



SOLIHULL

11+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION SYLLABUS

In the 11+ age group candidates sit English and Mathematics papers.

ENGLISH

There will be one paper lasting one and a half hours. It will contain two sections.

Section A

Task 1 will test the candidates' reading skills. They will be assessed on their ability to comprehend and understand the fiction passage. They will be expected to write critically about aspects of character, setting, situation and theme. They will also need to consider closely the writer's choice of language. They might be required to use quotations from the text to support their points.

Task 2 will allow the candidates to write a composition of their choice, from a range of options. These might include a short story, a description of an imagined or real event, or merely the opening chapter to a longer narrative. Credit will be given for imagination, clarity of expression, grammatical accuracy and quality of imagery.

Section B

This will test the candidates' reading skills. They will be assessed on their ability to analyse a passage or poem. In particular, the questions will test the pupils' skills of inference and their ability to deduce information from 'reading between the lines'. They will be expected to write critically about aspects of character, setting, situation and theme. They will also need to consider closely the writer's choice of language. They might be required to use quotations from the text to support their points.

MATHEMATICS

There will be one paper lasting one and a half hours. It will contain three sections.

Section A

This section will consist of a series of short questions in which the candidates will not be required to show working.

Sections B and C

These sections will consist of longer problems, often with several parts, where the candidates are asked to think through more complex and testing situations.

Calculators will not be allowed in the examination.

SUMMARY OF WORK TO BE COVERED

- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers (but not complicated long division)
- Time and the 24 hour clock
- Recognition of patterns of numbers
- Finding areas of squares and rectangles
- Simple direct proportion
- Time, distance and speed in simple cases
- Averages
- Problems involving money
- Interpretation of simple bar charts (drawing of them is not required)
- Very simple probability