

FREE SAMPLE PAPER

SEAG Sample Paper 1 • Half

A real-format taster of the GL Assessment SEAG transfer paper, written by Northern Ireland primary teachers.

TIME

30 minutes

QUESTIONS

10 warm-up + 28

AGE

P6 • P7

The answer key with full explanations is emailed to you separately. Get it at seag.learningsuccess.co.uk/free-paper.

Before you start

A short note for the parent before your child picks up a pencil.

1

Untimed first, timed later

For the first sitting, let your child work at their own pace. Once the format feels familiar, run it again with a 30-minute timer.

2

Pencil and a quiet table

Pencil, eraser, a glass of water, somewhere away from screens. That is closer to what the real test feels like than you might expect.

3

Warm-up does not count

The ten warm-up questions (P1 to P10) are practice, not scored. They are there to settle your child into the question styles.

4

Mark together

When the answer key arrives by email, sit with your child and talk through the ones they missed. That is where the learning happens.

What this is. A half-paper in the official SEAG/GL format. The real test in November has 56 scored questions and 60 minutes. This paper has 28 scored questions in 30 minutes. The same shape, half the length.

English – Practice Test

In this question there is either **one** punctuation mistake or **no** punctuation mistake. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter. **If there is no mistake, mark N.**

P1

Conor finished his homework, packed his schoolbag, and went out to play football in the park

A **B** **C** **D** **N**

In this question you have to choose the **best** word to complete the sentence, so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. Choose the **best** answer and mark its letter.

P2

Cara is a _____ runner than her younger brother.

A diagram showing five boxes labeled A, B, C, D, and E. Box A contains the word 'fast', B contains 'faster', C contains 'fastest', D contains 'more fast', and E contains 'more faster'.

In this question there is either **one** spelling mistake or **no** spelling mistake. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter. **If there is no mistake, mark N.**

P3

Sara felt happy and hopefull about starting her new school in September.

A B C D N

Read the short passage to yourself. Then answer the question by choosing the **best** answer and marking its letter.

P4 "I'd better hurry," said Adam, glancing at the bus stop and breaking into a run.

Why is Adam hurrying?

- A** He is late for school
- B** He is trying to catch a bus
- C** He is being chased
- D** He enjoys running
- E** The bus stop is closed

For this question you have to **write your answer** on the line provided. A word or short phrase is enough.

P5 Liam pulled the curtains tight and turned the lamp off, but moonlight still poured through the gap and lay in a silver pool on the carpet.

In one or two words, what does the writer compare the moonlight to?

Maths – Practice Test

For these questions, choose the **best** answer from the five options and mark its letter.

P6 What is 12×8 ?

- A** 80 **B** 88 **C** 92 **D** 96 **E** 100

P7 Which of these is a quadrilateral?

- A** Triangle **B** Pentagon **C** Square **D** Hexagon **E** Octagon

P8 Which decimal is the same as $\frac{1}{4}$?

- A** 0.04 **B** 0.25 **C** 0.4 **D** 0.5 **E** 2.5

For these questions you have to **write your answers** on the lines provided.

P9 How many centimetres are there in 1.5 metres?

P10 Round 367 to the nearest 10.

In this exercise there are some **punctuation** mistakes. On each numbered line there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter. **If there is no mistake, mark N.**

Q1

Q2

Q3

The children's coats were hanging on hooks outside the classroom door, dripping with rain.

A B C D N

In these questions you have to choose the **best** word or phrase to complete each sentence, so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. Choose the **best** answer and mark its letter.

Grammar Exercise

Q4 If I _____ known about the match, I would have come to watch.

- | | | | | |
|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| have | had | would have | has | was |
| A | B | C | D | E |

Q5 The girl _____ found the lost puppy at the gate was given a small reward.

- | | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| who | which | what | whose | when |
| A | B | C | D | E |

In this exercise there are some **spelling** mistakes. On each numbered line there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter. **If there is no mistake, mark N.**

Spelling Exercise

Q6

My favourite aunt brought her neice a small present
A B C
for her tenth birthday.
D

N

Q7

Anna stood at the front, read her poem aloud, and was not
A B C
embarassed at all.
D

N

Read this passage to yourself. The questions on the next pages will ask you about it. You can look back at the passage as often as you need.

The Last Day at Killough Mill

For nearly two hundred years, the flax mill at Killough had stood beside the river. Its great wooden wheel turned with the rush of water from the hills, and the rumble of the stones grinding inside its thick walls could be heard halfway across the village. On Tuesday morning, Grace sat on the moss-covered wall outside the mill and watched the wheel turn for what she knew would be the last time.

Her grandfather had worked at the mill since he was twelve. His own father had worked there, and his father before him. Now the orders had stopped coming. The big factories in Belfast made cloth faster, and the small mills along the river had closed, one after another, like candles being blown out. The Killough mill was the last.

"Will the wheel still turn after today, Granda?" Grace asked.

Her grandfather sat down beside her and folded his weathered hands. "It will turn," he said quietly, "until the river runs dry. But there will be no one inside to listen."

Grace looked at the wheel and then at the old stone building. She had played in the courtyard since she could walk. She knew every uneven flagstone, every swallow's nest tucked under the eaves. The mill had always smelled of damp wood and warm linen, and the sound of the stones inside had been the heartbeat of the village.

"I want to remember it," she said.

Her grandfather nodded. "Then we will sit here a while longer. The wheel is in no hurry."

Together they watched the water tumble over the paddles and the wheel turn its slow, patient turns. Somewhere inside, the last sack of flax waited on the floor. Above the slate roof, the swallows wheeled in the clear blue sky, and a single white feather drifted down from the eaves onto Grace's shoulder.

Please answer these questions. (Look back at the passage again if you need to.) Choose the **best** answer and mark its letter.

Q8 **How long had the flax mill at Killough stood beside the river?**

- A** About fifty years
- B** About one hundred years
- C** Nearly two hundred years
- D** Five hundred years
- E** It does not say

Q9 **Why have the orders stopped coming to the mill?**

- A** The river is running dry
- B** The wooden wheel has broken
- C** The big factories in Belfast make cloth faster
- D** Grace's grandfather wants to retire
- E** The villagers have moved away

Q10 **What does the writer mean by saying the small mills along the river closed "like candles being blown out"?**

- A** The mills caught fire
- B** The mills closed one after another, quietly and finally
- C** The mills were lit only by candles
- D** The wax of the mills melted away
- E** The wind blew through the empty mills

- Q11** In paragraph 4, what does the word “weathered” tell us about the grandfather’s hands?
- A** They have been damaged by water from the river
 - B** They have been worn by many years of hard outdoor work
 - C** They are cold and need warming
 - D** They predict what the weather will do
 - E** They have just been washed
- Q12** Why does the writer end the passage with a single white feather drifting onto Grace’s shoulder?
- A** To suggest the mill will soon be torn down and built over
 - B** To explain how cloth is made at the mill
 - C** To give a quiet, gentle ending that mirrors Grace’s wish to remember the mill
 - D** To show that the wheel has finally stopped turning
 - E** To prepare the reader for a sequel

For these questions you have to **write your answers** on the lines provided. Answer in one or two words unless the question asks for more.

- Q13** **At what age did Grace’s grandfather start working at the mill?**

- Q14** **Find a phrase in paragraph 5 that shows how important the mill has always been to the village.**

Maths Test · Q15 to Q28

For these questions, choose the **best** answer from the five options and mark its letter.

Q15 What is $348 + 195$?

- A** 543 **B** 423 **C** 533 **D** 553 **E** 633

Q16 What is 56×4 ?

- A** 60 **B** 224 **C** 220 **D** 240 **E** 256

Q17 Ciara saves £14. Her older brother gives her £8 for helping wash the car.

How much money does Ciara have now?

- A** £6 **B** £18 **C** £20 **D** £22 **E** £24

Q18 Which fraction is equivalent to $\frac{5}{8}$?

- A** $\frac{5}{9}$ **B** $\frac{10}{15}$ **C** $\frac{15}{24}$ **D** $\frac{8}{12}$ **E** $\frac{5}{16}$

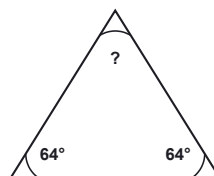
- Q19** A function machine multiplies its input by 4. The output is 56. What was the input?



- A** 12 **B** 14 **C** 13 **D** 15 **E** 16
- Q20** Which of these shapes has exactly two lines of symmetry?

- A** Equilateral triangle
- B** Square
- C** Parallelogram
- D** Rectangle
- E** Circle

- Q21** The triangle below is isosceles. Two of its angles are each 64 degrees. What is the size of the third angle?



Not drawn to scale

- A** 52° **B** 32° **C** 42° **D** 62° **E** 64°

Q22 Conor leaves home at 8:35 am. The journey to school takes 22 minutes.

At what time does he arrive?

A 8:53 am **B** 8:55 am **C** 8:57 am **D** 9:02 am **E** 9:05 am

Q23 A piece of string is 2.4 metres long. It is cut into pieces that are each 30 cm long.

How many pieces can be cut from the string?

A 6 **B** 7 **C** 9 **D** 10 **E** 8

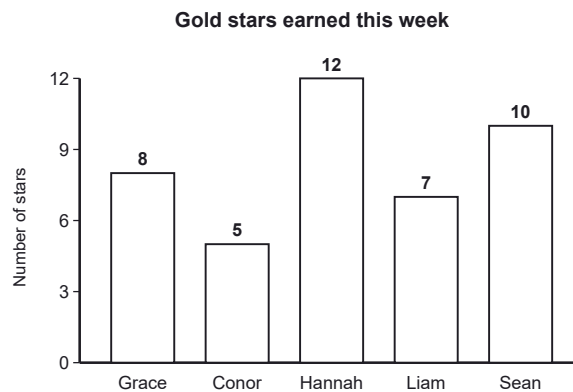
Q24 What is 40% of 60?

A 18 **B** 20 **C** 36 **D** 30 **E** 24

For these questions you have to **write your answers** on the lines provided.

Q25 The bar chart below shows the number of gold stars each of five children earned in last week's homework challenge.

Work out the total number of stars earned by Hannah and Sean together.



Q26 Cara saves 50p every week. After 8 weeks she wants to buy a book that costs £5.99.

How much more money does she still need?

Q27 Grace collected 24 shells on the beach. Two thirds of them were white.

How many of the shells were white?

Q28 Hannah draws a rectangle that is 9 cm long and 6 cm wide. She then cuts a square of side 3 cm out of one corner.

What is the area of the shape that is left?

THAT IS THE PAPER

Ready to mark it?

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The full 60-minute paper (56 scored questions) follows a few days later, also free, also in your inbox.

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