

Notes for parents and tutors

The **Practice Papers for GL and Other Test Providers** include four practice tests to prepare your child for sitting their 11+ exams. The four tests – English, Maths, Verbal Reasoning and Non-verbal Reasoning – have been designed to replicate the format and content of real GL 11+ exams as closely as possible, helping to familiarise your child with the style of the papers ahead of sitting them. The pack also includes this answer booklet, which includes answers to all the questions and explanations for any tricky questions, and a multiple-choice answer-sheets booklet.

Before your child takes the tests

Remind your child that they are taking the tests so that they feel more comfortable on the day of the 11+ exams. Give your child each test at an appropriate time; it is best if they are feeling relaxed and rested. Make sure they have a suitable place to work that is well-lit and free from distractions.

Make sure your child understands how to use the multiple-choice answer sheets. Each one has an example of how answers should be marked on the answer grids. It is important that any mistakes are rubbed out carefully, not crossed out, as the real 11+ papers are marked by a computer. You should also ensure that your child has a pencil, pencil sharpener, eraser and a sheet of paper for any rough working out, and that they can see a clock or a watch. Explain to your child that they should work as quickly and as carefully as they can and that if they find a question difficult, they should move on and come back to it at the end if they have time.

Read through the instructions on the first page of each test booklet together.

Timing the tests

Allow 50 minutes each for the English, Maths and Verbal Reasoning papers. The Non-verbal Reasoning paper is split into six sections. Allow your child six minutes to complete each section. For each section, your child should complete the example and two practice questions and then do the test questions in that section. Do not time your child as they work through the example and practice questions, as these are intended simply to familiarise your child with the question type.

Marking the tests

The answers to the tests are provided in this booklet, along with explanations for any tricky questions. Give one mark for each correct answer. Do not give half marks and do not deduct marks for incorrect answers.

Convert the total score into a percentage. Generally, children should be aiming to achieve 85% in these practice tests in the final weeks leading up to the 11+ exams. It should be noted that the pass marks for the actual tests will depend on the overall standard of the candidates, so 85% is only an indication of the score needed to pass.

Whatever the score, try to be positive and give encouragement to your child. Together, look back over the tests and go through any incorrect answers to see where your child went wrong. This is a useful method for learning ways to achieve the correct answer the next time they try a similar question.

Next steps

Look through your child's tests and establish whether they have struggled with a particular topic or skill. You can then take steps to provide your child with relevant further practice. The **Schofield & Sims** 11+ range offers complete practice for the 11+ exams.

- The **Study and Practice Books** explain all of the 11+ topics and question types in detail and are useful for revising areas children find difficult.
- The **Rapid Tests** are short tests which provide regular practice and help to get your child used to working quickly.
- The **Progress Papers** are longer tests of between 45 and 75 minutes which offer in-depth practice in all question types to consolidate learning.