City of Westminster College

Literacy Initial Assessment Question Booklet
2008 – 2009

SECTION B: READING

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The purpose of this assessment is to help us find out what level you are at in literacy.

You have 30 minutes to do Section B.

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Write all your answers in the Answer Booklet

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Section B: Reading

Read the text below and answer questions 1 – 4.

BOSCOMBE PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM DATES FOR 2007 – 2008

Autumn Term	Monday 11 September – Friday 15 December
Half Term	23rd – 27th October
Spring Term	Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 30th March
Half Term	19th – 23rd February
Summer Term	Monday 16th April – Tuesday 10th July
Half Term	28th May – 1st June

School gates open at 8.30 am
School starts at 9.00 am
School ends at 3.30 pm

1. The name of the school is:

A Primary School
B Boscombe Primary School
C Boscombe School
D Primary Boscombe

2. Autumn Term starts:

A Friday 15th December
B Monday 11th September
C Monday 16th April
D Wednesday 3rd January

3. School gates open at:

A 9.00 am
B 8.00 am
C 8.30 am
D 9.30 am

4. The notice tells you:

A The head teacher's name
B Term dates
C School hours
D Term dates and school hours

Choose the best word for the gap in each sentence.

5. The class starts at nine _____

A hours
B time
C o'clock
D minutes

6. Schools in London are open five days a _____

A week
B night
C evening
D 24 hours

7. Please do not _____ and drink in the classroom.

A eat
B food
C bring
D help

8. My friend likes to _____ in the park.

A walking
B walk
C went
D go

Choose the correct word for each gap.

9. I have to buy _____ oranges.

A fore
B fuor
C four
D for

10. Last weekend _____ went to visit their grandparents.

A they
B thay
C their
D there

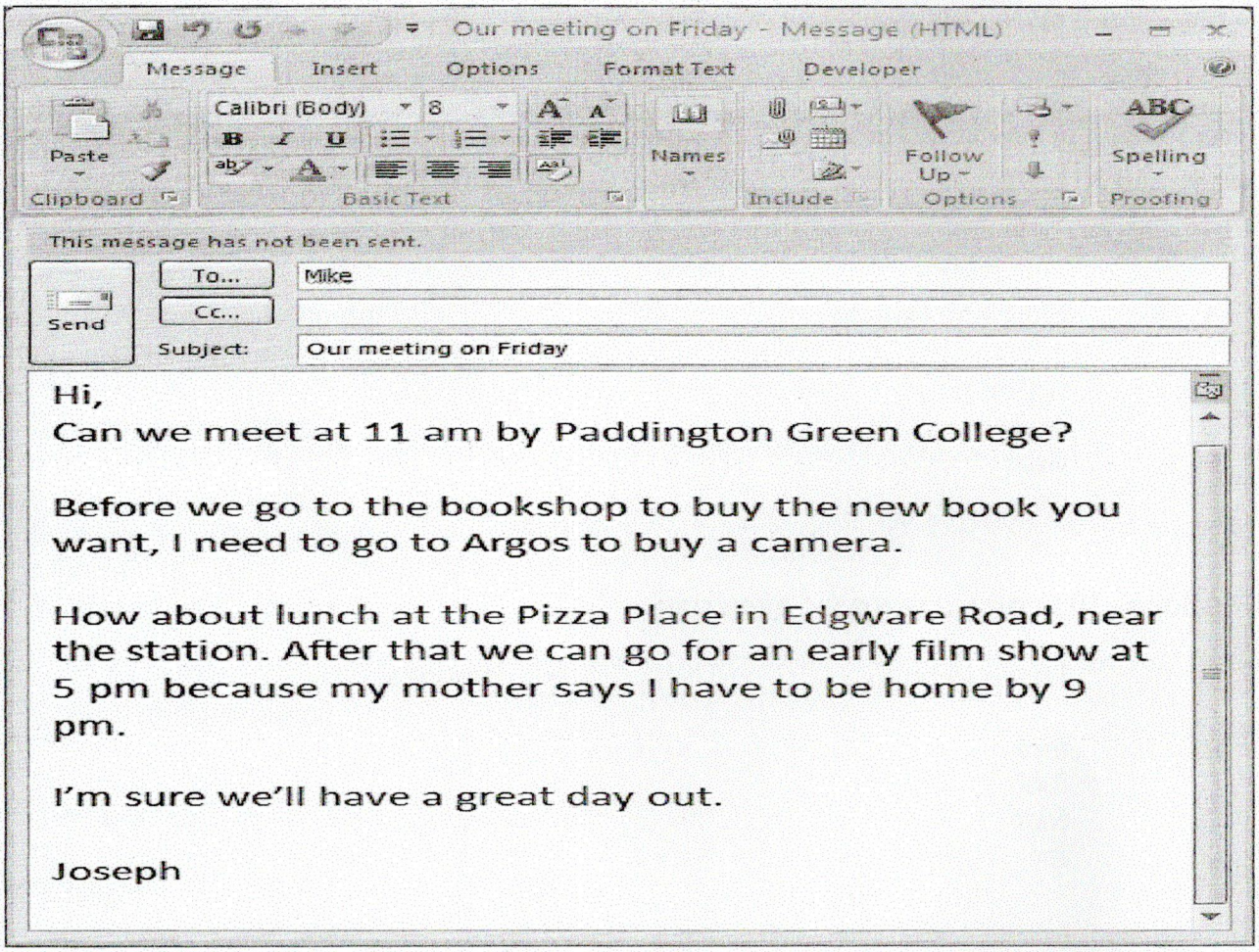
11. We _____ waiting for the bus.

A wear
B were
C was
D where

12. Mary _____ she was coming.

A sad
B sayed
C said
D say

Read the text below and answer questions 13 – 16.



13. What type of text is this?

A letter
B note
C postcard
D email

14. Who wrote this text?

A Mike
B Joseph
C a parent
D a student

15. What are Mike and Joseph going to do first?

A buy a book
B see a film
C buy a camera
D have lunch

16. What time does Mike need to be home?

A 11 am
B 5 pm
C 9 pm
D any time

Choose the best word or phrase that is grammatically correct for the gap in each sentence.

17. The Fire Exit is _____ the stairs and room 205.

A between
B from
C to
D next

18. I am a _____ and hardworking student.

A better
B friendly
C friendlier
D best

19. Danny _____ his homework difficult.

A were find
B is finding
C are finding
D was find

20. The London Transport website _____ information about travelling in London.

A is able
B will help
C is good
D can give

Choose the correct spelling for each word in the gap.

21. Learning _____

A Center
B Cender
C Sender
D Centre

22. Last year I worked in a shop for _____ months.

A tree
B threa
C trea
D three

23. He wore a _____ shirt for his interview.

A waite
B wite
C white
D wight

24. Which _____ will help her improve her writing?

A corse
B cause
C course
D couse

Read the text below and answer questions 25 – 28.

21 Long Road
Chiswick
LONDON
W4 1NB
21st January 20..

Ms Jane Lopez
Manager
Westminster Superstore
258 Edgware Road
LONDON
W2 4BX

Dear Ms Lopez
Last Tuesday I bought a television from your store because my old set, which was a present from my husband, had been stolen. I paid £299 for the replacement television. When I got home and plugged it in, the television blew up. I was lucky not to have been hurt. I was very disappointed as I was hoping to watch my favourite programme, 'Eastenders', that evening. I phoned the shop and spoke to one of your shop assistants, Ken O'Connell. He was very rude over the phone, and tried to blame me for the fault with the television. He said it was my wiring system which had caused the problem. This is obviously not the case, as I had had my house rewired by a qualified electrician last year. Mr O'Connell also said that the shop could do nothing for me.

I would like to demand a full refund for the television, plus the cost of the repair to my electric socket, which was damaged when the television blew up. ..... I would also like a written apology from you for the treatment I received.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

L. Mac Sweeney (Ms)

25. What type of letter is this?

A a letter of application
B a letter asking for information
C a letter of invitation
D a letter of complaint

26. The name of the writer is:

A L. Mac Sweeney
B K O'Connell
C J Lopez
D The manager

27. The writer wanted:

A her money back
B a replacement television
C to see the manager
D her house re-wired

28. The shop assistant was:

A helpful but couldn't do anything for her
B unhelpful, but offered her a refund
C unhelpful and blamed her for the problem
D helpful and referred her to the manager

Choose the best word or phrase that is grammatically correct for the gap in each sentence.

29. The manager is looking for someone _____

A that was work weekends.
B when is working.
C who can work weekends.
D which is helping him.

30. Her course _____ her to be more confident.

A have helped
B has helped
C is help
D was helped

31. _____ information can be obtained from the booklet.

A Further
B In comparison
C Since
D Despite

32. We don't know _____ mobile phone number.

A they're
B their
C theirs
D there

Choose the correct spelling for each word in the gap.

33. _____ is very expensive in London.

A Accommodation
B Accomodation
C Acommodation
D Acommodation

34. Are you interested in a _____ programme?

A training
B trainning
C trianing
D trianning

35. Please be _____

A carfull
B carefull
C carfule
D careful

36. All children in schools have to study _____ .

A Science
B Sceine
C Sience
D Seince

Choose the correct spelling for each word in the gap.

45. It is _____ for you to make an appointment to see your doctor.

A necessary
B necesary
C neccessary
D neccesary

46. Please phone your mother _____

A imediately
B imidiately
C immediately
D imediatelly

47. Experts _____ us to do 20 minutes exercise four times a week.

A advise
B advice
C avice
D avise

48. To succeed in _____ you need to take risks.

A business
B bussiness
C businness
D bussines

Read the text below and answer questions 49 – 52.

Mobile phone users in the UK accessed the internet via their handsets about 15.9 million times throughout December 2006, says the Mobile Data Association.

The association's report shows an increase of one million unique sessions over November 2006, the prior record.

However, much of the recent increase could be due to seasonal gift-giving said Thomas Husson, a mobile analyst at Jupiter Research.

In the past three months, mobile users accessed the web 45.6 million times.

Unique consumer internet sessions on the O2, Orange, T-Mobile and Vodafone networks were included in the report. Despite the new numbers, Mr Husson said mobile data was "far from being mainstream".

"The continued advancement of handsets means people are beginning to spend more time familiarising themselves with new services, most common of which are news, sport and weather updates," Mr Lane said.

He said that by the end of 2007, 797.6 million mobile phone subscriptions worldwide, or roughly 25%, will include web browsing.

(Extracted from BBC Technology website)

49. Choose the most appropriate heading for the text.

A More people are using mobile phones
B Reports from O2, Orange, T-Mobile and Vodafone
C Increasing use of mobile phones to access the worldwide web
D Different uses of mobile phones

50. According to the text, which statement is true.

A 1 million people used their mobile phone in Nov 06.
B Most people used their mobile phones to download news, sports and weather updates.
C 4 major mobile phone providers participated in the gathering of mobile phone data
D In the past 3 months 45.6 million people used their mobile phones

51. According to the text, the recent increase in accessing the internet via mobile phones may be due to the Christmas season. This statement is:

A definitely true
B definitely false
C probably true
D no evidence

52. The phrase, 'far from being mainstream' means:

A not done by most people
B done by hardly anyone
C done mainly by people
D done by about half of the people

Fill the gaps in the sentences below with the most suitable word.

53. _____ to childcare problems many mothers do not go back to work full-time.

54. It is _____ accepted that children who spend a lot of time playing computer games tend not to do enough exercise.

55. I thought the card was _____ poor taste.

56. There are differences between human language and animal communication; for _____ , animal cries are not articulate.

Read the text below and answer questions 57 – 60.

Climate Change

Most scientists agree that global climate change is inevitable. **By** line 1
the last few hundred years the climate has been growing warmer. Many line 2
countries are experiencing hotter and dryer summers. In the United line 3
Kingdom, it is predicted that there will be a 4° C rise by 2080. Rainfall in line 4
the summer will _____ and frequent droughts will be expected. line 5

Since the beginning of the 20th century glaciers have been melting causing line 6
a rise in sea levels. The rise in temperature has caused snowlines to retreat line 7
on mountains all over the world. Vegetation and wildlife have been line 8
changing too. For example birds that would normaly not be seen in line 9
Greenland have been spotted there recently. line 10

57. The word **'By'** in line 1 should be _____

58. The missing word in line 5 is _____

59. There is a spelling mistake in line _____

60. There is a comma missing in line _____

This is the end of the assessment.

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Section A WRITING (20 minutes)

Section B READING (30 minutes)

You will be given a question booklet for this section
Circle your answers for questions 1 – 52 and write your answers for questions 53 – 60

Example: a (b) c d

Please speak to the teacher if you have difficulty using this Answer Booklet

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	Score / Level
Section A: Writing	
Section B: Reading	
Assessor	
Faculty	CMS BCS Technology SHMS

Section A: Writing

Choose **one** topic and write as much as you can.

A) My hobbies / interests

B) Why I want to study at the City of Westminster College

C) My future plans

D) The advantages and disadvantages of the internet

OR Your tutor will give you a topic to write about

Please remember to write in whole sentences and paragraphs, and check your spellings and punctuation.

Topic: _____

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C1	A	B	C	D
C2	A	B	C	D
C3	A	B	C	D
C4	A	B	C	D
G5	A	B	C	D
G6	A	B	C	D
G7	A	B	C	D
G8	A	B	C	D
S9	A	B	C	D
S10	A	B	C	D
S11	A	B	C	D
S12	A	B	C	D
C13	A	B	C	D
C14	A	B	C	D
C15	A	B	C	D
C16	A	B	C	D
G17	A	B	C	D
G18	A	B	C	D
G19	A	B	C	D
G20	A	B	C	D
S21	A	B	C	D
S22	A	B	C	D
S23	A	B	C	D
S24	A	B	C	D
C25	A	B	C	D
C26	A	B	C	D
C27	A	B	C	D
C28	A	B	C	D
G29	A	B	C	D
G30	A	B	C	D

G31	A	B	C	D
G32	A	B	C	D
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S34	A	B	C	D
S35	A	B	C	D
S36	A	B	C	D
C37	A	B	C	D
C38	A	B	C	D
C39	A	B	C	D
C40	A	B	C	D
G41	A	B	C	D
G42	A	B	C	D
G43	A	B	C	D
G44	A	B	C	D
S45	A	B	C	D
S46	A	B	C	D
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P60				

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This is not a test. The purpose of this assessment is to help us find out what level you are at in Numeracy.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS QUESTION BOOKLET.

You will be given a piece of paper to do your rough calculations. The work you do on this paper is not marked.

DO NOT USE A CALCULATOR.

Write all your answers on the answer sheet provided.

Please speak to the teacher if you have difficulty using the answer sheet.

There are 50 questions.

There is only one answer for each question.

You have 50 minutes to do the 50 questions.

1 5 + 3 = ☐

A 53
B 35
C 15
D 8

2 18 – 9 = ☐

A 7
B 2
C 9
D 27

3 8 ÷ 2 = ☐

A 4
B 6
C 12
D 16

4 6 × 2 is the same as:

A 10 + 2
B 12 – 2
C 2 ÷ 6
D 5 × 3

5 What is the missing number that should go into the box below?

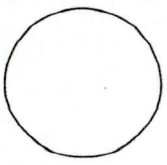
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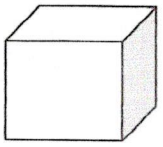
A 4
B 5
C 6
D 7

6 Mojgan bought a banana at the canteen. The banana cost 40p. How much change will Mojgan get from £1.00?

A 40p
B 60p
C 55p
D 45p

7





What are the shapes of the above pictures?

A circle and square
B rectangle and circle
C circle and cube
D cube and square

8

Samir takes 45 minutes to walk from his home to college. He leaves home at 7.45 am. What time does he arrive at college?

A 9.15 am
B 8.30 am
C 8.45 am
D 9.00 am

9

Supermarket	Cost of 2L mineral water
Sainsbury	£0.85
Tesco	90p
Asda	95p
Waitrose	£1.05

Which supermarket sells the cheapest mineral water?

A Tesco
B Sainsbury
C Asda
D Waitrose

10

Television Programmes

Time (pm)	BBC 1	BBC 2	ITV 1
7.00 to 8.00	News	Nature	Sports
8.00 to 9.00	Sports	Politics	The Bill
9.00 to 10.00	Film - Jaws	Review	News
10.00 to 11.00	Film - Jaws	News	CSI

It is 9.30 and Jordane would like to watch some television before he goes to bed at 10.00pm. Which of the programmes below can he watch?

A News
B Politics
C The Bill
D Sports

11 Round 270 to the nearest hundred

A 200
B 250
C 300
D 350

12 There are 20 students in the class. $^1/_4$ of the students are females. How many students are females?

A 4
B 5
C 8
D 12

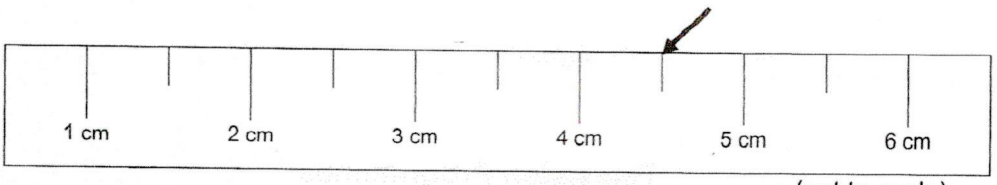
13 124 + 499 = ☐

A 573
B 569
C 544
D 623

14 551 – 149 = ☐

A 390
B 402
C 400
D 425

15



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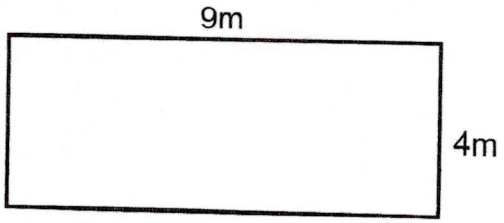
What is the reading indicated by the arrow, in cm?

A 55 cm
B 45 cm
C 4.5 cm
D 5.5 cm

16 3 friends went to a restaurant for a meal. They decided to share the cost of the meal equally. The bill came up to £24. How much does each pay?

A £7.50
B £7.00
C £7.25
D £8.00

17



What is the area of the rectangle above?

A 13 m^2
B 36 m^2
C 36 m
D 13 m

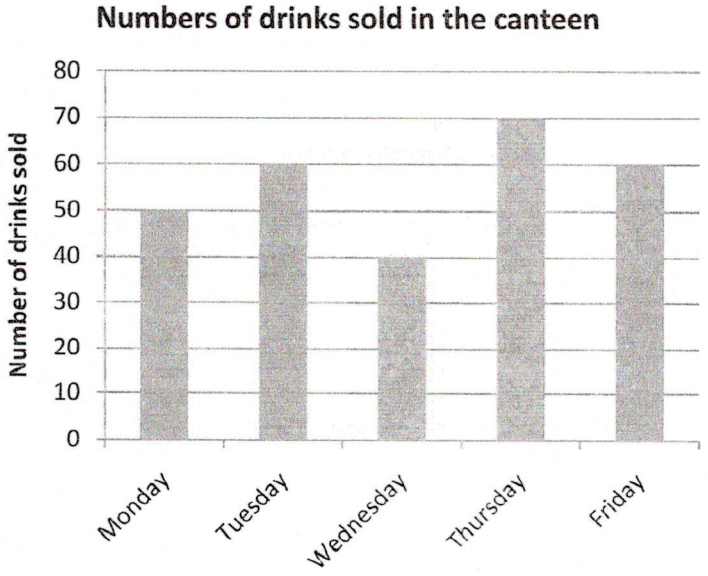
18 $^1/_2$ is the same as:

A $^2/_6$
B $^1/_3$
C $^1/_4$
D $^2/_4$

Please turn to next page.

Questions 19 and 20 are about the number of drinks sold in a canteen.

19



What is the total number of drinks the canteen sold from Monday to Friday?

A 280

B 265

C 240

D 225

20 According to the chart in Question 19, which day did the canteen sell the least number of drinks?

A Monday
B Wednesday
C Thursday
D Friday

21 Bikes for hire cost £7.50 per day. They are half price for half a day. How much does it cost to rent 3 bikes for half a day?

A £7.50
B £13.00
C £11.25
D £22.50

22 Which number below shows four thousand and six?

A 40006
B 4006
C 4600
D 4060

23 What is 80% as a fraction?

A $^{8}/_{100}$

B $^{1}/_{8}$

C $^{2}/_{5}$

D $^{4}/_{5}$

24

City	Temp C°
London	2
Moscow	- 2
Paris	1
New York	- 4

Which city has the lowest temperature?

A London
B Moscow
C Paris
D New York

25

SALE!! 20% off original price!
Settee: original price £200

How much would the settee cost at the sale price?

A £150
B £160
C £180
D £190

26 Which the smallest number?

A 0.90
B 1.01
C 0.11
D 1.10

27 A weight for a packet of crisps is measured in:

A Grams (g)
B Kilograms (kg)
C Centimetres (cm)
D Millilitres (ml)

28 How many 20 cm wide boxes can you put on a shelf 2 m wide?

A 10
B 20
C 30
D 40

29 A supermarket had 440 customers in one morning.
Of these, 110 were men. What percentage of the customers were men?

A 4%
B 11%
C 25%
D 44%

30

Number of CDs

Ahmed	
Jane	
Martin	
Mariam	

Key: = 10 CDs

How many CDs do Ahmed, Jane and Martin have altogether?

A 10
B 13
C 50
D 100

31 A charity raises £1,150,015. What is this amount expressed in words?

A one million, one hundred and fifty thousand and fifteen pounds
B one hundred and fifteen thousand and fifteen pounds
C eleven million, five hundred thousand and fifteen pounds
D one thousand and fifty and fifteen pounds

32 As a result of reduced sales in a supermarket chain 600 workers lose their jobs. Of these, 480 are women. What is the ratio of men to women who lose their jobs?

A 1 : 5
B 1 : 4
C 4 : 1
D 5 : 1

33 A charity organises a dance.
Two hundred and fifty people pay £1.50 each. How much do they pay altogether?

A £37.50
B £375.00
C £3 750.00
D £37 500.00

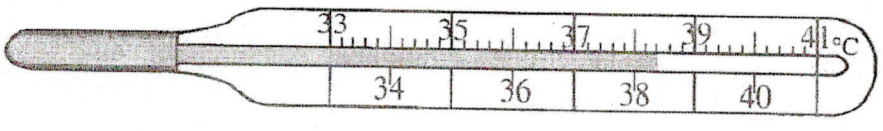
34 A builder is paid £6.20 an hour. He works 39 hours a week.
Which of these is the **closest** estimate of his total pay for the week?

A £6 × 30
B £7 × 30
C £6 × 40
D £7 × 40

35 The label on a large bottle of juice states 'dilute 1 part juice to 3 parts water'. How much water must be added to 2 litres of juice?

A 0.5 litres
B 1.5 litres
C 6.0 litres
D 8.0 litres

36 A mother takes her son's temperature.



What temperature does the thermometer show?

A 38.2°C
B 38.4°C
C 38.5°C
D 39.3°C

37

Newspaper	Numbers Sold
Times	200
Sun	280
Independent	320

What is the percentage of Times newspapers sold in relation to the total number of newspapers sold?

A 25%
B 20%
C 15%
D 10%

38 A man lives 1 kilometre from a shop.
It takes him 15 minutes to walk to the shop. His walking speed is:

A 4 metres per minute
B 4 kilometres per minute
C 4 metres per hour
D 4 kilometres per hour

39 This table shows the number of hours a teenager spends watching television each day.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	4	0	2	4	4	5

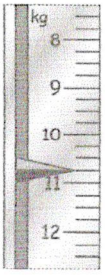
The average (mean) of these numbers is:

A 3
B 3½
C 4
D 5

40 The range of the numbers in the table in Question 39 is:

A 5
B 4
C 3.5
D 3

41 The pointer on the scale shows how much a metal fire bucket containing sand weighs.



If the metal bucket weighs 2.5 kg when empty, what is the weight of the sand contained in the bucket?

A 8.75 kg
B 7.60 kg
C 7.80 kg
D 8.25 kg

42 The number of people attending a museum is recorded from Monday to Friday.

Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Number of Adults	125	105	94	141	150
Number of Students	65	72	145	80	48
Number of Children	45	30	40	55	51

What is the mean number of students per day that attend the museum over the week?

A 48
B 82
C 83
D 145

43 Refer to the table in Question 42.
Tickets cost £5.00 for adults and £3.50 for students.

Children are allowed free entry. How much does the museum receive from ticket sales on Thursday?

A £705.00
B £985.00
C £1105.00
D £1177.50

44 The equation $v = u + at$ can be rearranged as...

A $t = v - u + a$

B $t = v + u - a$

C $t = \frac{v-u}{a}$

D $t = \frac{a}{v-u}$

45 A scale model of a planned new college building is made. The scale used is 1:50.

The maximum height of the college building will be 35 metres. What is the maximum height of the model?

A 15 cm
B 70 cm
C 142 cm
D 175 cm

46 The total resistance of two electrical components in a circuit is found using the formula

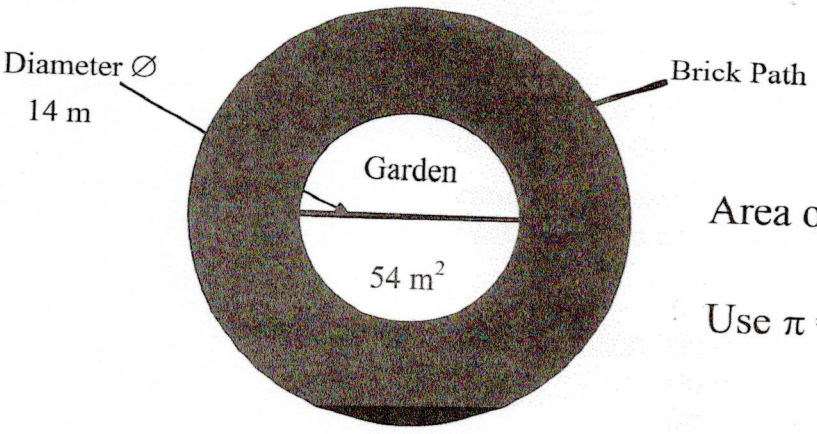
Total Resistance = $\frac{A \times B}{A + B}$ ohms.

If A = 3 and B = 5, the total resistance of the two electrical components is:

A 10 ohms
B 8 ohms
C 2.308 ohms
D 1.875 ohms

47 A circular brick path surrounds a small garden. The area of the garden is $54 m^2$.

The outside diameter of the brick path is 14 metres.



Area of circle = πr^2

Use $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$

What is the area of the brick path?

A 154 m^2
B 208 m^2
C 616 m^2
D 100 m^2

48 A patient needs to be given 50 milligrams (mg) of an antibiotic drug. A liquid medicine contains 20 mg of the drug in every 10 millilitres (ml). How many millilitres should the patient take?

A 5 ml
B 20 ml
C 25 ml
D 100 ml

Questions 49 and 50 are about paper usage at a college.

The table below shows the amount of plain paper used by the college's four main sites. The amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand kilograms.

	Paper Used (kg)		
Site	**2005-06**	**2006-07**	**2007-08**
Cosway Street	7 000	6 000	6 000
Maida Vale	21 000	19 000	17 000
Paddington Campus	27 000	26 000	23 000
Queen's Park	18 000	17 000	15 000

49 The amount of paper used by Paddington Campus in 2006-07 expressed as a percentage of the total amount used that year was:

A 62%
B 38%
C 26%
D 13%

50 A chart or graph is needed to show the college's year on year reduction in paper use. The most appropriate chart or graph is a:

A Bar Chart
B Line Graph
C Pie Chart
D Histograph

This is the end of the assessment.

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Circle for questions 1 – 50

Example: a (b) c d

You have 50 minutes to do 50 questions.

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Assessor					
Faculty					

Circle the answers for questions 1 – 50

1	A	B	C	D
2	A	B	C	D
3	A	B	C	D
4	A	B	C	D
5	A	B	C	D
6	A	B	C	D
7	A	B	C	D
8	A	B	C	D
9	A	B	C	D
10	A	B	C	D
11	A	B	C	D
12	A	B	C	D
13	A	B	C	D
14	A	B	C	D
15	A	B	C	D
16	A	B	C	D
17	A	B	C	D
18	A	B	C	D
19	A	B	C	D
20	A	B	C	D
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22	A	B	C	D
23	A	B	C	D
24	A	B	C	D
25	A	B	C	D

26	A	B	C	D
27	A	B	C	D
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36	A	B	C	D
37	A	B	C	D
38	A	B	C	D
39	A	B	C	D
40	A	B	C	D
41	A	B	C	D
42	A	B	C	D
43	A	B	C	D
44	A	B	C	D
45	A	B	C	D
46	A	B	C	D
47	A	B	C	D
48	A	B	C	D
49	A	B	C	D
50	A	B	C	D