## 11+ Mock exam - Preview

This preview is designed to show you in some depth the contents of our mock exam packs. It covers all elements of the 11 Plus mock exams for your chosen area.

#### Mock exam overview

Our mocks are designed to give your child as close a feel for what they may face on the day as we can.

We attempt to closely replicate the number of questions children will face and match the difficulty levels of these questions. Time allowances are also as accurate as we can make them.

In some cases, we put something new into the papers, such as an additional section. We do this to replicate changes we have seen come into other areas which we believe may become more widespread.

Overall, our mocks give as realistic an experience as possible. Even if the format is changed slightly on the day, your child will be ready for it.

SCROLL DOWN TO SEE WHAT OUR MOCK EXAM PAPERS LOOK LIKE INSIDE





# 11+ Northern Ireland

#### Mock exam structure

Every section of our mock exam paper starts with a front sheet like this. It outlines the structure of the paper, which is the same as the exam itself. It is broken into 3 sections, all of which have answers provided at the end.

**TIME ALLOWED: APPROX 1 HOUR** 

#### Instructions

This paper consists of three separate sections. The first section contains a practice test which will NOT be assessed. You will then have 60 minutes to complete both section 2 and section 3.

Section 1: Practice section

Section 2: English

Section 3: Mathematics

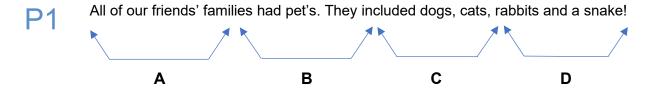
All responses should be marked on the separate answer sheet provided.

Please turn over the page to begin the practice section.

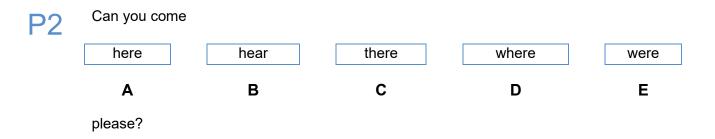
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This practice section shows you some examples of the types of questions you will encounter in the English test.

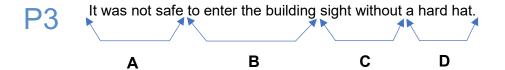
Practice Question 1: In each sentence, there may be errors in the use of capital letters and punctuation. Choose the letter which corresponds to the part of the sentence with the mistake. If there is no mistake, choose 'N'. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.



Practice Question 2: Choose the best option to complete each sentence so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. You should choose one of the five options and mark its letter on the answer sheet.



Practice Question 3: In each sentence, there may be a spelling mistake. Choose the letter which corresponds to the part of the sentence with the mistake. If there's no mistake, choose 'N'. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.



### Practice Section

All of our papers include a structured practice section which includes both multiple choice and free-response questions for English and Maths.

Choose the best option to complete each sentence so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. You should choose one of the five options and mark its letter on the answer sheet.

### **Grammar Questions**

6	If you had left your house on time, you				
	couldn't of	could not	could have	hadn't of	could of
	Α	В	С	D	E
	been here in tir	ne to see your sister			
Exam fo		har all and a sale	utin a	were starting	bosin of
Our papers are split into short sections and have the same number of questions in begin of					
each section as the real exam will have.					
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_		d a good feel fo	the state of the s		
how to ap	proach the po	aper on the day	e by one	of	
				an	that
	A	В	С	D	E
	dinosaurs.				
9	He will never le	t anyone see			
	his	much	ours	he's	them
	A	В	С	D	E
	paintings until t	hey are finished.			
10	We				
	demanded	derided	decided	devastated	deviated
	A	В	С	D	E
	that the best thing to do was to keep our thoughts to ourselves.				

### Comprehension

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Read the text thoroughly and answer the questions carefully. Mark your answers on the answer sheet provided.

- The Falkland Islands War was a brief war fought between Great Britain and Argentina in 1982 over who controlled the Falkland Islands (known as Islas Malvinas in Argentina) and associated island dependencies.
- The Falkland Islands are located about 300 miles (480 kilometres) from the east coast of Argentina. They are made up of two main islands (East Falkland and West Falkland) and several hundred smaller ones. Britain claimed the islands in 1765, but the Spanish later took them over and named them the Islas Malvinas.
  - Spanish rule ended in 1806, after which the islands were claimed by Argentina. Britain seized the islands in 1833. This led to a long argument with Argentina over who should control the islands.
    - In early 1982, President Leopoldo Galtieri, the head of Argentina's ruling military junta, authorised the invasion of the British Falkland Islands. The operation was designed to draw attention away from human rights and economic issues at home by bolstering national pride and giving teeth to the nation's long-held claim on the islands. After an incident
- between British and Argentine forces on nearby South Georgia Island, Argentine forces landed in the Falklands on April 2. The small garrison of Royal Marines resisted, however by April 4 the Argentines had captured the capital at Port Stanley. Argentine troops also landed on South Georgia and quickly secured the island.
- After organising diplomatic pressure against Argentina, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher ordered the assembly of a naval task force to retake the islands. After the House of Commons voted to approve Thatcher's actions on April 3, she formed a War Cabinet which first met three days later. Commanded by Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, the task force

### English comprehension

We have a mixture of fiction and nonfiction comprehension texts in our mocks so that your child can get used to different styles of writing. Our texts aim to be as similar as possible in terms of length and difficulty to those in the real exam. h was centered on the aircraft carriers HMS served in the task force including 43 prchant vessels. The British had a significant wer against poorly prepared Argentinian

on the high ground surrounding the key town eavy fighting, they succeeded in capturing ts later, and British units took the town's last Mount Tumbledown. Encircled on land and eneral Mario Menéndez, realised his 300 men on June 14, effectively ending the

conflict.

- 35 The conflict was a major episode in the protracted dispute over the territories' sovereignty. Argentina asserted (and maintains) that the islands are Argentine territory, and the Argentine government thus characterised its military action as the reclamation of its own territory. The British government regarded the action as an invasion of a territory that had been a Crown colony since 1841. Falkland Islanders, who have inhabited the islands since
- 40 the early 19th century, are predominantly descendants of British settlers, and strongly favour British sovereignty. Neither state officially declared war, although both governments declared the Islands a war zone.

- I am thinking of a number. I treble it, add 46, then divide that in half. I end up with 68. 49 What number was I thinking of originally?
  - Α 48
- В 34
- **C** 24
- 90
- **E** 30
- What is the angle between the two hands of a clock Question types 50
  - 60°
- 25°
- 30°

Our papers contain a mixture of multiple choice and freeresponse questions to prepare your child for the types of questions they will encounter in the real exam.

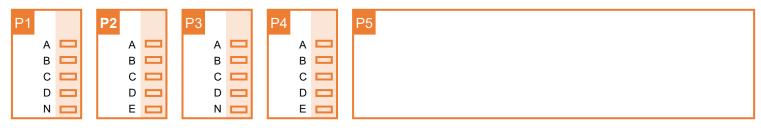
Questions 51-56 are free response. You must write your answers in the boxes on the answer sheet provided.

Find the missing digit to make the sum work: 51

		4	6
X			3
1	9	7	8



#### **Practice Section - English**



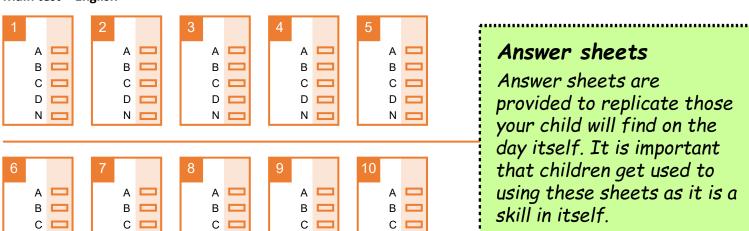
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#### Main test - English

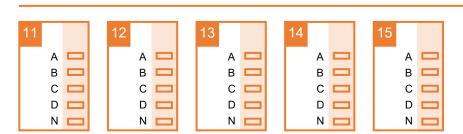
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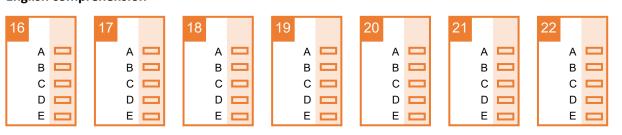
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#### **English comprehension**



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#### **ENGLISH PRACTICE SECTION**

Q	Answer	Explanation
P1	В	'pet's' should be 'pets' – no apostrophe needed.
P2	Α	
P3	С	'sight' should be 'site'.
P4	С	
P5	Films with speech/soundtracks.	NOT silent films

#### **MATHS PRACTICE SECTION**

Q	Answer	Explanation
P6	С	Step 1: If J = 2R and V = 3J, then V = 6R
		Step 2: Ratio R : J : V = 1 : 2 : 6
		Step 3: Add ratios to get 9
		Step 4: 81/9 x 6 = 54
P7	С	Step 1: subtract one from the difference each time
		Step 2: 85 + 16 = 101
P8	Е	Step 1: labelled sides - 28 + 20 + 15 + 12 = 75
		Step 2: unlabelled sides - (20-12) + (28-15) = 8 + 13 = 21
		Step 3: 75 + 21 = 96
P9	20%	Step 1: 1/5 = 20/100 = 20%
P10	£17.88	Step 1: normal price - £4.99 x 12 = £59.88
		Step 2: special offer - £14 x 3 = £42
p 3: 59.88 − 42 = £17.88		

### Answers and explanations

The correct answer for every question can be found on the answers page, and where necessary, we have provided a step-by-step solution for extra guidance on tricky questions.

#### **Mock Papers Administration:**

- 1. Set a date and time in advance to sit the mock papers (e.g., Next Saturday at 10:00am).
- 2. During the week remember to reference the upcoming date to build a little stress and tension. It is important children get used to the feeling of an approaching exam date.
- The evening before, treat it as you would the actual exam. Think about early bedtime, relaxation, proper nutrition etc. Organise where the test will be ta
- 4. In the morning, treat it as you would the morning of the exam itse
- Read out the instructions as if you were the invigilator and follow throughout the test. These invigilator instructions are below.
- If your child needs to go to the loo during the exam, keep the clockwill not pause in the exam hall for a loo break.

#### **Exam format information:**

- Each mock exam set consists of two 60-minute papers which she different days.
- Both papers contain a practice section, an English test and a ma
- Before starting the paper, give your child time to familiarise them answer sheets and complete the Practice Section which can be f beginning of each mock paper. This is untimed and will not be m
- Your child will then have 60 minutes to complete all 56 questions
- They can approach the paper in any order, but they should aim to complete the whole paper in the time given.

#### Invigilator instructions:

- 1. Your child should be sat at a desk with the exam paper, answer sheets and blank paper for rough workings in front of them at least 5 minutes before the exam. This is an important part of emulating the actual exam and introducing your child to the feeling of tension that they will feel on the day of the real exam.
- 2. Tell your child, "This paper consists of a Practice Section, an English test and a Maths test. The Practice Section will not be marked, and you can take as much time as you need to complete it. After completing the practice section, you will have 60 minutes to complete the rest of the paper. Remember to write all of your answers on the answer sheet provided."
- 3. Then tell your child, "You may turn over the page and begin the Practice Section. This section is untimed and will not be marked". Give your child as much time as they need to familiarise themselves with the answer sheets and complete the practice section before starting the timer for the main test.
- 4. 2 minutes before the time you have set to begin the exam, tell your child, "The exam will begin in 2 minutes."
- 5. At the time set to begin the exam, tell your child, "Please turn over the page and begin the main test. You have 60 minutes to complete all 56 questions in this paper. You may do the questions in any order you like".
- 6. After 30-minutes have passed, tell your child, "You are halfway through the exam and have 30-minutes remaining. You should consider moving onto the next section of the exam paper if you have not yet done so".
- 7. After 50-minutes in total have passed, tell your child, "you have 10 minutes left to complete the paper".
- 8. Once 60 minutes have passed, say, "That is the end of the exam. Please stop writing and put your pen down".

### Invigilation notes

We take great care to provide detailed instructions and invigilation notes for every paper. This will enable your child to have a realistic mock exam experience from home.