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# TEST 16

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

In the questions below 2 of the words in the brackets can be made from the letters of the word outside the brackets. Underline both words.

Look at this example:

**CURTAIN**            (TRAIN    CUSTARD    STAIN    RAIN    TRACK)

45. TEMPERATURE    (PAPER    RATE    AFTER    MATURE    MEANT)
46. BACKWARDS        (REWARD    DWARF    RACK    DRAW    SWORD)
47. LEARNING            (NEAR    BEARING    RING    REAP    PEARL)
48. YESTERDAY        (STEEP    DREAM    READ    STEER    PESTER)
49. CONSONANTS        (COUSINS    STAND    SOON    TENTS    TONS)
50. POTATOES            (STATE    PEAS    TOTAL    STOATS    GRATE)

In the questions below underline 2 words which are closest in meaning. Underline 1 word from each set of brackets.

Look at this example:

(LITTLE    WASP    BIN)                    (INSERT            SMALL    RUBBISH)

51. (dig        hole        spade)                (pit        garden        fork)
52. (paper     pliers     plain)                (simple    pen            hammer)
53. (prize     money     lose)                 (award    envelope    take)
54. (holiday   weekend    computer)            (days    game        vacation)
55. (ice        foam        laugh)                (lavish    froth        cold)

# TEST 17

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

In the questions below one word can be put in front of the other words to form four new words. Write the correct word in the brackets. Look at this example:

	<b>FLY</b>	<b>PROOF</b>	<b>WORKS</b>	<b>MAN</b>	( <b>FIRE</b> )
16.	LOW	LONG	SIDE	HIND	( _____ )
17.	DOG	DOZE	FROG	FIGHT	( _____ )
18.	FIRE	WARDS	WASH	WATER	( _____ )
19.	LONG	ACHE	LIGHT	LINE	( _____ )
20.	WRIGHT	THING	ABLE	HOUSE	( _____ )

In each question write in the brackets one letter which will complete both the word in front of the brackets and the word after the brackets.

Look at this example:                      **ROA ( D ) OOR.**

21.	SHOWE	( _____ )	EED
22.	HAL	( _____ )	LAP
23.	PART	( _____ )	ARD
24.	DUM	( _____ )	ALM
25.	GAUG	( _____ )	RUPT

In each line below underline TWO words, ONE from each side, which together make ONE correctly spelt word. The word on the left always comes first.

Look at this example:

	<b><u>BLACK</u></b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TOP</b>	<b>AND</b>	<b><u>BIRD</u></b>	<b>BOY</b>
26.	PULL	OUT	PUT	FLAP	LET	IN
27.	MAN	LAST	NOW	AND	HELP	AGE
28.	CAN	CAT	CAR	HIS	CASE	HIM
29.	OUT	COT	SHE	TON	RED	IN
30.	AT	ON	AS	VEST	TONE	TACK

# TEST 18

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

In the following questions a letter can be taken from the first word and put into the second word to form TWO new words. Write both NEW words.

Look at this example:                    THEN    TANK    ( TEN )    ( THANK )

The H moves from THEN to TANK and makes the new words TEN and THANK.

- 32. DICE            PATH            (            )    (            )
- 33. STREAM        CAT            (            )    (            )
- 34. FLAIR            HAVE            (            )    (            )
- 35. PAINT            BAT            (            )    (            )
- 36. GANG            LACE            (            )    (            )
- 37. TAMPER        SANK            (            )    (            )

The letters of the word in capitals have been jumbled up. Use the clue to unjumble the letters and write the correct word in the brackets.

Look at this example:            KBOO - Contains stories    (BOOK)

- 38. ALEYLV - A river will run in this.                    (            )
- 39. PENELOV - You put a letter in this for posting.                    (            )
- 40. CAOTTRR - You might use this on a farm.                    (            )
- 41. OTBETL - A container for liquid.                    (            )

Groups of words are printed below. The groups A-F are made up of words which are similar in some way.

A	B	C	D	E	F
padre	spear	hull	post	roast	rope
minister	lance	rudder	stop	boil	string
priest	javelin	bridge	tops	fry	cord

Decide into which of the above groups the following words must fit. Write the group letter in the brackets.

- 42. pots            (            )                    43. twine            (            )
- 44. stew            (            )                    45. pastor            (            )
- 46. pike            (            )                    47. keel            (            )



# TEST 19

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Two words inside the brackets have similar meanings to words outside the brackets. Underline the TWO words each time.

Look at this example:

HORSE PIG CAT

(FALCON MOUSE TROUT BADGER SNAKE)

38. DISCUS JAVELIN HURDLES (SPORT MARATHON SPRINT RUGBY GAMES)
39. SETTEE BENCH STOOL (CUSHION CHAIR BED THRONE CABINET)
40. RICE OATS RYE (GROWN BARLEY FOOD SERIAL WHEAT)
41. CHEERFUL CONTENTED GLAD (ECSTATIC GLUM HAPPY SAD FEELINGS)
42. BAFFLING COMPLICATED CONFUSING (EASY SMART PUZZLING DIFFICULT PROBLEM)
43. PRUNE CLIP TRIM (CUT LOP GRASS HORSE GARDEN)

In the sentences below there are 6 words missing. From the lists A to F choose the MOST SUITABLE words to complete the sentences.

Choose a word from list A to fill space A, a word from list B to fill space B and so on. Underline the chosen word in each group.

The power went ( **A** ) and I was left in darkness. I felt my way to the drawer to find a ( **B** ). Groping in the ( **C** ) I struck a light and the room was filled with a ( **D** ) glow. Pulling back the curtain I saw the street lights were ( **E** ). The fault, I decided, must be in my ( **F** ).

- |       |       |         |          |           |        |
|-------|-------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|
| 44. A | 45. B | 46. C   | 47. D    | 48. E     | 49. F  |
| out   | torch | room    | little   | lit       | room   |
| away  | match | shadows | shiny    | shattered | switch |
| bang  | bulb  | dark    | blinding | off       | house  |
| off   | lamp  | silence | faint    | out       | plugs  |
| dim   | fuse  | hall    | piercing | broken    | bulbs  |

# TEST 20

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

In each line below underline TWO words, ONE from each side, which together make ONE correctly spelt word. The word on the left always comes first.

Look at this example: BLACK ALL TOP AND BIRD BOY

24. AS AFTER AGO GO TASTE MOON  
25. SEE SAW SAT TED DING PAY  
26. NO SERF OF VICE ALL PUT  
27. ARE FEAT CUT HIM BIT HER  
28. HUM OR RIB BUD AN GAIN  
29. COT FLAT PORT TEN END TEND

In each question below, two consecutive letters can be removed from the word in the first column and put into the word in the second column to give two new words. The order of the letters is not changed and the two consecutive letters remain together.

Look at this example: GIRDLE ASH ( GIRD ) ( LEASH )

30. HANDLE BED ( ) ( )  
31. CARPET HELD ( ) ( )  
32. BEDROOM IT ( ) ( )  
33. PILLOW BELL ( ) ( )  
34. FLOWER BET ( ) ( )

Answers to Test 16

- |               |         |  |          |
|---------------|---------|--|----------|
| 1. L          |         |  |          |
| 2. R          |         |  |          |
| 3. E          |         |  | MATURE   |
| 4. 36         |         |  | DRAW     |
| 5. 16         |         |  | RING     |
| 6. THEIR      | THE     |  | STEER    |
| 7. IN         | THE     |  | TONS     |
| 8. FINS       | FISH    |  | PEAS     |
| 9. UNABLE     | SICK    |  | PIT      |
| 10. CATTLE    | FORESTS |  | SIMPLE   |
| 11. 7.3       |         |  | AWARD    |
| 12. 4.9       |         |  | VACATION |
| 13. 7.1       |         |  | FROTH    |
| 14. 1.6       |         |  |          |
| 15. 5.7       |         |  |          |
| 16. SHUT      | STOOP   |  |          |
| 17. TREAD     | SHOP    |  |          |
| 18. HERD      | SEAT    |  |          |
| 19. EAR       | BOUGHT  |  |          |
| 20. SORT      | PANTS   |  |          |
| 21. S         |         |  |          |
| 22. T         |         |  |          |
| 23. N         |         |  |          |
| 24. E         |         |  |          |
| 25. T         |         |  |          |
| 26. IN        | SCRIBE  |  |          |
| 27. NO        | ON      |  |          |
| 28. BUTTER    | CUP     |  |          |
| 29. SAT       | URN     |  |          |
| 30. PASS      | AGE     |  |          |
| 31. JET       |         |  |          |
| 32. HOUND     |         |  |          |
| 33. FIND      |         |  |          |
| 34. ZDMPC     |         |  |          |
| 35. BYLECP    |         |  |          |
| 36. LYNIGL    |         |  |          |
| 37. GROUP     |         |  |          |
| 38. EMERGE    |         |  |          |
| 39. CALCULATE |         |  |          |
| 40. 6         |         |  |          |
| 41. 0         |         |  |          |
| 42. 30        |         |  |          |
| 43. 3         |         |  |          |

\* There may be other possible answers.



Answers to Test 17

- |                 |           |  |  |
|-----------------|-----------|--|--|
| 1. E            |           |  |  |
| 2. E            |           |  |  |
| 3. A            |           |  |  |
| 4. 26           |           |  |  |
| 5. 10P          |           |  |  |
| 6. END          | BEGINNING |  |  |
| 7. LEARNING     | READING   |  |  |
| 8. MONEY        | THE       |  |  |
| 9. ON           | INTO      |  |  |
| 10. COMPUTERS   | HUMANS    |  |  |
| 11. 1.0         |           |  |  |
| 12. 4.1         |           |  |  |
| 13. 11.6        |           |  |  |
| 14. 7.6         |           |  |  |
| 15. 3.0         |           |  |  |
| 16. BE          |           |  |  |
| 17. BULL        |           |  |  |
| 18. BACK        |           |  |  |
| 19. HEAD        |           |  |  |
| 20. PLAY        |           |  |  |
| 21. R or D      |           |  |  |
| 22. F           |           |  |  |
| 23. Y           |           |  |  |
| 24. P or B      |           |  |  |
| 25. E           |           |  |  |
| 26. OUT         | LET       |  |  |
| 27. MAN         | AGE       |  |  |
| 28. CAR         | CASE      |  |  |
| 29. COT         | TON       |  |  |
| 30. AT          | TACK      |  |  |
| 31. LATHE/LATER | RATE/HATE |  |  |
| 32. HARP        | YEAST     |  |  |
| 33. MICE        | KNIT      |  |  |
| 34. FILL        | CHART     |  |  |
| 35. PINT        | HOARD     |  |  |
| 36. DIRTY       | LIGHT     |  |  |
| 37. SLOW        | FICTION   |  |  |
| 38. MAMMAL      | AMPHIBIAN |  |  |
| 39. AIRPORT     | DOCK      |  |  |
| 40. BULL        | BOAR      |  |  |
| 41. ART         |           |  |  |
| 42. ARK         |           |  |  |
| 43. FOR         |           |  |  |

These are the answers to Book 4 of a set of 4 graded books. A child who has not previously attempted questions of this type may have difficulty with the first few tests. However, research shows that a child's ability to handle and understand these questions generally increases with practice.

Answers to Test 18

1. G	44. E
2. I	45. A
3. N	46. B
4. 45	47. C
5. 21P	48. CKEARBGEF
6. 54P	49. FGEKDBCED
7. 18P	50. ENABLE
8. ELIZABETH	51. GALETY
9. OF	52. ATTORNEY
10. BROKE	53. LANGUAGE
11. PARK	54. TEA
12. NUMBER	55. Y
13. SAILED	56. X
14. 8.7	57. W
15. 20.6	58. Y
16. 17.4	59. LEMONADE
17. 19.5	60. TUESDAY
18. 14.2	61. 20TH
19. 16.3	62. FEBRUARY
20. K	63. 28TH
21. L	64. THURSDAY
22. E or S	65. U
23. H or S	66. O
24. G or T	67. JP
25. T or D or M	68. GGP
26. SNAP	69. NPO
27. BAR	70. VVK
28. OVER	71. MISER
29. OUT	72. HATCHET
30. MAIN	73. ORBIT
31. LET	74. STUDIO
32. DIE	75. LARDER
33. STEAM	76. COMIC
34. FAIR	77. £18
35. PANT	78. £18
36. GAG	79. £15
37. TAMER	80. £13
38. VALLEY	81. (2 + 3) - (6 - 4) **
39. ENVELOPE	82. (4 + 6 + 3) x 2 **
40. TRACTOR	83. (6 + 2) x 4 - 3) **
41. BOTTLE	84. (3 x 4) - (6 - 2) **
42. D	85. (3 - 2) + (6 x 4) **
43. F	

Answers to Test 19

1. E	44. OFF
2. T	45. MATCH
3. A	46. DARK
4. 7	47. FAINT
5. 7	48. LIT
6. 6	49. HOUSE
7. 4	50. B
8. AND	51. C
9. THE	52. SULBY
10. IN	53. WIDFORD
11. TO	54. PICTON
12. BEFORE	55. 47
13. LONG	56. 2.4
14. 13.8	57. 24
15. 10.6	58. 25, 51
16. 21.3	59. 9, 15
17. 23.2	60. 16 (X - 5 + 7)
18. 9.4	61. 33 (3 X + 3)
19. 23.2	62. 5 (Sq root X - 1)
20. L	63. 69 (X cubed + 5)
21. T	64. 7 (1/2 X - 5)
22. M	65. 15 (cubed root X + 11)
23. R or B	66. GIRL
24. G	67. SHARE
25. C	68. TRUE
26. OUT	69. WIRE
27. BAND	70. BOAT
28. TO	71. MAKE
29. DEAD	72. 42 (2X + 2)
30. RAN	73. 7 (X ÷ 3) - 3
31. PORT	74. 124 (X cubed - 1)
32. NICE	75. 46 (2 X - 2)
33. BARN	76. 16 (X ÷ 2) + 1
34. EAR	77. 82 (X sq + 1)
35. MANAGE	78. T
36. AUNT	79. F
37. PAT	80. T
38. MARATHON	81. F
39. CHAIR	82. F
40. BARLEY	83. ROBOT
41. ECSTATIC	84. LANDED
42. PUZZLING	85. TAME
43. CUT	
	PUT
	IT
	WING
	LOOK
	SACK
	ABLE
	PEACE
	NOOSE
	EARLY
	HARD
	BARGE
	GERM
	SPRINT
	THRONE
	WHEAT
	HAPPY
	DIFFICULT
	LOP

Answers to Test 20

1. C	44. E
2. T	45. B
3. N	46. MEDICAL
4. 40	47. DOUBLE
5. £1.80	48. SCARLET
6. £1.25	49. LUKEWARM
7. THAT	50. GENERAL
8. THE	51. ELEPHANT
9. CAKE	52. (7+5+4) - 8
10. THREE	53. (7-4) + (8-5)
11. THE	54. 3 x (4+5+6)
12. UP	55. (7x5) - (4x8)
13. 6.3	56. (8-7) - (5-4)
14. 1.6	57. (8+5 - 7) x 4
15. 3.4	58. A
16. 3.9	59. B
17. 0.0	60. B
18. M	61. C
19. T	62. NO
20. N	63. YES
21. Y	64. FRANCE
22. E	65. ENGLAND
23. L	66. IRELAND
24. AFTER	67. ENGLAND
25. SEE	68. FRANCE
26. NO	69. 9
27. FEAT	70. 312
28. HUM	71. 14.10
29. FLAT	72. L
30. HAND	73. PNO
31. CART	74. PFL
32. BROOM	75. SPANNER
33. PILL	76. GOLF
34. FLOW	77. TADPOLE
35. NEUTRAL	78. BRIDE
36. BEWARE	79. SILK
37. SALARY	80. DUBLIN
38. THEATRE	81. TSPMWL
39. PROTECT	82. WIGWIX
40. STRING	83. XEROMRK
41. C	84. ENGINE
42. D	85. AUTHOR
43. A	
	TASTE
	DING
	VICE
	HER
	AN
	TEN
	BLEED
	HELPED
	EDIT
	BELLOW
	BERET
	PLIERS
	NETBALL
	CALF
	BOUQUET
	LEATHER
	PARIS

\*\* Other answers may be correct.