FAIR ELEVEN

Free Tiffin Boys-style 11+ Mini-Mock

English and Mathematics (multiple choice) · 20 questions · 26 minutes

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Read each question carefully. Work as quickly and carefully as you can.

If you cannot answer a question, go on to the next one. You may come back to it if you have time at the end of the section.

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet in pencil, by drawing a firm line through the lozenge. Mark one lozenge for each question.

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English

You will have 14 minutes for this section.

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions. You may look back at the passage as often as you like.

Then answer the spelling, punctuation, grammar and vocabulary questions.

Wait until you are told to start.

Tom is on holiday by the sea. Near the harbour, a stone path called a causeway leads out to a small island, but it is only safe to walk along it when the tide is low; at other times it is covered by the sea. Tom has spent the afternoon exploring the island.

The Causeway

The fog arrived without warning, as fog on that coast always did. One moment Tom could see the whole causeway unrolling ahead of him, a ribbon of wet cobbles stretching from the island back to the mainland; the next, a pale wall had swallowed it entirely, and he was standing alone in a world no wider than his own outstretched arms.

He checked his watch, though he already knew what it would tell him. Thirty-five minutes past low water. Mrs Pengelly at the harbour café had been emphatic: "Forty minutes either side of low water, and not a second more. The sea doesn't negotiate." But he had dawdled on the island, scrambling over the rock pools in search of a crab worth photographing, and now the tide was turning behind him.

Tom forced himself to breathe slowly. Panic, his grandfather used to say, was a thief: it stole your common sense and left you nothing in exchange. The causeway ran perfectly straight, he reminded himself. If he kept the cobbles beneath his feet, he could not go far wrong.

He began to walk, then to jog. The fog muffled everything except the rasp of his own breathing and, somewhere to his right, a sinister, sucking gurgle that he did not like at all. Water was already seeping between the stones, glossing them with a treacherous sheen. Twice his trainers skidded, and twice he flung out his arms to steady himself, his heart lurching into his throat.

Then, abruptly, the cobbles ended. Tom stopped dead. Ahead of him lay not stone but sand, rippled and glistening, and beyond it nothing at all. Had he strayed off the path? He turned in a slow, desperate circle. Every direction looked identical: grey above, grey below, grey on every side. For a terrible moment he could not even tell which way he had come.

It was the bell that saved him. Faint at first, then unmistakable, it came clanging through the murk: the old warning bell on the slipway, which the lifeboat volunteers rang whenever fog rolled in. Tom had heard it every morning of his holiday and dismissed it as a quaint nuisance. Now it sounded

like the sweetest music in the world.

He turned towards it and ran, splashing through water that grew colder and deeper with every stride. The cobbles returned beneath his feet, then the solid concrete of the slipway, and suddenly a figure in a yellow oilskin was hauling him up by the elbow.

"Cutting it a bit fine, weren't you?" said Mrs Pengelly. Her voice was stern, but her hand on his arm was trembling.

An original story written for Fair Eleven.

1 According to Mrs Pengelly, for how long either side of low water is it safe to cross the causeway?

A twenty minutes
B forty minutes
C until the fog rolls in
D an hour
E thirty-five minutes

2 Why had Tom stayed on the island for too long?

A He had been waiting at the café for the fog to clear.
B He had fallen asleep on the beach.
C He had lost his watch among the rocks.
D He had been helping the lifeboat volunteers.
E He had been searching the rock pools for a crab worth photographing.

3 "The sea doesn't negotiate" (line 8). What does Mrs Pengelly mean?

A The tide comes in at its own time whatever people want, so the time limit must be obeyed.
B The sea is only dangerous when there is fog.
C Visitors must ask her permission before crossing.
D The sea is too rough for anyone to swim in.
E Nobody can tell when the tide will turn.

4 "Panic, his grandfather used to say, was a thief: it stole your common sense" (line 12). What does this comparison suggest?

A Panic only happens to dishonest people.
B Panic makes people want to steal things.
C Panic is something you can catch from other people.
D Panic takes away your ability to think clearly.
E Panic helps you to run away faster.

5 "Water was already seeping between the stones, glossing them with a treacherous sheen" (line 19). In this sentence, "treacherous" means

A bright and dazzling
B warm and comforting
C dangerous, in a way that could easily catch you out
D dry and dusty
E thick and sticky

6 When the cobbles suddenly end (line 21), why does Tom stop dead?

A He has safely reached the mainland.

B The water in front of him is too deep to cross.

C He can hear the warning bell ahead of him.

D He has spotted the crab he was looking for.

E He fears he has wandered off the causeway and no longer knows where he is.

7 How do Tom's feelings about the warning bell change during the passage?

A He has never heard it before, so it confuses him.

B He used to find it a mild annoyance, but now he is overjoyed to hear it because it guides him to safety.

C He finds it annoying before and after the fog.

D He mistakes it for the sound of the lifeboat setting off.

E He used to love its sound, but now it frightens him.

8 "Her voice was stern, but her hand on his arm was trembling" (line 36). What does this show about Mrs Pengelly?

A She sounds cross with Tom, but she has been very frightened for his safety.

B She is angry because Tom was rude to her in the café.

C She is only pretending to be cross as a joke.

D She is too weak to pull Tom out of the water.

E She does not really care what happened to Tom.

9 Which word is spelt correctly?

A disapeared	**B** dissappeared	**C** dissapeared	**D** disappeared

E disappeered

10 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

A "Cutting it a bit fine, weren't you?" Said Mrs Pengelly.

B "Cutting it a bit fine, weren't you"? said Mrs Pengelly.

C "Cutting it a bit fine, weren't you?" said Mrs Pengelly.

D "Cutting it a bit fine, werent you?" said Mrs Pengelly.

E Cutting it a bit fine, weren't you? said Mrs Pengelly.

11 Which sentence is written correctly?

A Me and Tom were soaked by the time we reached the slipway.

B Tom and I were soaked by the time we reach the slipway.

C Tom and I was soaked by the time we reached the slipway.

D Tom and me were soaked by the time we reached the slipway.

E Tom and I were soaked by the time we reached the slipway.

12 Mrs Pengelly "had been emphatic". Which word is closest in meaning to "emphatic"?

A polite	**B** forceful	**C** cheerful	**D** quiet	**E** uncertain

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STOP. Wait for further instructions.

Mathematics

You will have 12 minutes for this section.

Answer each question. You may use the spaces in this booklet for working out. Calculators are not allowed.

Wait until you are told to start.

1 Kofi buys a pencil case for £1.99 and a sandwich for £2.85. Kofi pays with a £5 note. How much change should Kofi get?

A 6p	**B** 10p	**C** 11p	**D** 12p	**E** 16p

2 How many metres are there in 9.32 kilometres?

A 932 m	**B** 9,320 m	**C** 9,693 m	**D** 11,185 m	**E** 93,200 m

3 The first four numbers in a sequence are 24, 30, 36, 42. What is the 8th number in the sequence?

A 48	**B** 66	**C** 72	**D** 84	**E** 192

4 A recipe for 6 people uses 240 g of oats. How much oats is needed for 10 people?

A 244 g	**B** 360 g	**C** 400 g	**D** 480 g	**E** 2400 g

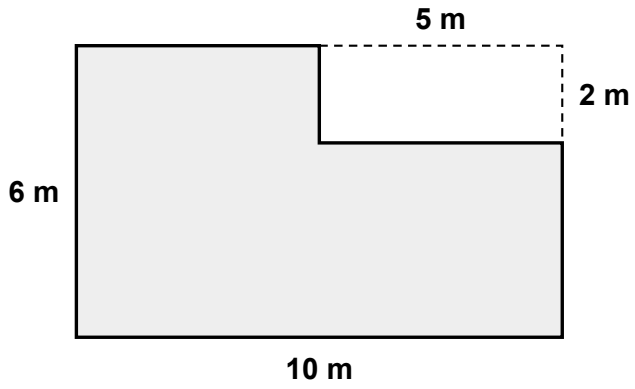
5 On a map, 1 cm stands for 10 km. Two towns are 80 km apart. How far apart are they on the map?

A 3 cm	**B** 4 cm	**C** 5 cm	**D** 8 cm	**E** 800 cm

6 Which of these fractions is the largest?

A 1/7	**B** 1/4	**C** 7/8	**D** 2/5	**E** 9/11

7 The diagram shows an L-shaped garden. It is not drawn exactly to scale. What is the area of the garden?



A 50 m²	**B** 54 m²	**C** 60 m²	**D** 62 m²	**E** 70 m²

8 Maya is 2 times as old as her brother Sam. In 5 years' time, their ages will add up to 31. How old is Maya now?

A 7	**B** 11	**C** 14	**D** 19	**E** 20

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