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The Kent 11+ Test

Familiarisation booklet

Kent Test Familiarisation Materials

About the Kent Test

The Kent Test helps find out whether a grammar school is the right fit for you. It looks at what you know in English and Maths, and how well you can reason with words and shapes.

The test is made up of two papers:

1. **English and Maths**
2. **Reasoning**

All the questions are multiple choice, and each paper is timed.

Timings

English and Maths

- The whole paper will take around 1 hour to complete.
- The **English** section will be 25 minutes long, with time for practice questions beforehand.
- The **maths** section will be 25 minutes long, with time for practice questions beforehand.

Reasoning

- The whole paper will take around 1 hour to complete.
- The **verbal reasoning** section will be 20 minutes long, with time for practice questions beforehand.
- For **non-verbal** and **spatial reasoning**, the test will be split up into 4-5 minute smaller sections. There will be some practice questions before each section.

Information about the test session

Both papers will be sat in the same session, with a short supervised break between them.

You will be given a question booklet and a separate answer sheet for each paper. Each question booklet will contain an instructions page telling you how many questions are in the assessment, and how to fill out your answer sheet. An invigilator will also read out some instructions before and after each paper, so make sure you listen carefully.

At the end of each page of your assessment, there will be instructions on how to proceed:

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Stop:

Do not turn to the next page until you are told to do so

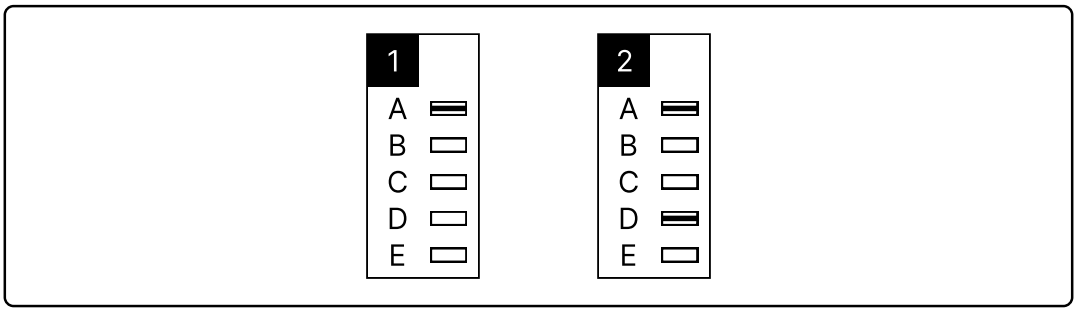
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Filling in your answer sheet

In your assessment, you will record your answers on a special answer sheet called an **OMR**. Any answers written in the question booklet will **not be marked**, so you must answer all questions on your answer sheet. You can see an example of an OMR answer sheet on **page 13**, and you can practise filling it in using your answers to the sample questions.

Choose your answers by drawing a line clearly through the rectangle with a pencil. The question will tell you how many answers you need to choose. See below for examples of how to fill in your answer sheet correctly.



If you make a mistake, rub it out and choose another answer!

Sample questions

In this document you will find some sample questions for the Kent 11+ test. These are designed to help you understand what the questions in your exam might look like and how to approach them.

These questions will **not** appear in your real assessment, but the examples will help you become familiar with the types of questions you could see.

Answer key

The answers to the familiarisation questions can be found on **page 14**. You can use them to check your work after completing the sample questions.

English

The English section of the assessment will test how well you can read a passage of text and understand it. You will also be tested on your vocabulary, spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Sample questions

Read the text below then answer questions 1–3.

Sam hesitated at the rusted gate of Hollow Lane's empty house, the hinges groaning as he pushed. Last Halloween, he and his friends had dared each other to touch its door. They'd giggled nervously as they'd crept closer, torch beams wobbling across the tangled overgrowth and jagged remains of a greenhouse. The house loomed above them, its gutters sagging and its windows clouded with grime. Then, without warning, a light had flickered in the attic window, followed by a shadow sliding across the dusty glass. Ella had grabbed Sam's sleeve so hard that her nails had dug into his wrist.

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1 Which word in this paragraph has the same meaning as 'sharp'?

A rusted

B empty

C tangled

D jagged

E clouded

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2 What evidence tells the reader that the house is not well kept?
Choose **two** answers.

A 'torch beams wobbling'

B 'loomed above them'

C 'gutters sagging'

D 'windows clouded with grime'

E 'light had flickered'

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3 What does the reader learn about Ella from this paragraph?

A She does not enjoy celebrating Halloween.

B She is closer with Sam than the rest of her friends.

C She is the leader of the friendship group.

D She gets frightened by the light in the window.

E She wants to know who lives in the house.

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4 Which word **best** completes the sentence below?

It was so cold that the pond _____ overnight.

A frozen **B** freezing **C** freeze **D** freezes **E** froze

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5 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

A When, Jamie got home he started his maths homework.

B When Jamie, got home he started his maths homework.

C When Jamie got home, he started his maths homework.

D When Jamie got home he started, his maths homework.

E When Jamie got home he started his maths, homework.

Maths

The Maths section of the assessment will test a variety of maths topics and skills. Some questions will focus on quick arithmetic, which you can solve in your head or with only a little working out. Other questions will challenge your problem-solving skills and take several steps to complete.

Sample questions

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1 $412 - \square = 298$

A 104 **B** 106 **C** 114 **D** 116 **E** 214

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2 $1{,}680 \div 5 =$

A 324 **B** 332 **C** 336 **D** 346 **E** 840

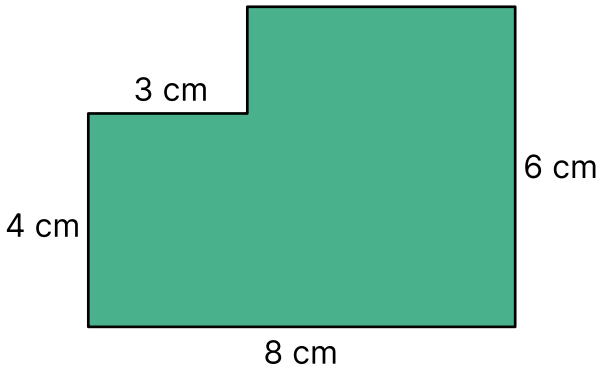
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3 Choose **all** of the common factors of 16 and 20.

A 2 **B** 4 **C** 5 **D** 6 **E** 8

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4 This shape is made from combining two rectangles.

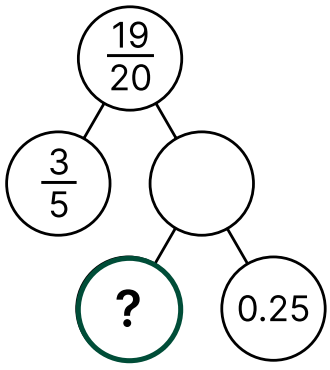


What is its area?

A 37 cm^2 **B** 38 cm^2 **C** 40 cm^2 **D** 42 cm^2 **E** 46 cm^2

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5 In this part-whole model, the two numbers below add up to make the number above.



Which number should replace the question mark?

A 2% **B** 5% **C** 10% **D** 12% **E** 20%

Verbal Reasoning

The Verbal Reasoning section of the assessment will test how well you can reason with words. Some questions will test your knowledge of the meanings of words and their uses in different contexts. Other questions will test your logical reasoning, and ask you to think information through step by step to find the correct answer.

Sample questions

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1 Choose the **two** words, one from each set of brackets, that are **closest** in meaning.

(show, book, solve) (mystery, display, play)

A show **B** book **C** solve **D** mystery **E** display **F** play

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2 Choose **two** words, one from each set of brackets, that can be joined together to form a new word.

(hat, cap, top) (tan, chin, able)

A hat **B** cap **C** top **D** tan **E** chin **F** able

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3 Choose the word that **best** completes the sentence below.

The _____ artwork had to be handled with great care.

A cheap **B** colourful **C** dramatic **D** fragile **E** gloomy

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4 Three of these words are linked in some way.

Choose the **two** odd ones out.

A bear **B** duck **C** mouse **D** sheep **E** snail

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5 Read the information below, then answer the question.

- Hilma grows vegetables on her farm and harvests them throughout the summer.
- She always takes her vegetables to market the month after she harvests them.
- Her courgettes are ready to harvest first, one month before the tomatoes.
- Pumpkins and squash are harvested over two months, beginning in September.
- The sweetcorn is harvested in August, one month after the tomatoes.

What vegetable does Hilma take to market in July?

A courgettes **B** tomatoes **C** pumpkins **D** squash **E** sweetcorn

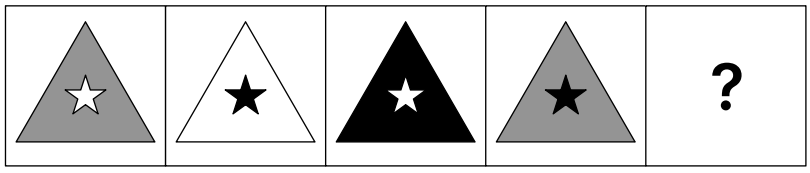
Non-Verbal and Spatial Reasoning

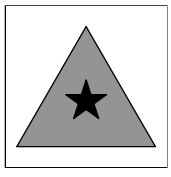
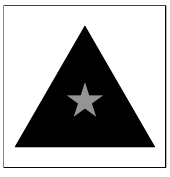
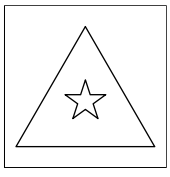
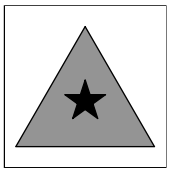
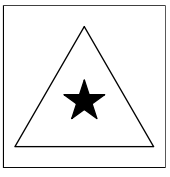
The Non-Verbal and Spatial Reasoning sections of the assessment will test your ability to understand and work with patterns, 2D shapes and 3D shapes. Some questions may ask you to spot sequences, similarities, or differences between shapes. Others may challenge you to visualise how shapes might look from different angles, or how they would appear if folded, unfolded, or rotated.

Sample questions

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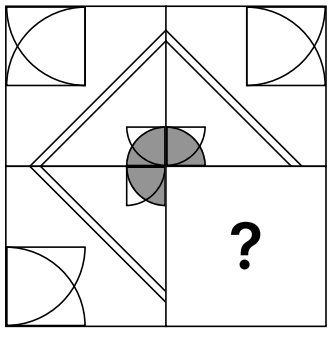
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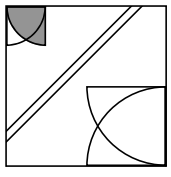
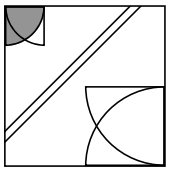
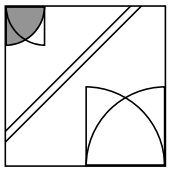
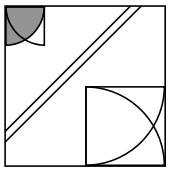
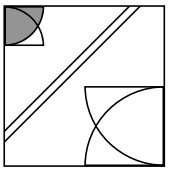


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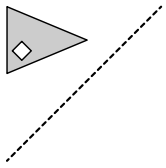
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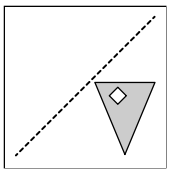


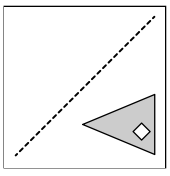
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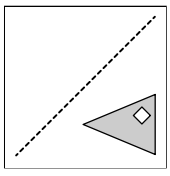
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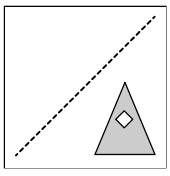
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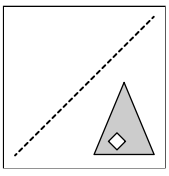


A 

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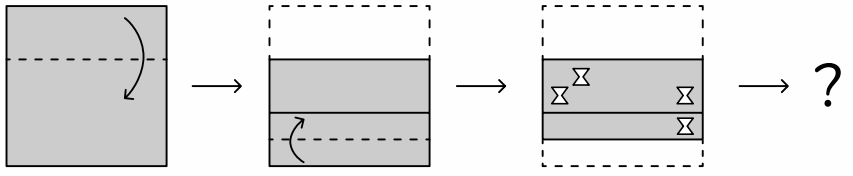
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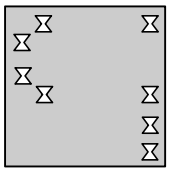
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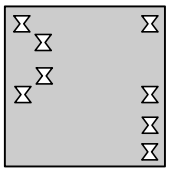
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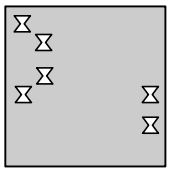
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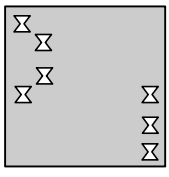
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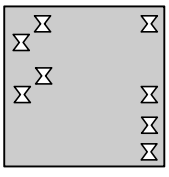


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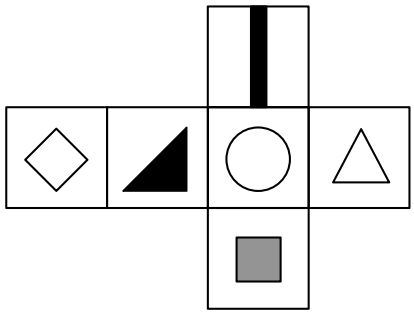
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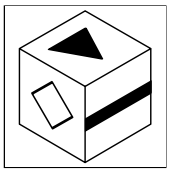
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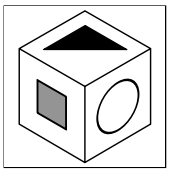
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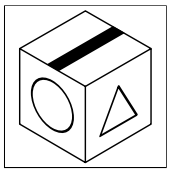
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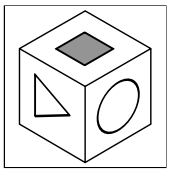
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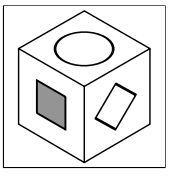


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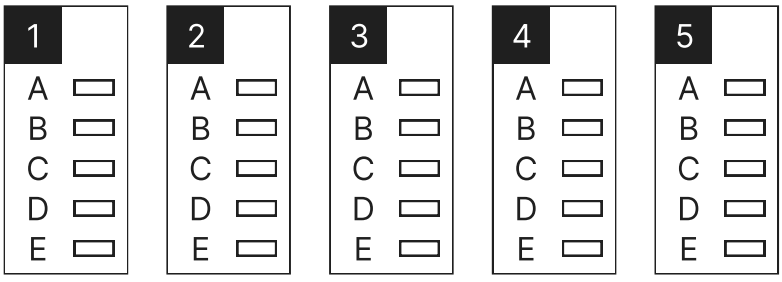
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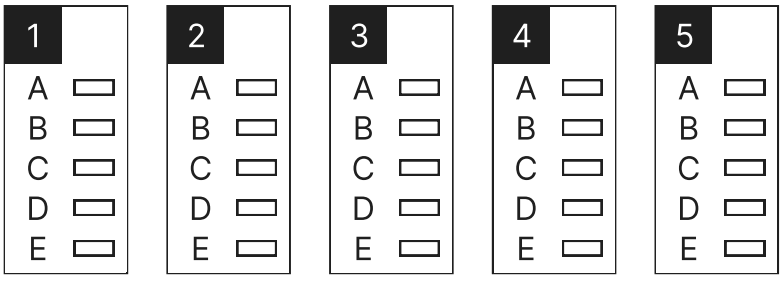
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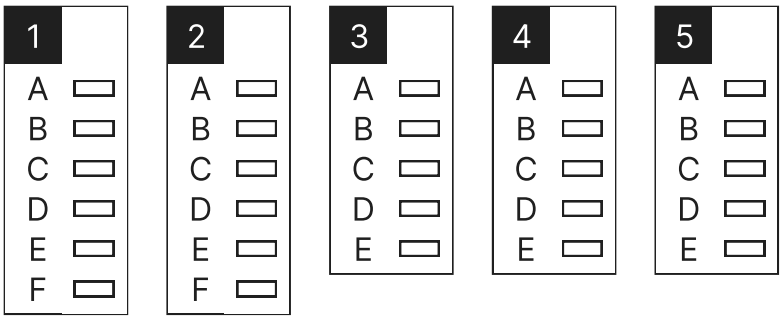
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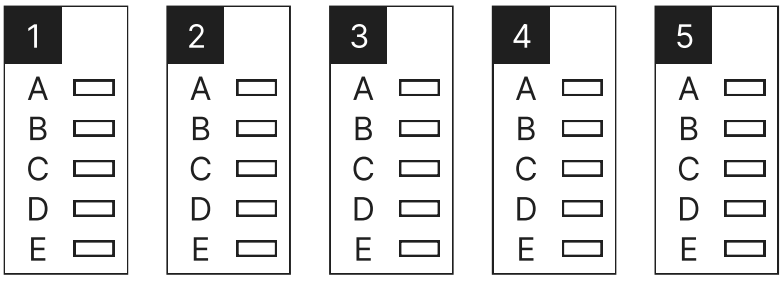
Maths



Verbal Reasoning



Non-Verbal and Spatial Reasoning



Answer Key

English

1 **D**

1 **C, D**

3 **D**

4 **E**

5 **C**

Maths

1 **C**

2 **C**

3 **A, B**

4 **D**

5 **C**

Verbal Reasoning

1 **A, E**

2 **B, F**

3 **D**

4 **B, E**

5 **A**

Non-Verbal and Spatial Reasoning

1 **C**

2 **B**

3 **E**

4 **B**

5 **C**