Free 11+ Mini-Mock: answers and explanations

For parents. Keep this away from your child until the mock is finished.

How to mark. One mark per question. A question left blank scores 0, and a question with more than one lozenge marked scores 0, except "Choose two" questions, which score one mark only if exactly the two right answers are marked. There is no negative marking. Keep a note of how many questions in each section were not attempted, as well as how many were wrong.
What the score means. These are raw practice marks. They are not Kent standardised scores and cannot be converted into one: real scores are age-standardised against everyone who sat the live test. Use the result to find topics to practise, not to predict a pass.

Section	Q	Answer	Topic	Explanation
EN	1	**B**	Comprehension: retrieval	Correct answer: 9 minutes. The bus was due at 6:15 and Ellie's watch said 6:24: that is 9 minutes.
EN	2	**D**	Comprehension: inference	Correct answer: He is cross and fed up. Sam kicks a puddle and has 'decided that this was the worst day of his life': he is cross and fed up.
EN	3	**A**	Comprehension: language	Correct answer: the walk would seem very long. It is an exaggeration: the walk would feel much longer than it really is, with Sam complaining all the way.
EN	4	**B and E**	Comprehension: retrieval	Correct answers: "a farm" and "a narrow bridge". The walk home goes 'past the farm with the barking dogs, over the narrow bridge and up the hill'.
EN	5	**A**	Comprehension: inference	Correct answer: the lights of the bus. The 'eyes' grow brighter with 'a low rumble', and Ellie says 'It's only the bus': they are the bus's headlights.
EN	6	**C**	Comprehension: language	Correct answer: It is very hard to see through. The driver is explaining why he is late: the fog is so thick it is hard to see through.
EN	7	**B**	Punctuation	The exclamation mark goes inside the inverted commas, and no comma is needed after it.
EN	8	**E**	Spelling	certain: c-e-r-t-a-i-n. "Curtain" is a different word.
MA	1	**D**	Multiplication	40 × 6 = 240 and 4 × 6 = 24. Total 264. Watch out for 274: it is 10 too many, so check how you added the two parts.
MA	2	**D**	Rounding	Look at the digit to the right of the thousands place. 81,588 rounds to 82,000. Watch out for 81,000: you get that if you round the wrong way.
MA	3	**B**	Money	Total cost £4.24. Change = £5.00 − £4.24 = 76p. Watch out for £4.24: you get that if you give the total instead of change.
MA	4	**C**	Fractions of amounts	140 ÷ 10 = 14, then × 3 = 42. Watch out for 14: you get that if you find one part only.
MA	5	**B**	Angles	Angles in a triangle add up to 180°. 180° − 78° − 38° = 64°. Watch out for 54°: you get that if you make a slip in the tens when subtracting.
MA	6	**A and E**	Factors (choose two)	48 × 2 = 96 and 6 × 16 = 96.
MA	7	**B**	Bar chart	Grapes = 60, Orange = 25. 60 − 25 = 35. Watch out for 40: you get that if you misread a half-way bar.
VR	1	**A and E**	Compound words (two groups)	pop + corn = popcorn.
VR	2	**B**	Word-letter codes	Letters move alternately back 1 and forward 1 in the alphabet.
VR	3	**C**	Number series	The rule is: double each time. The next number is 96.

VR	4	**D**	Letter series	The first letters move 3 each time; the second letters move +1 each time.
VR	5	**A**	Logic	The full order is Lily, Kai, Mo, Nell, Ollie.
VR	6	**A**	Word-number codes	Match words that share letters with codes that share digits. NOTE = 3924.
NVR	1	**E**	Series	The arrow turns 45° clockwise each time, the small shape moves one corner clockwise, and the shading alternates.
NVR	2	**B**	Matrices	Each row and each column has one of each shape and one of each kind of shading. Find the shape and the shading that are missing from both the last row and the last column.
NVR	3	**A**	Reflection	Each part flips across the upright mirror line: what was on the left is now on the right, and shading stays the same.
NVR	4	**C**	Paper folding	Every hole goes through two layers, so each punched hole makes two holes, mirrored across the fold line. There are 4 holes when the paper is opened.

Practice questions (not marked)

Section	Q	Answer	Topic	Explanation
EN	P1	**E**	Practice (not marked)	It is a question, so it ends with a question mark, and it starts with a capital letter.
EN	P2	**D**	Practice (not marked)	The story is in the past tense, so the verb is "ran".
MA	P1	**D**	Practice (not marked)	30 × 3 = 90 and 1 × 3 = 3. Total 93. Watch out for 103: it is 10 too many, so check how you added the two parts.
MA	P2	**B**	Practice (not marked)	Total cost £8.69. Change = £10.00 − £8.69 = £1.31. Watch out for £8.69: you get that if you give the total instead of change.
VR	P1	**D**	Practice (not marked)	Each letter moves 1 place back in the alphabet.
VR	P2	**C**	Practice (not marked)	The rule is: the gap increases by 1 each time. The next number is 18.
NVR	P1	**C**	Practice (not marked)	One more dot is added each time.
NVR	P2	**A**	Practice (not marked)	Each part flips across the upright mirror line: what was on the left is now on the right, and shading stays the same.

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Circle the question numbers your child got wrong. Any topic with a circled number is worth a short practice session, using the matching topic pack and the worked solutions.

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