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CSSE-style Mock Paper 1
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Maths · English language tasks

Questions	Suggested time	Answers	Marks
27	Maths (written answers): 30 min English (language tasks): 20 min	Written, on the lines	1 mark per question

What the real format is. The Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex sets two tests, English (60 minutes plus 10 minutes of reading time) and maths (60 minutes). It has no verbal or non-verbal reasoning paper (the English paper dropped its reasoning questions from the 2025 entry). Sources say answers are written rather than multiple choice, but counts, marks and calculator rules are unverified. Checked 19 November 2026.

What is in this paper. A written-answer paper (no options): 15 maths questions and 12 short English language tasks, with answer lines and a marking scheme.

Honest limits. A taster, far shorter than the real 60-minute papers. English comprehension and extended writing are not marked here because that marking is subjective; a writing prompt is included for practice only. Counts and marks are SharpY's own. Real papers differ by area and year, and your school's own information is the authority on its test. This is an independent practice paper in the style of CSSE (Essex). It is not a real or past paper, and it was not produced by, or checked by, CSSE (Essex).

How to use it. Sit somewhere quiet with a pencil and rubber. Time each section. Write each answer on its line. Then use the separate answer and marking sheet to mark it and read why each wrong option is tempting. Treat the score as a practice guide only: it does not predict a real exam mark.

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Maths (written answers)

15 questions · suggested 30 minutes

Write your answer on the line and show your working in the box.

1 What is 7 + 5 × 5 − 2? **(1 mark)**

Answer: _____

2 What is the area of a rectangle that is 12 cm long and 8 cm wide? **(1 mark)**

Answer: _____

3 Rosa buys 3 notebooks at £1.75 each and pays with a £15 note. How much change does Rosa get? **(1 mark)**

Answer: _____

4 What is 7/10 of 30? **(1 mark)**

Answer: _____

5 A parcel weighs 3 kg 25 g. What is its mass in kilograms? **(1 mark)**

Answer: _____

6 The coach journey starts at 12:55 and lasts 3 hours 55 minutes. At what time does it finish? **(1 mark)**

Answer: _____

7 On the hill, the temperature at 6 a.m. is 8°C. By midnight it has fallen by 10 degrees. What is the temperature at midnight? **(1 mark)**

Answer: _____

8 Three angles meet on a straight line. Two of them are 77° and 45°. What is the size of the third angle? **(1 mark)**

Answer: _____

9 What is 26 × 37? (1 mark)

Answer: _____

10 What is 18% of 400? (1 mark)

Answer: _____

11 What is the mean of these five numbers? 6, 19, 5, 20, 15 (1 mark)

Answer: _____

12 A rectangle has a perimeter of 32 cm and a length of 9 cm. What is its width? (1 mark)

Answer: _____

13 £132 is shared between Grace and Maya in the ratio 5 : 6. How much does Grace get? (1 mark)

Answer: _____

14 A pattern starts 3, 10, 17, 24 and keeps going up by the same amount each time. What is the 12th number in the pattern? (1 mark)

Answer: _____

15 A coach travels at 50 kilometres per hour for 2 hours 30 minutes. How far does it travel? (1 mark)

Answer: _____

English (language tasks)

12 questions · suggested 20 minutes

Write your answer on the line.

16 The word “ocasion” is spelt wrongly. Write it correctly. (1 mark)

Answer: _____

17 Write a phrase, using an apostrophe correctly, to show that the tent belongs to three farmers. (1 mark)

Answer: _____

18 Write this sentence again with the speech marks and punctuation put in correctly: Please sit down said the teacher (1 mark)

Answer: _____

19 Choose the words that fill the three gaps correctly, in order. “(1) ____ the girl (2) ____ bike is blue, and (3) ____ brother is here?” (1 mark)

Answer: _____

20 The word “definately” is spelt wrongly. Write it correctly. (1 mark)

Answer: _____

21 Write a phrase, using an apostrophe correctly, to show that the book belongs to one sailor. (1 mark)

Answer: _____

22 Write this sentence again with the speech marks and punctuation put in correctly: Stop that at once shouted the coach (1 mark)

Answer: _____

23 Choose the words that fill the three gaps correctly, in order. “(1) ____ is a rumour that (2) ____ not coming to (3) ____ party.” (1 mark)

Answer: _____

24 The word “enviroment” is spelt wrongly. Write it correctly. (1 mark)

Answer: _____

25 Write a phrase, using an apostrophe correctly, to show that the coat belongs to one child. (1 mark)

Answer: _____

26 Write this sentence again with the speech marks and punctuation put in correctly: I have lost my key said Omar (1 mark)

Answer: _____

27 Choose the words that fill the three gaps correctly, in order. “(1) ____ clear that the cat has hurt (2) ____ paw, and (3) ____ been limping all day.” (1 mark)

Answer: _____

Extra writing practice (not marked in this pack). Write 250 to 300 words that start: “The lights went out all at once.” Plan first, use paragraphs, vary your sentence openings and check your punctuation and spelling at the end.