Mixed Verbal Reasoning Test

Answer the following questions by writing your answer in the space provided. You have **10 minutes** to complete these questions.

**Antonyms**
Match the words on the left with their antonyms (words with opposite meanings) on the right. Underline your answer.

1. **tasteful** energetic delicious vulgar disgusting
2. **unusual** normal ridicule barren biased
3. **rise** down plummet drift dropped
4. **safe** hazard risky cushioned ripe
5. **plausible** mobile adept unlikely pliable
6. **relinquish** rented retain slovenly surrender

**Synonyms**
Match the words on the left with their synonyms (words with the same or very similar meanings) on the right. Underline your answer.

7. **purpose** supposed score aim deliberate
8. **reap** gather disappear morbid apply
9. **hearten** succeed deafen glad encourage
10. **book** timetable register newspaper pages
11. **residual** strategy remaining living definite
12. **support** bear detain prove detest

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**Odd One Out**
In the questions below, one word is different to the others. Find and circle the odd word out.

13. erase       delete       restore       remove
14. praise      commend     compliment    pleased
15. solar       moon         planet       star
16. poach       steal        bake         roast
17. mauve       sage         lilac        violet
18. cygnet      joey         mare         foal

**Cloze Text (Questions 19 - 26)**
In the passage of text below, choose the word in bold that completes the sentence in the correct way. Underline your answer.

Emily was the newest **student/children/parent** at Westbrook school, and she was **retired/rumoured/relied** to be from a very wealthy family. She had been **disposed/dropped/rested** off outside the school gates in a very **worthless/fancy/frosty** car, and her shoes and clothes were all of the latest **styled/fashionable/trend**.

At first, most of the students at Emily’s new school were **weary/warned/wary** of her, and **avoided/escaped/duped** eye contact as they passed her in the hall. However, it didn’t take Emily very long to make friends, as she had always been a very **rapid/amiable/friendless** girl.
Sometimes you’ll be asked to use percentages to reduce or increase numbers. This will often be set out in a word problem, usually involving money and prices.

If you’re not sure how to find percentages of numbers using mental maths, refer back to our free worksheets from June before completing this worksheet.

A sports shop is having a sale. Take a look at the special offers sign below, then use it to answer the questions that follow.

**Sports Super Sale!**

- Hockey sticks - 25% off
- Football boots - 40% off
- Netballs - 15% off

OR

3 netballs for £9

**Example**

a. The hockey stick that Archie wants to buy costs £28. How much will it cost once it has been reduced?

**Step 1:** First, we need to find 25% of £28. 25% is the same thing as \( \frac{1}{4} \), so we should divide 28 by 4.

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£28 \div 4 = £7
\]

Hold on, though! We’re not quite finished.

**Step 2:** Because hockey sticks are 25% off, we need to take 25% (£7) away from the original price of the item.

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£28 - £7 = £21
\]

Sorted! Now have a go at the questions below:

1. Simon has £50 saved from his pocket money. The pair of football boots he wants to buy cost £95 full price. Can Simon afford to buy the boots once they have been reduced in the sale?

2. Marie wants to buy a hockey stick and a netball. Full price, the hockey stick costs £36, and the netball costs £5. How much will she spend in total after the items have been reduced in the sale?

3. Peter wants to buy 3 netballs that usually cost £4 each. Is it cheaper to buy 3 for £9, or 3 with 15% off?
Kirit owns a women’s clothing shop. The prices of some of the items she sells are below. Use the information to answer the questions that follow.

**Kirit’s Clothes Shop**

- Jeans - £35
- Long skirts - £25
- Denim shorts - £18
- Hair accessories - £4.50
- Hats - £5 each or 3 for the price of 2

**Questions**

1. Kirit asks her sales assistant to reduce the price of long skirts by 10%. How much will 2 skirts now cost?

2. Kirit also reduces the cost of denim shorts. They now cost £16.20. What percentage discount is this?

3. The shop introduces an offer where if you buy a pair of jeans and a long skirt, you get 30% off the total amount spent. How much would it cost to buy a pair of jeans and a long skirt with this offer?

4. Jenna buys 4 hair accessories. When she gets to the counter, the sales assistant tells her they are 20% off. How much money does Jenna save with this offer?

5. Abigail buys six hats. How much does she spend in total?
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Antonyms

1. vulgar, 2. normal, 3. plummet, 4. risky, 5. unlikely, 6. retain

Synonyms

7. aim, 8. gather, 9. encourage, 10. register, 11. remaining, 12. bear

Odd One Out

13. restore, 14. pleased, 15. solar, 16. steal, 17. sage, 18. mare

Cloze Text (Questions 19 - 26)

student
rumoured
dropped
fancy
trend
wary
avoided
amiable

More Percentages Practice

1. No (they will cost £57), 2. £31.25, 3. 3 for £9 is cheaper

More Percentages Practice (continued)

1. £45, 2. 10% (£1.80 saving), 3. £42, 4. £3.60, 5. £20