



St John's School
LEATHERHEAD

NAME:.....

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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Pre-Assessment (Sample Material)

Time allowed – 50 minutes

Section A: Reading: 30 minutes

Read the sentences that follow and underline the correct word from among those shown in brackets to complete the sentence correctly.

Example:

The barked at the cat (lady, chair, dog, key, cattle)

You have 30 minutes to complete as many sentences as you can. If you are unsure of the answer, leave the sentence unmarked and move on to the next one.

1. The.....went to play football (story, leg, toy, boy, grass)
2. The was laid for supper (table, clothes, fable, soup, leg)
3. The horses were standing in a (cow, field, sky, middle, sink)
4. Mother brought the tea in on a (book, stand, tray, white, laid)
5. Please tell me a at bedtime (black, tail, pony, story, chill)
6. We all at the clown (stood, clever, jumped laughed, ought)
7. I was about my last holiday (thinking, drinking, standing, sadly, down)
8. is a colour I like (read, purple, fire, small, shiny)
9. The dog ate its dinner (likely, wagging, jumped, wish, greedily)
10. I had to run to win the race (glance, small, fast, jump, last)
11. We found a large of jewellery lying in the road (huge, street, quantity, shape, mess)
12. We will make an to meet up later (arrangement, trip, talked, appointment, station)
13. The of the meeting was to choose a leader (small, purpose, forget, difficult, slander)
14. The railway was empty (living, bedroom, shoulder, printing, carriage)
15. His leg was broken in the fall from the cliff (damage, cleanly, danger, severely, places)
16. In the Science we had to carry out an experiment (change, laughing, crimson, create, practical)
17. I gained a badge for some good work (excellent, merit, timer, smaller, sensible)
18. I was given a £500 for getting the contract (bonus, river, dangerous, cookery, yellow)
19. The twins were and could not be told apart (small, playing, identical, unhelpful, sad, problem)

20. We worked inrooms so that we would not be tempted to talk (large, lounge, separate, definite, twentieth)
21. A metre is a of measurement (unfit, ruler, unit, colour, starry)
22. My watch has broken (digital, small, time, straight, dressed)
23. We use a to look up word meanings (date, serious, shepherd, false, dictionary)
24. A circle is a shape (rounded, triangle, breakfast, similar twelve)
25. Be when crossing busy roads (smaller, creeping, familiar, silly, cautious)
26. He is an fellow and always laughing (amiable, unpleasant, stiff, angry, frozen)
27. I like coffee, without a bitter taste (shoulder, yellow, station, strange, mellow)
28. The monster had a very expression (quieten, frightening, guard, slightly, ghost)
29. I have not been doing my homework (lately, fierce, suggest, burning, soon)
30. He was most when he was late for the lesson (smiling, sullen, shuddered, grief, apologetic)
31. The criminal was told to always be polite and not the police. (frighten, temper, antagonise, direction, grovel)
32. After all that walking I am feeling very (weary, mountain, slowly, presume, matching)
33. To means to think, or meditate (briefly, singing, contemplate, gorgeous, tiredness)
34. 'You are so very clever', he said with an smile (hardly, genius, bothersome, grinning, ironic)
35. I was when I passed all my exams (sorrowful, meanwhile, ecstatic, loathing, quieted)
36. I find Maths really difficult (triangular, equations, equator, scorching, bootleg)
37. Germany became a country in 1872 (enormous, warlike, uniform, unified, territory)

38. I tried to around the final bend during the race
(speeding, accelerate, kindness stale, citizen)
39. I felt the pain when I trod on aof glass (childish, metallic, dreadful, sliver, charming)
40. What ameeting you like this! (surprising, matching, coincidence, brutish, worldly)
41. The plane when it hit the ground (disintegrated, orchestrate, spinning, crashing, disappoint)
42. The sad music made us feel very..... (happiness, startled, groundless, melancholy, colourful)
43. The whistle the end of the match (finished, troublesome, pointless, signified, phantom)
44. Many of ape are on the point of becoming extinct (special, mystified, lighthouse, jovial, species)
45. The pain form my broken leg was.....(interesting, intolerable, happiness, efficient, kinetic)
46. A judge is not allowed to take sides, he must be (legitimate, secure, impartial, trivial, splendour)
47. Driving in an open-top car can be..... (boring, troublesome, exhilarating, trembling, scared)
48. We are a country and everyone is allowed to vote (disinterested, available, guided, democratic, communism)
49. 'It is to struggle', said the guard to his prisoner (futile, silliness, promised, boundless, bribery)
50. Theprofessor never changed his clothes (happiness, academic, eccentric, appealing, sought)
51. Some soldiers were fighting as guerrillas in the desert (badly, regiment, renegade, armies, proudly)
52. The firstbomb helped to win the Second World War (atomic, secondly, detonate, destruction, blatant)
53. The roads in Birminghamout from the centre (parallel, boundary, radiate, stretching, curling)
54. I have a lot of expense on our holiday to Barbados. (incurred, embarrassed, wanted, seemingly, pointed)
55. The Prime Minister is veryand does not consult his ministers (rudeness, helpful, autocratic, challenging, piquant)

56. The scandal was caused through gossip by some people in the town. (insipid, malicious, tedious, stringy, malpractice)
57. The child was very clever for his age (kindness, handsome, precocious, phantasm, choked)
58. I could not tell even my most friends about the problem (deadly, anaemic, heinous, intimate, ungodly)
59. The murdered anyone who stood in his way (priesthood, tyrant, malicious, belligerent, positive)
60. The pulling down of The Berlin Wall was partly a gesture (treason, communist, symbolic, triumph, cowardice)
61. It was wonderful to hear the whole orchestra paying in(discord, harmony, flautist, boundaries, gorgeous)
62. I was very by my performance in the test, as I had worked so hard. (disheartened, captivated, solidarity, personable, autocrat)
63. The earthquake was for the whole region (challenging, annotate, catastrophic, gigantic, splendid)
64. I need somehelp with all this paperwork (secretarial, special, mollify, gregarious, fecund)
65. Your manner is making people uncomfortable (friendly, miserable, effective, haughty, forestry)
66. The railway at Waterloo station (agitate, travelling, terminates, extraordinary, delegate)
67. My remarks were taken out of and have been misunderstood (friendliness, business, greatly, heartfelt, context)
68. The thieves were taken before theand received a heavy prison sentence (magician, troublesome, celebrity, magistrates, clerk)
69. The committee wanted complete rather than being ordered about by the director (suggestible, behavioural, society, autonomy, beneficial)
70. The five bishops were convicted of and sentenced to burn at the stake (enchantment, catholic, energetic, physique, heresy)

71. My Hoover is very.....and I can't buy any spare parts
(untidy, antiquated, journal, secrecy, liberal)
72. I heard asound coming from the music room where
the quartet were playing (strained, uncertain, secondary,
mellifluous, hybrid)
73. Today governments try to make forests, by planting
more trees than they chop down (extinct, revolutionary,
sustainable, production, termination)
74. My finances are in a state, and I need to talk to my
accountant about saving money (parlous, seriously,
understandable, directory, suggestible)
75. Youris so poor that I cannot understand what you say
(dressage, behaviour, laudanum, helix, contemporary, diction)
76. Whether God exists is an interesting question
(religion, philosophical, simian, legitimately, lugubrious)
77. It is the of celebrities to arrive late for appointments
(symbol, chance, prerogative, trend, affluence)
78. After twenty days without food, the castaway looked very
..... (happiness, hopeless, gaunt, tribal, forsook)
79. The clerk consulted an Latin law book to find the
answer which the solicitor asked for (archangel, archaic,
archaeology, specious, spurious)
80. Your schemes for the house are going to be too
expensive (grandiose, intelligent, parsimonious, understated,
specific)

Section B – Writing: 20 minutes

You have 20 minutes to complete this section. You will be marked on the quality of your writing, including the accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation.

1. A friend of yours is about to move into your area and is thinking of joining your school. Write a letter to your friend explaining what you think is good or bad about your school, to help with this decision.