This publication assists applicants for Year 7 entry to selective high schools to become more familiar with the Selective High School Placement Test. Some of the items have not been included for copyright reasons. In the actual Selective High School Placement Test there are 45 questions in reading, 40 in mathematics and 60 in general ability.

The Selective High School Placement Test measures ability and is set to discriminate at a very high level. Students who are accustomed to answering most questions in tests correctly should not be discouraged if they get a number of questions wrong. It is very rare for even the highest scoring candidates to score full marks on all components of the Selective High School Placement Test.

Selective high school entry does not depend entirely on a student's performance in the Selective High School Placement Test as school assessment scores in English and mathematics are provided by the primary schools.

It is important to note that selection committees and appeals panels will not accept students' performance in this past paper as evidence of academic merit for the purposes of entry into a selective high school in any future year.
SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL
PLACEMENT TEST

General ability
Sample test 1

INSTRUCTIONS
1. There are 58 questions in this sample set. You have 40 minutes to complete the real test which contains 60 questions.

2. With each question there are four possible answers A, B, C or D. For each question you are to choose the ONE answer you think is best. To show your answer, fill the oval for one letter (A, B, C or D) on the separate answer sheet in the section headed Mathematics.

3. If you decide to change an answer, rub it out completely and mark your new answer clearly.

4. If you want to work anything out you may write on the question booklet.

5. If you need the help of the supervisor during the test, raise your hand.
1 Which one does not belong?
   SCISSORS PIN KNIFE AXE
   A AXE
   B KNIFE
   C PIN
   D SCISSORS

2 What group of letters comes next in this series?
   EG FH GI HJ IK __
   A JK
   B JL
   C KM
   D LN

3 The word CAREFUL is most nearly the opposite of
   A RAPID
   B HURTFUL
   C RECKLESS
   D ACCIDENTAL

4 In a certain code, VEDCJJKISWTO means EXIT. In the same code, what does PHSLOTYWy mean?
   A HOW
   B LOT
   C PLY
   D STY

5 A case of fruit weighs 53 kilograms, and another weighs 41 kilograms. How much weight must be removed from the first case and placed in the second so that they are both of equal weight?
   A 2 kilograms
   B 4 kilograms
   C 6 kilograms
   D 8 kilograms

6 THREE is to TRIANGLE as FIVE is to
   A SQUARE
   B POLYGON
   C OCTAGON
   D PENTAGON

7 Trevor is taller than Daniela, and Nadine is taller than Hamish. If Samira and Nadine are both shorter than Daniela, who is second-tallest?
   A Trevor
   B Nadine
   C Samira
   D Daniela

8 The word HOSTILE is most nearly the same as
   A UNFRIENDLY
   B UNFAIR
   C DEPRESSED
   D AFRAID

9 What group of letters comes next in this series?
   LCW MEU NGS OIQ __
   A QKO
   B PLR
   C RLR
   D PKO

10 If 10 hens can lay 100 eggs in 10 days, how long would it take 4 hens to lay 28 eggs?
   A 1 day
   B 7 days
   C 14 days
   D 28 days
11 The numbers in each of the three patterns follow the same rule. Find the missing number.

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6 2 5
2 3 7
2 3 2
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A 7  
B 8  
C 9  
D 10

12 These words run in pairs. Insert the missing word to complete the third pair.

SUBTRACTION – SUBTRACT
DIVISION – DIVIDE
MULTIPLICATION – __________

A MULTIPLES  
B MULTICIPITY  
C MULTIPLE  
D MULTIPLY

13 The word IDENTIFY means most nearly the same as

A DEFINE  
B DESCRIBE  
C RECOGNISE  
D DETERMINE

14 What group of letters comes next in this series?

JLP LNR NPT PRV _____

A RVX  
B STX  
C RTX  
D SVZ

15 A figure is missing in the following sequence. Which one of the answer figures would best replace the question mark?

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A   
B   
C   
D

16 The word ARID is most nearly the opposite of

A DESERT  
B MOIST  
C OILY  
D REGULAR

17 If the word SHAVING is coded 7392410 then the word VANISH would be coded

A 294173  
B 291437  
C 291743  
D 291473
18. Sheng thinks of a number, doubles it, then subtracts half the original number, then adds three. He finishes with the number 39.
Sheng’s original number was:
A. 21
B. 24
C. 27
D. 36

19. The numbers in each of the three patterns follow the same rule. Find the missing number.

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A. 8
B. 9
C. 10
D. 11

20. If you arrange the words below to make the best sentence, what letter would the LAST word begin with?
my like belong chips the computer I in only
A. b
B. c
C. l
D. t

21. Add one letter to the word HIRES. Rearrange the letters to make a word meaning scream. The added letter is
A. K
B. R
C. E
D. S

22. The word VINDICATE is most nearly the same as
A. JUSTIFY
B. IMPROVE
C. SPICE
D. SATISFY

23. What group of letters comes next in this series?
AZB   EDF   IHJ   MLN   ____
A. PRQ
B. POS
C. QPR
D. QPS
24 A figure is missing in the following sequence. Which one of the answer figures would best replace the question mark?

![Figure](image)

A  
B  
C  
D  

25 SOMERSAULT is to 9271894530 as MAELSTROM is to

A  741390827  
B  741930287  
C  751309827  
D  751930287  

26 Michael was 1.0 metres tall, and could only reach up to the 1st floor lift button. From the 1st floor, he had to walk up 100 steps to reach the 6th floor.

Vinh was 1.4 metres tall, and could reach the 5th floor button. He had to walk up 20 steps to reach the 6th floor.

Lucy was 1.1 metres tall. To reach the 6th floor, how many steps did she have to walk up?

A  90  
B  80  
C  70  
D  50  

27 MOTHER is to SISTER as GRANDMOTHER is to

A  AUNT  
B  NIECE  
C  UNCLE  
D  DAUGHTER  

28 Remove some letters from the word CONSOLE. Rearrange the letters to make a word meaning to shut. The removed letters are

A  OS  
B  OSL  
C  ON  
D  CON  

29 BREEZE is to WIND as WIND is to

A  PUFF  
B  BLOW  
C  DRIFT  
D  GALE  

30 Four parcels have a total weight of 22 kilograms. Parcel 1 is four times the weight of Parcel 3. Parcel 4 is half the weight of Parcel 2.

If Parcel 1 weighs 8 kilograms, how much does Parcel 4 weigh?

A  3 kilograms  
B  4 kilograms  
C  6 kilograms  
D  12 kilograms  

31 LEVER is to REVEL as DRAWER is to

A  CUPBOARD  
B  PAINT  
C  REWARD  
D  WRITER
32 Add one letter to the word REIGNS. Rearrange the letters to make a word meaning choir. The added letter is
   A E
   B L
   C R
   D S

33 What group of letters comes next in this series?
   CEF GIJ KMN OQR ____
   A TVW
   B UWX
   C STU
   D SUV

34 A figure is missing in the following sequence. Which one of the answer figures would best replace the question mark?

   ?
   A B C D

35 The word FEEBLE is most nearly the opposite of
   AANGRY
   BSTRONG
   CVIOLENT
   DGENUINE

36 In a certain code DZMG means WANT.
   What does YVZW mean?
   A BELT
   B BEAT
   C BEAD
   DBART

37 What group of letters comes next in this series?
   ABL BCH CDD DEZ ____
   A EFV
   B FGW
   C EGT
   DEFW

38 A figure is missing in the following sequence. Which one of the answer figures would best replace the question mark?

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   A B C D

   ?
   A B C D

   ?
   A B C D
In a foreign language,
TAYO YETI means OLD MAN,
ALI SOTI means YOUNG WOMAN,
and ALI YETI means OLD WOMAN.

What is the foreign word for YOUNG?
A  ALI
B  TAYO
C  SOTI
D  YETI

Use each of the numbers 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 once only. Fill the empty squares so that each row, column and diagonal adds up to 15.

The numbers that add up to 15 are

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In a certain code,
I W ANT TO BE
becomes
O TNEW UT IB.

In this code the message
HOW MANY TIMES would become
A  WOH YNAM SEMIT
B  WUH YNEM SIMOT
C  WUH YNEM SOMIT
D  HUW MENY TOMIS

Christin’s age is equal to three times her age in 3 years’ time minus three times her age 3 years ago.

How old is Christin?
A  10
B  12
C  15
D  18
44  STUPID is to ASTUTE as CLUMSY is to
A  AWKWARD
B  SKILLED
C  DENSE
D  ABILITY

45  The word WILFUL is most nearly the
same as
A  GENEROUS
B  DELIBERATE
C  ANGRY
D  HELPFUL

46  The word DESTINY is most nearly the
opposite of
A  CHOICE
B  CHANGE
C  FATE
D  FINISH

47  Stephen is 18 years old. In 14 years’ time
he’ll be half the age his father will be
then.
How old is his father now?
A  48
B  50
C  58
D  64

48  These words run in pairs. Insert the
missing word to complete the third pair.
MEMORY – MEMORISE
FAMILIAR – FAMILIARISE
DEFIANT – _____________
A  DEFIANCE
B  DEFENCE
C  DEFY
D  DEFEND

49  The word CORPULENT is most nearly
the same as
A  INTERIOR
B  BLOODY
C  CORRUPT
D  FLESHY

50  The numbers in each of the three brackets
follow the same rule. Find the missing
number.
[10, 50, 15] [37, 120, 23] [16, 56, ?]
A  8
B  10
C  12
D  14

51  A figure is missing in the following
sequence. Which one of the answer
figures would best replace the question
mark?

52  In a certain code TGFYWOAG means
SECURITY.
In the same code what does GGHHGGJS
mean?
A  FINANCES
B  CARRIAGE
C  RETAINER
D  FEEDBACK
53 The word DETRIMENT is most nearly the **opposite** of
   A  CHALLENGE
   B  IMPROVEMENT
   C  CONSUMPTION
   D  DEPARTURE

54 The numbers in each of the three brackets follow the same rule. Find the missing number.
   [19, 25, 3]   [4, 26, 11]   [?, 51, 9]
   A  20
   B  31
   C  33
   D  34

55 Which one does not belong?
   HEAT TEPID COLD FREEZING
   A  TEPID
   B  HEAT
   C  FREEZING
   D  COLD

57 SHOUT is to TALK as TALK is to
   A  SPEAK
   B  CRY
   C  LAUGH
   D  WHISPER

58 If you arrange the words below to make the best sentence, what letter does the LAST word begin with?
   the below roof the carpet leaked onto the through rain
   A  b
   B  c
   C  l
   D  t
INSTRUCTIONS

This booklet contains one writing task. You are to write in response to the topic in the space provided in the booklet.

You have 20 minutes to complete the task.

When you are told, open the booklet and begin.

There is blank planning space in the answer booklet where you may jot ideas or make a plan.

Remember the amount you write is not as important as the quality of what you write.

If you finish writing before time is up, use the rest of the time to go over your work and to make changes you feel might improve it.

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD

Writing task

Write a response to the following question about changes you would like to see.

What changes would you like to see in your neighbourhood, suburb, town, or in Australia as a whole?

Your writing will be judged on:

what you have to say
how well you organise the way you say it and
how clearly and effectively you express yourself.

You are encouraged to use the blank space for planning and rough work.
Work on this page will not be marked.

START YOUR RESPONSE ON THE NEXT PAGE.
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