



# **EXAM PAPERS PLUS**

## **11+ English**

### **Grammar Schools**

#### **Paper 1**

**50 minutes**

**50 marks**

- *This test contains a reading comprehension followed by some spelling, punctuation and grammar exercises.*
- *Read the instructions provided before beginning each section.*
- *Work as quickly and carefully as you can.*

**Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.**

*This is an extract from 'Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator' by Roald Dahl. The passage begins with Willy Wonka describing his new experiment.*

"So I rolled up my sleeves and set to work once more in the Inventing Room. I mixed and I mixed. I must have tried just about every mixture under the moon. By the way, there is a little hole in one wall of the Inventing Room which connects directly with the Testing Room next door, so I was able all the time to keep passing stuff through for  
5 testing to whichever brave volunteer happened to be on duty. Well, the first few weeks were pretty depressing and we won't talk about them. Let me tell you instead what happened on the one hundred and thirty-second day of my labours. That morning I had changed the mixture drastically, and this time the little pill I produced at the end of it all was not nearly so active or alive as the others had been. It kept changing colour, yes,  
10 but only from lemon-yellow to blue, then back to yellow again. And when I placed it on the palm of my hand, it didn't jump about like a grasshopper. It only quivered, and then ever so slightly.

I ran to the hole in the wall that led to the Testing Room. A very old Oompa-Loompa was on duty there that morning. He was a bald, wrinkled, toothless old fellow. He was in  
15 a wheel-chair. He had been in the wheel-chair for at least fifteen years.

'This is test number one hundred and thirty-two!' I said, chalking it up on the board. I handed him the pill. He looked at it nervously. I couldn't blame him for being a bit jittery after what had happened to the other one hundred and thirty-one volunteers."

"What *had* happened to them?" shouted Grandma Georgina. "Why don't you answer  
20 the question instead of skipping round it on two wheels?"

"Who knows the way out of a rose?" said Mr. Wonka. "So this brave Oompa-Loompa took the pill and, with the help of a little water, he gulped it down. And then, suddenly, the most amazing thing happened. Before my very eyes, queer little changes began taking place in the way he looked. A moment earlier, he had been practically bald, with  
25 just a fringe of snowy white hair around the sides and the back of his head. But now the fringe of white hair was turning gold and all over the top of his head new gold hair was beginning to sprout, like grass. In less than half a minute, he had grown a splendid patch of long golden hair. At the same time, many wrinkles started disappearing from his face, not all of them, but about half, enough to make him look a good deal younger, and  
30 all of this must have given him a nice tickly feeling because he started grinning at me, then laughing, and as soon as he opened his mouth, I saw the strangest sight of all. Teeth were growing up out from those old toothless gums, good white teeth, and they

were coming up so fast I could actually see them getting bigger and bigger.

I was too flabbergasted to speak. I just stood there with my head poking through the  
35 hole in the wall, staring at the little Oompa-Loompa. I saw him slowly lifting himself out  
of his wheel-chair. He tested his legs on the ground. He stood up. He walked a few  
paces. Then he looked up at me and his face was bright. His eyes were huge and bright  
as two stars.

'Look at me,' he said softly. 'I'm walking! It's a miracle!'

40 'It's Wonka-Vite!' I said. 'The great rejuvenator. It makes you young again. How old  
do you feel now?'

He thought carefully about this question, then he said, 'I feel almost exactly how I felt  
when I was fifty years old.'

'How old were you just now, before you took the Wonka-Vite?' I asked him.

45 'Seventy last birthday,' he answered.

'That means,' I said, 'it has made you twenty years younger.'

'It has, it has!' he cried, delighted. 'I feel as frisky as a froghopper!'

'Not frisky enough,' I told him. 'Fifty is still pretty old. Let us see if I can't help you a  
bit more. Stay right where you are. I'll be back in a twink.'

50 I ran back to my work-bench and began to make one more pill of Wonka-Vite, using  
exactly the same mixture as before.

'Swallow this,' I said, passing the second pill through the hatch. There was no  
hesitating this time. Eagerly, he popped it into his mouth and chased it down with a  
drink of water. And behold, within half a minute, another twenty years had fallen away  
55 from his face and body and he was now a slim and sprightly young Oompa-Loompa of  
thirty. He gave a whoop of joy and started dancing around the room, leaping high in  
the air and coming down on his toes. 'Are you happy?' I asked him.

'I'm ecstatic!' he cried, jumping up and down. 'I'm as happy as a horse in a hay-field!'  
He ran out of the Testing Room to show himself off to his family and friends."

60 "Thus was Wonka-Vite invented!" said Mr. Wonka. "And thus was it made safe for all  
of us to use!"

**Now answer the questions that follow. Feel free to look at the passage again if you need to. You should choose the best answer and write its letter in the box provided.**

1) Where was Willy Wonka at the beginning of his narration?

- A** In a wheel-chair.
- B** In the Testing Room.
- C** In the Great Glass Elevator.
- D** In the Inventing Room.
- E** Outside.

2) Why was it useful for the Inventing Room to be connected to the Testing Room?

- A** So Willy Wonka could easily pass things through for testing.
- B** So the volunteers could enter the Inventing Room easily.
- C** So chemicals did not get lost.
- D** So Willy Wonka could avoid detection.
- E** So Willy Wonka could leave the building quickly.

3) What was the outcome of Willy Wonka's previous experiments?

- A** They were all successful.
- B** The outcome was yet to be determined.
- C** Some of them had been successful.
- D** They had all failed.
- E** Willy Wonka refused to say.

4) Which of these best describes the Oompa-Loompa's feelings before swallowing the pill?

- A** Excited
- B** Sad
- C** Happy
- D** Reflective
- E** Apprehensive

5) Which two of the following describe the new pill?

- 1 It kept changing colour.
- 2 It bounced around constantly.
- 3 It was extremely large.
- 4 It only shook very slightly.

- A** 1 and 3
- B** 3 and 4
- C** 1 and 4
- D** 2 and 3
- E** 1 and 2

6) How did Willy Wonka respond to Grandma Georgina's question?

- A** By offering a clear and concise response.
- B** By jumping up and down.
- C** By refusing to speak again.
- D** By asking a question himself.
- E** By smiling and laughing.

7) How long did it take before the Oompa Loompa's appearance began to change?

- A** Less than half a minute.
- B** A couple of minutes.
- C** One day.
- D** A couple of hours.
- E** A month.

8) What was the first change Willy Wonka noticed about the Oompa-Loompa's appearance?

- A** His wrinkles began to disappear.
- B** He began to grown golden hair.
- C** His teeth began to sprout.
- D** He began to jump up and down.
- E** His clothes began to change colour.

9) How much younger did the Oompa-Loompa feel after he took the first pill?

- A** Ten years younger
- B** Fifty years younger.
- C** Forty years younger.
- D** Twenty years younger.
- E** He did not feel younger.

10) What was 'Wonka-Vite'?

- A** A pill that only cured baldness.
- B** Willy Wonka's favourite cereal.
- C** A pill that made people happy.
- D** A pill that cured cancer.
- E** A pill that made people younger.

11) Why were the Oompa-Loompa's eyes 'huge and bright as two stars' (line 37)?

- A** He was shocked and upset.
- B** He was excited and incredulous.
- C** His eyes felt like they were burning.
- D** He was angry and amazed.
- E** He was looking up at the stars.

12) Which change in the Oompa-Loompa's appearance did Willy Wonka find the most bizarre?

- A** His golden hair.
- B** His ability to walk.
- C** His growing teeth.
- D** His vanishing wrinkles.
- E** His shining eyes.

13) Why did Willy Wonka give the Oompa-Loompa a second pill?

- A** He thought it would reverse the effects of the first one.
- B** He thought the Oompa-Loompa was still too old.
- C** The Oompa-Loompa asked for it.
- D** Grandma Georgina told him to.
- E** The first one did not work.

14) Which word best describes the Oompa-Loompa before swallowing the second pill?

- A** Depressed
- B** Nervous
- C** Eager
- D** Hesitant
- E** Angry

15) How old did the Oompa-Loompa feel after swallowing the second pill?

- A** Fifty
- B** Ninety
- C** Seventy
- D** Thirty
- E** Twenty

16) Which two things did the Oompa-Loompa do immediately after the second pill had taken effect?

- 1 Leap in the air.
- 2 Hoot with delight.
- 3 Thank Willy Wonka.
- 4 Run out the room.

- A** 1 and 2
- B** 2 and 3
- C** 3 and 4
- D** 2 and 4
- E** 1 and 4

17) Where did the Oompa-Loompa go at the end of the passage?

- A To see his colleagues and co-workers.
- B To admire himself in the mirror.
- C To call his mother.
- D To see his relatives and friends.
- E To see his family and dog.

18) Which word best describes Willy Wonka's attitude at the end of the passage?

- A Relaxed
- B Puzzled
- C Triumphant
- D Desperate
- E Nonchalant

**The following questions are about the meanings of words, as they are used in the passage.**

19) The Oompa-Loompa is described as being 'jittery' (line 18).

What is meant by this description?

- A Jiggling
- B Anxious
- C Keen
- D Understanding
- E Prepared

20) Willy Wonka states that he tried 'every mixture under the moon' (line 2).

What does he mean by this?

- A He tried all the mixtures under moonlight.
- B His potions only worked at night time.
- C He tried all the mixtures he could think of.
- D He did not like working in daylight.
- E He only tried some of the possible mixtures.



21) Which word is closest in meaning to 'flabbergasted' (line 34)?

- A Astonished
- B Delighted
- C Jubilant
- D Catastrophic
- E Nervous

22) The Oompa-Loompa is described as 'slim and sprightly' (line 55).  
What is meant by this?

- A He was plump and energetic.
- B He was slimy and springy.
- C He was thin and lethargic.
- D He was slender and delicate.
- E He was lean and full of vigour.

**The following questions are about words and phrases, as they are used in the passage.**

23) 'I'm as happy as a horse in a hay-field!' (line 58).

Which literary technique does the author use in this sentence?

- A Allegory
- B Metaphor
- C Simile
- D Personification
- E Analogy

24) 'And then, suddenly, the most amazing thing happened' (line 22).

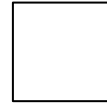
Which word in this sentence is an adverb?

- A thing
- B suddenly
- C amazing
- D happened
- E None of the above

25) What type of words are these?

eyes wheel-chair minute mouth pill

- A proper nouns
- B adjectives
- C pronouns
- D common nouns
- E collective nouns



**In this passage, there are some spelling mistakes. Circle the letter which corresponds to the part of the sentence with the mistake. If there's no mistake, circle N.**

26) Adam and Paul stroled over to the counter. "We would like two tickets for

A

B

C

D

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27) 'The House of Horrors'," said Paul. Adam tapped his fingers nervosely on

A

B

C

D

N

28) the box-office window, he wasn't sure he reelly wanted to see this film. The

A

B

C

D

N

29) last horror film he had watched had given him nightmairs for weeks and

A

B

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D

N

30) he was still unwilling to sleep with the lights off. Paul, on the other hand,

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31) was tingling with exsitement. He absolutely adored horror films: the blood,

A

B

C

D

N

32) the gore, the shocks and the incessant violence. Paul picked up the tickets

A

B

C

D

N

33) and bounded towards the auditorum. Adam followed him reluctantly.

A

B

C

D

N

**In this passage, there are some mistakes in the use of capital letters and punctuation. Circle the letter which corresponds to the part of the sentence with the mistake. If there's no mistake, circle N.**

- 34) "It's not fair!" yelled Alice She stamped her foot on the floor and then  
A B C D N
- 35) burst into tears. Tom and James decided it was best not to get involved;  
A B C D N
- 36) they pretended as if the fight wasnt even happening and stared out the  
A B C D N
- 37) window at the gloomy sky. Their mother, Jane did nothing of the sort.  
A B C D N
- 38) "This matter is no longer up for discussion" she boomed. "You will do as  
A B C D N
- 39) I say, or else!" Alice fumed silently. She couldn't believe the injustice of it  
A B C D N
- 40) all. All the other girls' in her class were definitely going. She would be the  
A B C D N
- 41) only one left behind. She had dreamt of visiting paris for years and years,  
A B C D N
- 42) and now all those dreams were suddenly, transforming into dust.  
A B C D N

**In each question below, choose the right word or phrase to complete this passage so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. Circle the letter which corresponds to the correct word or phrase.**

43) Every year, millions of wildebeest **travel travelled travelling travels had travelled**

**A B C D E**

44) across the plains of Africa. They migrate in search **with by of as four** food. Many

**A B C D E**

45) obstacles lie in their path, not least of which **are were was is have been** the

**A B C D E**

46) crocodiles and lions that happily pick **down by off with up** the weak and lame.

**A B C D E**

47) For **them these that which it those** that survive the gruelling journey, the reward

**A B C D E**

48) **were is are has been was** fresh, green pastures and cool, undisturbed watering

**A B C D E**

49) holes. **Moreover, However, Furthermore, Amidst, Wherein,** they only have a

**A B C D E**

50) few months of rest before they must set off **up in by on with** the return journey.

**A B C D E**

**NOW GO BACK AND CHECK ALL YOUR ANSWERS**