother enjoys Science and Mathematics.
2. My brother hates History.
3. My sister hates only one subject – Science.
4. I share my brother's enjoyment for one subject and my sister's hatred for one subject.
5. I hate Geography.

a. 2 and 4 b. 1 and 5 c. 1 and 4 d. 2 and 5 e. 4 and 5

Question 18

In the Maths test that was conducted last week, Beth scored more than Cathy, but less than Jane. Samantha scored more than Beth, but less than Jane. Amy scored less than Beth but did not score the least. Who scored the least?

a. Beth b. Cathy c. Amy d. Jane

Question 19

A synonym for AUTOCRAT is:

a. Democrat b. Dictator c. Emperor d. Accumulator

Question 20

Grim is to cheerful as:

a. Fastidious is to sacred b. Livid is to irate c. Rancid is to rotten
 d. Treacherous is to devoted

Question 21

If some MERs are DERs, all DERs are FERs and some PERs are MERs, which of the following is true?

a. No PERs are FERs b. Some FERs are DERs c. All MERs are PERs d. Some DERs are FERs

**Question 22**

Monica, Joey and Allan live in three houses next to each other. One of them is a plumber, one is a dentist and one is a florist. The plumber borrowed Allan's toolkit. When Monica's car is in the shop, she goes to work with the dentist and Joey. Joey lives next door to the plumber. Who is the florist?

- a. Monica b. Allan c. Joey d. Cannot tell
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Question 23

Given that my class has 20 students, find the two statements that together prove the statement: I play cricket.

1. 9 students in my class play hockey.
 2. 11 students in my class play football.
 3. 12 students in my class play cricket.
 4. 4 students in my class play football and cricket.
 5. 8 of my classmates do not play any game.
- a. 1 and 3 b. 2 and 3 c. 2 and 5 d. 3 and 4 e. 3 and 5
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Question 24

The word most nearly the opposite to AUGMENT is:

- a. Peace b. Diminish c. Quarrel d. Supplement
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Question 25

All of these words are alike in some way: robust, hearty, healthy, strong.

Which word could fit in the list?

- a. Vigorous b. Petty c. Holistic d. Afraid
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Question 26

Which word does NOT belong with the others?

- a. impulsive b. scripted c. spontaneous d. impromptu
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**Question 27**

Here are some words translated from an artificial language.

mallonpiml means blue light

mallontifl means blueberry

arpantifl means raspberry

Which word could mean "lighthouse"?

- a. tifmallon b. pimlarpan c. mallonarpan d. pimldoken

Question 28

Caution is to recklessness as:

- a. Activity is to inertia b. Passion is to love c. Emotion is to tension d. Elation is to happiness

Question 29

Find the statement(s) irrelevant to the statement: Kate has long, red hair.

1. Elizabeth's hair is long.
2. Elizabeth has blond hair.
3. Kate's hair is longer than Elizabeth's.
4. Peter, Kate's brother, has short, red hair.
5. Kate's hair colour is like her brother's.

- a. 1 b. 1 and 4 c. 2 d. 2 and 3 e. 2 and 4

Question 30

Assume that some pons are lons, all hons are fons, and some tons are pons.

Therefore it makes sense that:

- a. some lons may also be tons b. all pons are lons C: all hons are tons
 d. some fons are lons e. all hons are pons

**Question 31**

Mark and his friends have devised a language so that others in school do not understand what they are talking about. In that language:

Jabeli us Peteru kusutoo jabeli us Williamu vera

means

Peter's glasses are thicker than William's glasses

and

Keisho us Stephanieu lelivocu keisho us Barbarau vera

means

Stephanie's legs are leaner than Barbara's legs

What do the words *kusutoo*, *keisho* and *lelivocu* mean?

- a. Thicker, legs, leaner b. Glasses, leaner, legs c. Are, than, leaner
d. Thicker, leaner, legs

Question 32

Which word does NOT belong with the others?

- a. idiosyncratic b. conventional c. eccentric d. incomparable

Question 33

Three of the following words are alike in some way. Which is the odd one out?

- a. Unrelenting b. Remorseless c. Indefatigable d. Unconvincing

Question 34

At dinner one evening, Mary is sitting opposite Clyde. Brittney is on the right of Shane. Alex is between Jude and Mary. Shane is not next to Clyde. Who is on the left of Jude?

- a. Mary b. Brittney c. Alex d. Clyde e. Shane

**Question 35**

Putrid is to nose as:

- a. Rotten is to skin b. Sour is to tongue c. Pleasant is to eye d. Loud is to mouth

Question 36

Mark, Jack and Patrick are neighbours. One of them is a car salesman, one is an insurance salesman and one is an electrician. The insurance salesman borrowed some money from Jack. Patrick car pools with the electrician on every Tuesday and Wednesday to go to work. If Mark is the car salesman, then who is the electrician?

- a. Mark b. Jack c. Patrick d. Cannot tell

Question 37

All of these words are alike in some way: wander, ramble, meander, stroll.

Which word could fit in the list?

- a. Run b. Talk c. Sleep d. Roam

Question 38

Find the two statements that together prove that: One-half of Australia's population owns a car.

1. Australians love cars.
2. Seventy percent of Australia's population uses cars.
3. Ten percent of the people who use public transport in Australia do not own a car.
4. Sixty percent of Australia's population uses public transport.
5. On an average, at any given time, two percent of Australia's population drives a rental car.

- a. 1 and 2 b. 2 and 3 c. 3 and 4 d. 3 and 5 e. 4 and 5

Question 39

Five boys took part in a race. Terry finished after Steve who did not finish first. Jeff had the least time and Robert ran slower than Peter, who had the second fastest time, but faster than Terry and Steve.

Who finished third in the race?

- a. Terry b. Steve c. Robert d. Peter

**Question 40**

All of these words are alike in some way: withdraw, retreat, finch, react.

Which word could fit in the list?

- a. Alter b. Recoil c. Interact d. Enroll

Question 41

Attach is to disconnect as:

- a. Current is to flow b. Forgive is to forget c. Recuperate is to commiserate
d. Mend is to break

Question 42

Martian Spozeb translated the following sentences from his language to English:

<i>Kei eff poru clos</i>	means	<i>This dog is white</i>
<i>Etti clos eff arudu</i>	means	<i>White cloud is moving</i>
<i>Poru jolu eff arudu</i>	means	<i>Black dog is moving</i>

What do the words *kei*, *etti* and *jolu* mean?

- a. Dog, moving, is b. Is, white, moving c. This, cloud, black d. White, is, dog

Question 43

All of these words are alike in some way: particular, special, unusual, exceptional.

Which word could fit in the list?

- a. Distinctive b. Normal c. General d. Weird

Question 44

Which of the following words is similar in meaning to ACCOMPANY?

- a. Escort b. Firm c. Excuse d. Free

**Question 45**

Six friends – Oliver, Lana, Ted, Brittney, Fred and Sarah – decided to have dinner at Lana’s house. Lana has a round dining table. Oliver sat down first; to his left sat Ted. Ted *hates* Lana and refused to sit less than two seats away from her on either side. Fred sat opposite Sarah, who did not sit next to Brittney.

Who sat on the left of Lana?

- a. Oliver b. Brittney c. Fred d. Sarah
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Question 46

When I went to my friend Seth’s house, I saw a portrait of an old man. When I asked Seth who the person in that portrait was, he told me that it was his sister’s maternal grandfather’s only son. Who was in the portrait?

- a. Seth’s father b. Seth’s uncle c. Seth’s brother d. Seth’s grandfather
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Question 47

Find the two statements that are irrelevant to the statement: Steve has been using contact lenses since he was 14 years old.

1. Steve is 3 years younger than Mark.
2. Steve started wearing glasses when he was 10 years old.
3. Steve’s elder brother Mark started wearing glasses 2 years before Steve.
4. Mark switched over to contact lenses when he was 18 years old.
5. Steve switched over to contact lenses 1 year before Mark.

- a. 1 and 2 b. 2 and 3 c. 3 and 4 d. 3 and 5 e. 4 and 5
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Question 48

Some SOU are TOU, some TOU are VOU, some VOU are WOU and some WOU are SOU. Which of the following is true?

- a. No SOU are VOU b. All VOU are TOU c. All TOU are WOU d. Some WOU are SOU
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**Question 49**

Easygoing is to apathetic as:

- a. Vigorous is to boring b. Emotional is to angry c. Pleasant is to nasty
d. Lively is to energetic

Question 50

Here are some words translated from an artificial language.

quart means open

quarty means opening

quartand means opened

Which word could mean "eating"?

- a. clargslarend b. clergy c. ellaclarg d. slarmont

Question 51

Three of the following words are alike in some way. Which is the odd one out?

- a. Patronising b. Belittling c. Confounding d. Demeaning

Question 52

A synonym for PERPETRATOR is:

- a. Absolver b. Enforcer c. Helper d. Entertainer e. Doer

Question 53

Find the statement(s) irrelevant to the statement: Stephanie wants to study Economics in college.

1. Stephanie's college teaches Engineering, Architecture and Economics.
2. Stephanie's brother Sean studied Architecture in college.
3. Stephanie does not want to study Engineering in college.
4. Stephanie does not want to study Literature in college.
5. Stephanie does not want to follow her brother's footsteps in college.

- a. 2 b. 3 c. 4 d. 1 and 3 e. 2 and 4

**Question 54**

Here are some words translated from an artificial language.

jalkamofti means happy birthday

moftihoze means birthday party

mentogunn means goodness

Which word could mean “happiness”?

- a. jalkagunn b. mentohoze c. moftihoze d. hozemento
-

Question 55

Which pair of sentences below proves that Sam stole a teaspoon?

1. Sam has many teaspoons around his house
2. Sam has stolen a Dynasty Cutlery Set
3. Sam only steals metal objects
4. In the Dynasty Cutlery Set there are six teaspoons

- a. 1 & 3 b. 2 & 4 c. 1 & 2 d. 3 & 4
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Question 56

Danielle has been visiting friends in Sydney for the past two weeks. She is leaving to fly back to Melbourne tomorrow morning and her flight is very early.

Most of her friends live fairly close to the airport. Mary lives ten kilometres away. Fraser lives five kilometres away, Simon, seven kilometres. Adam is farther away than Fraser, but closer than Simon. Approximately how far away from the airport is Alexis?

- a. nine kilometres b. seven kilometres c. eight kilometres d. six kilometres
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**Question 57**

In Monday morning traffic, James is directly behind a truck. Ruby is behind James. Rachel is behind Ruby. Max is ahead of the truck. As the traffic begins to move, the truck overtakes Max. James shifts into the lane next to the truck and drives alongside it. Ruby overtakes the truck. Who is directly behind the truck?

- a. James b. Ruby c. Rachel d. Max
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Question 58

Three of the following words are alike in some way. Which is the odd one out?

- a. Precarious b. Wobbly c. Unsteady d. Valuable
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Question 59

Three of the following words are alike in some way. Which is the odd one out?

- a. Patronising b. Belittling c. Confounding d. Demeaning
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Question 60

Which of the following words is similar in meaning to CONTENTIOUS?

- a. Controversial b. Inferior c. Demanding d. Discreet
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WELL DONE! THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.
IF YOU STILL HAVE TIME LEFT, PLEASE CHECK OVER YOUR ANSWERS.