Introduction

The purpose of this practice test is to prepare students for the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) so that they will be familiar with the different types of questions that will appear on the test. With the help of this practice test, students will learn to follow a row across the page from left to right, to mark their answers properly, and to change their answers if necessary. Understanding what to expect on the test will improve your child’s chances of success as well as help reduce his/her anxiety on test day.

The OLSAT contains 60 questions (30 verbal and 30 nonverbal), and children are allotted approximately one hour to complete the test. The sample test below contains 10 practice questions for the OLSAT Level C.

Directions

Read the questions below to your child. If you make a mistake in reading a question, stop, and say, “No that is wrong. Listen again.”

Children should be allotted approximately one minute to answer the question after it has been read. As this test is not scored, we recommend that students receive as much assistance as necessary to correctly solve the questions.

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Questions

1. **Find question number one.** Mark the picture that shows a joey (baby kangaroo) peeking out of its mother’s pouch, with a koala hanging from a tree and a bird chirping in the background.

2. **Find question number two.** The pictures in the boxes belong together in a certain way. Choose the picture that belongs with the bottom picture in the same way the pictures on top belong together.

3. **Find question number three.** The pictures in the boxes belong together in a certain way. Choose the picture that belongs with the bottom picture in the same way the pictures on top belong together.

4. **Find question number four.** At a birthday party, Jane ate an ice cream cone, Ben ate cake, Jordan ate a cupcake, and Nick ate the same thing that Ben ate. Mark the picture that shows the desserts the children ate.

5. **Find question number five.** The pictures in the box go together in a certain way. Something belongs in the empty square. Choose the picture that should go in the empty square.

6. **Find question number six.** Look at the pictures below. They go together in a certain way. One of the pictures does not belong. Which one does not belong?

7. **Find question number seven.** The pictures in the boxes belong together in a certain way. Choose the picture that belongs with the bottom picture in the same way the pictures on top belong together.

8. **Find question number eight.** Mark the picture that shows stars placed on each corner of the triangle.

9. **Find question number nine.** Which clothes are worn in pairs?

10. **Find question number ten.** Choose the image that completes the pattern.
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Answers & Explanations

1. **4;** First look for a picture of a joey peeking out of its mother's pouch. We can eliminate answer choices 2 and 3, as the joeys in these frames are standing beside their mothers. We are left with answer choices 1 and 4. Notice that though answer choice 1 does contain a picture of a koala hanging from a tree, it does not contain a chirping bird. We can eliminate answer choice 1 and are left with answer choice 4 as the correct answer.

2. **1;** A plane leaves a trail of smoke in the sky like a foot leaves footprints on the ground.

3. **3;** Notice that in the above analogy: the arrow and smiley face remain in the same position and the + sign and OK sign switch places. The answer will exhibit the same analogous properties.

4. **3;** Ben and Nick each ate a piece of cake, since Nick ate what Ben ate. Jane ate an ice cream cone and Jordan ate a cupcake. The correct answer must contain two slices of cake, one ice cream cone, and one cupcake.

5. **4;** In the above matrix (from left to right): across the rows, the shapes alternate and rotate 45 degrees (1/8 of a circle); down the columns, the shapes simply alternate (they do not rotate). Also, notice that the third row is the same as the first row. The answer will exhibit the same pattern as the first row.

6. **2;** Answer choice 2 displays a bird, the only option which is not an insect.

7. **4;** In the above analogy, the inner shapes and outer shapes switch. The star becomes the outer shape and the circle becomes the inner shape. The colors of the shapes remain the same as the colors of each shape in the above row remain the same.

8. **1;** Answer choice 1 shows a picture of a triangle with a star on each of its corners.

9. **1;** Boots, socks, and mittens are worn in pairs. While the other options show items worn in pairs, answer choice 1 is the only option in which all of the clothing items displayed are items worn in pairs.

10. **3;** There are two characteristics which make up this pattern: color and direction. The direction of the arrows changes in a counterclockwise fashion and the order of the colors of the arrows is: purple, green, and blue. Therefore, the next arrow in the series must be green and pointing downwards.

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