

GL Style Short Paper 1A

English & Verbal Skills

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1. This is a multiple-choice practice paper where you need to mark your answer to each question on the separate answer sheet.
 2. The paper contains a number of different question types. Each type of question begins with an example, followed by an explanation. The answer to the example question is already marked on the answer sheet.
 3. Some of the questions require more than one answer to be marked. Please read the instructions for each question type carefully.
 4. Mark a line clearly through the rectangle next to your answer like this:
 5. If you make a mistake, rub it out and mark your new answer.
 6. Be sure to keep your place on the answer sheet and to mark your answer in the same column that has the same number as the question.
 7. You may find some of the questions difficult. If you cannot complete a question, or are not sure of an answer, choose the one that you think is best.
 8. Work as quickly and carefully as you can. Time allowed 40 minutes.
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Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

Mount Stuart House

Mount Stuart House is a stately mansion in Scotland, located near Rothesay, on the beautiful Isle of Bute. The house we see today is the work of the 3rd Marquess of Bute, John Crichton-Stuart, who was an avid amateur architect and one of the wealthiest men in Britain at the time. He was also immensely interested in astrology,
5 history, and religion and these interests are reflected throughout the house's interior design.

The Mount Stuart House that is visited today was built on the site of a house that was designed by Alexander McGill and built in 1719. The 2nd Earl of Bute owned the original building but 158 years after it was built, a huge blaze broke out one night.
10 The efforts of local volunteer firemen proved to be of little help and it was only as a result of the hard work from the crew of the *HMS Jackal* - which docked to help fight the fire - that the wings of the original building survived along with some of the house's contents.

The 3rd Marquess was not happy to live in a mere house, he aspired to live in a palace, so he embarked on a vast rebuilding project which eventually would span more than 21 years. Two months after the fire he commissioned Robert Rowand Anderson to complete the design for his ambitious project. The work began in 1879 and was, upon his death in 1900, still deemed to be a work-in-progress.

The house's exterior is decorated with beautiful, intricate sandstone carvings and elegant arches that frame carefully-designed windows. On the eastern front of the house there is mosaic detailing which is said to have been inspired by St Vladimir Cathedral in Kyiv, Ukraine. Before even setting foot inside the house, visitors can marvel at the impressive and stunningly-detailed architecture. There is also a roof-level walkway that runs around the perimeter of the house.

Crichton-Stuart's futuristic approach to the interior design contributes to making the house as stunning and distinct today as it was when it was first restored. The Marble Hall boasts twenty different types of marble and Gothic arches that tower over visitors at 25 metres tall. Visitors are advised to lie down, look upwards and marvel at the ceiling which is decorated with a map of the stars and constellations containing
25 real glass crystals. The 3rd Marquess also incorporated stained glass windows that depict the zodiac signs. Through the ingenuity of the design, the light is manipulated as it passes through the glass so that it lands in specific spots throughout the day.

Nothing about Anderson's design was a mistake. The Marble Chapel is a particularly spectacular part of the house, using the same style of marble flooring as is used in
35 Westminster Abbey and the Sistine Chapel. The house is a labyrinth of grand rooms, hallways and staircases, all created by craftsmen. There is a grand library containing books dating back as far as the 15th century. There are myriad hidden passages leading to secret rooms. One of the main bedrooms can only be accessed via a secret passage cleverly concealed behind a bookcase. The striking contrast of the
40 Georgian wings and the Victorian style of the main house has created a completely unique architectural blend.

With Mount Stuart House, Crichton-Stuart pushed the boundaries and his remarkable talent for innovation is tangible. He had a telephone system installed from the very early days of its invention and even a lift. At the bottom of one of the spiral
45 staircases there is - what is believed to be - the world's first domestic, heated, indoor swimming pool. The house was also Scotland's first house to be lit by electricity.

The grounds that surround Mount Stuart House span 300 acres. The arboretum boasts trees that are centuries old and the rock garden was designed by Thomas Mawson, an eminent Victorian landscape architect. There are plantations of pine trees, called pinetums, at Mount Stuart House and they are home to over 800 trees. There are woodland areas, colourful gardens and even a glass pavilion containing tropical plants. At the outbreak of World War One, the 4th Marquess - also called John Crichton-Stuart - offered Mount Stuart House to the British government to use and the grand house was converted into a naval hospital for the duration of the war. Lady Bute attended the Scottish General Hospital at Stobhill in Glasgow for nursing training. The Dining Room became a 22 bed ward and an operating theatre was established in the Marble Hall. The resident surgeon was Sir William McEwan who was a pioneer in the field of brain surgery. After hostilities ceased in 1918, Lady Bute was bestowed a Dame of the British Empire by King George V.

In the mid 1980s, the Mount Stuart Trust became responsible for the management of the grand house and the Crichton-Stuart family lived there until 1993. The Mount Stuart Trust have painstakingly preserved the house and its gardens for the benefit of the public. It is now the Isle of Bute's main tourist attraction.

1 Why are visitors advised to lie down on their backs in the Marble Hall?

- A So they can feel the coolness of the marble on their backs
- B So they can marvel at the sheer height of the arches
- C So they can see the ceiling's crystal-studded map of stars
- D So they can see the ceiling's zodiac map

2 In which year did the fire occur that caused so much damage?

- A 1777
- B 1866
- C 1867
- D 1877

3 Which one of the following statements is true?

- A There is an intricate mosaic on the west wing of Mount Stuart House
- B Ornate granite carvings decorate the exterior of the house
- C A unique blend of Jacobean and Victorian architecture is evident at Mount Stuart House
- D Sir William McEwan was an eminent brain surgeon

- 4 What is a pinetum?
- A A species of pine tree that is unique to the Isle of Bute
 - B A word used to refer to more than one pine tree
 - C A plantation of pine trees
 - D A tropical pine tree kept in a glass pavilion
- 5 Which of following was **not** one of the 3rd Marquess of Bute's interests?
- A Archaeology
 - B Astrology
 - C Religion
 - D History
- 6 What did the *HMS Jackal* do for the original Mount Stuart House?
- A It delivered replacement firefighting equipment
 - B It docked and delivered its crew to help put out the fire
 - C It docked so its crew could help clean up the debris after the fire
 - D It docked and delivered emergency water supplies
- 7 Why does the Mount Stuart Trust preserve the house?
- A For the public, as it is the Isle of Bute's second-most popular tourist attraction
 - B For the public, as it has become the Isle of Bute's most popular tourist attraction
 - C Because the family moved out and abandoned it, leaving no one to care for it
 - D Because the 4th Marquess asked that the Trust should maintain the property
- 8 What do the Marble Chapel, the Sistine Chapel, and Westminster Abbey all have in common?
- A They all have the same style of marble flooring
 - B They are all crafted from twenty different types of marble
 - C They were all designed by the same architect
 - D They all have identical designs of stained-glass windows
- 9 Which one of the following statements is true?
- A Mount Stuart House was originally built in the 17th century
 - B Some books in the library date back to the 1400s
 - C World War One broke out in 1918
 - D The Mount Stuart Trust have managed the house and gardens for over 50 years

10 How many different individual people are mentioned in the text?

- A nine
- B twelve
- C ten
- D eleven

11 What types of words are the following?

'ambitious' (line 17), 'intricate' (line 19), 'distinct' (line 26), 'spectacular' (line 34)

- A nouns
- B adjectives
- C verbs
- D adverbs

12 What types of words are the following?

'immensely' (line 4), 'carefully' (line 20), 'stunningly' (line 23), 'cleverly' (line 39)

- A nouns
- B adjectives
- C verbs
- D adverbs

Spelling

In these sentences, there are some **spelling** mistakes. On each numbered line, there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter on your answer sheet. **If there is no mistake, mark N.**

13 Ella's knowledge of wildlife was extremely limited but she knew about hedgehogs.
A B C D

14 Anna was looking forward to leading a more independant lifestyle at university.
A B C D

15 Sunita was desperately seeking some sensible advise on gardening.
A B C D

16 Aran assured his parents that he would definately finish his revision on time.
A B C D

In the following sentences, there are some **punctuation** mistakes. On each numbered line, there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter on your answer sheet. **If there is no mistake, mark N.**

17 The London Eye is one of the worlds biggest rotating cantilevered observation

A B C D

18 wheel. It boast's a fantastic view, up to 25 miles away on a clear day. It can carry

A B C D

19 800 passengers at a time and more than 3.5 million passengers cram into it's

A B C D

20 32 capsules every year. That's more than visit the pyramids of egypt or the Taj Mahal.

A B C D

In this passage you have to choose the best word, or group of words, to complete each numbered line so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. Choose the best answer and mark its letter on your answer sheet.

The Natural History Museum has called Mary Anning the greatest fossil hunter

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for ever	ever	that ever	was ever	to ever
A	B	C	D	E

known. Mary's discoveries attracted attention from all over the world, yet because of

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the place	times	the time	the timely	the timescale
A	B	C	D	E

in which she lived, she did not receive the respect or recognition she deserved. Mary

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were	was a	who	was	wanted
A	B	C	D	E

a working-class woman in an age when power and influence

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seemingly	seeming	seemly	seem	seemed
A	B	C	D	E

to belong entirely to rich and powerful men.

In the following questions, find the **same** letter that will fit into **both** sets of brackets, to complete the word **in front** of the brackets and begin the word **after** the brackets. Find the letter and mark it on the answer sheet.

Example was [?] arm arc [?] our

A p B e C h D r E f

Answer h

Solution The answer is **h**: the same letter fits into both sets of brackets to form four new words.
The four new words are **wash, harm, arch, hour**.

25 sea [?] end moa [?] ook
A l B m C r D s E t

26 cor [?] arn mil [?] nvy
A d B e C k D n E f

27 wan [?] ell ice [?] ice
A d B e C s D t E y

28 roa [?] amp hea [?] ole
A d B m C n D r E l

29 ris [?] not mar [?] now
A e B k C t D s E n

30 fir [?] arl fil [?] ine
A e B l C s D m E d

In the following questions, three of the five words are related in some way. Find the two words that do not go with these three words and mark both words on the answer sheet.

Example breakfast toast lunch potato supper

A breakfast B toast C lunch D potato E supper

Answer toast potato

Solution The words 'breakfast', 'lunch', and 'supper' are related because they are all mealtimes. The words 'toast' and 'potato' are foods and do not belong with these three words.

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polite astute courteous respectful shrewd

A polite B astute C courteous D respectful E shrewd

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frayed fractured torn ripped crushed

A frayed B fractured C torn D ripped E crushed

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ration distribution allowance disposal quota

A ration B distribution C allowance D disposal E quota

34

wallow enjoy delight immerse revel

A wallow B enjoy C delight D immerse E revel

35

reasonable thoughtful sensible logical discreet

A reasonable B thoughtful C sensible D logical E discreet

36

wilful baleful obstinate woeful stubborn

A wilful B baleful C obstinate D woeful E stubborn

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The alphabet is shown above to help you with the following questions.

You need to work out a **different** code for **each** question.

Choose the correct answer and mark it on the answer sheet

Example If the code for **BIRD** is **CJSE**. What is the code for **DUCK**?

A CTBS **B** CTBK **C** EVDL **D** EDVL **E** VEDL

Answer **EVDL**

Solution If the code for BIRD is CJSE, then the code for B is C, the code for I is J, the code for R is S and the code for D is E. Looking at the alphabet, the code letter is the letter immediately after it in the alphabet. Using the same code for DUCK, the code for D is E, the code for U is V, the code for C is D and the code for K is L.

So the answer is **EVDL**.

37 If the code for **MOST** is **LNRS**, what is the code for **LEAN**?

A MFBO **B** KDZM **C** KDYN **D** KDZN **E** KEZN

38 If the code for **WILD** is **XHMC**, what is the code for **TAME**?

A UZMD **B** UBNE **C** SBNF **D** UAND **E** UZND

39 If the code for **LOSE** is **KMPA**, what is the code for **FIND**?

A EGKZ **B** EGMZ **C** EKGZ **D** GKQH **E** GCHQ

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If the code for **OPEN** is **NODM**, what does **DZQR** mean?

- A EONS B ERAS C EARS D ERRS E EATS

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If the code for **BEAK** is **CGDO**, what does **UTLQ** mean?

- A RISE B RIPS C TREK D TRAP E TRIM

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If the code for **MAID** is **PDLG**, what does **IRXU** mean?

- A FORE B FORT C FOAL D FOUR E FOLD

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Comprehension

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Make New Words

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Odd Two Out

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Related Words

37 MFBO <input type="checkbox"/> KDZM <input type="checkbox"/> KDYN <input type="checkbox"/> KDZN <input type="checkbox"/> KEZN <input type="checkbox"/>	38 UZMD <input type="checkbox"/> UBNE <input type="checkbox"/> SBNF <input type="checkbox"/> UAND <input type="checkbox"/> UZND <input type="checkbox"/>	39 EGKZ <input type="checkbox"/> EGMZ <input type="checkbox"/> EKGZ <input type="checkbox"/> GKQH <input type="checkbox"/> GCHQ <input type="checkbox"/>	40 EONS <input type="checkbox"/> ERAS <input type="checkbox"/> EARS <input type="checkbox"/> ERRS <input type="checkbox"/> EATS <input type="checkbox"/>	41 RISE <input type="checkbox"/> RIPS <input type="checkbox"/> TREK <input type="checkbox"/> TRAP <input type="checkbox"/> TRIM <input type="checkbox"/>	42 FORE <input type="checkbox"/> FORT <input type="checkbox"/> FOAL <input type="checkbox"/> FOUR <input type="checkbox"/> FOLD <input type="checkbox"/>
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ANSWERS - GL Short Paper 1A

Comprehension

1	C
2	D
3	D
4	C
5	A
6	B
7	B
8	A
9	B
10	A
11	B
12	D

Spelling

13	N
14	C
15	D
16	C

Punctuation

17	B
18	A
19	D
20	D

Sentences

21	B
22	C
23	D
24	E

Make New Words

25	E	t
26	B	e
27	A	d
28	D	r
29	B	k
30	D	m

Odd Two Out

31	astute & shrewd
32	fractured & crushed
33	distribution & disposal
34	wallow & immerse
35	thoughtful & discreet
36	baleful & woeful

Related Words

37	B	KDZM
38	E	UZND
39	A	EGKZ
40	C	EARS
41	E	TRIM
42	D	FOUR

ANSWERS - GL Short Paper 1A

1	C	'Visitors are advised to lie down, look upwards and marvel at the ceiling which is decorated with a map of the stars and constellations containing real glass crystals.' (lines 28 to 30)
2	D	The house was first built in 1719 (line 8) and 158 years after it was built, the house was damaged by fire (line 9)
3	D	'Sir William McEwan who was a pioneer in the field of brain surgery' (line 57)
4	C	'There are plantations of pine trees, called pinetums,' (lines 49 & 50)
5	A	'He was also immensely interested in astrology, history and religion' (lines 4 & 5)
6	B	'...and the crew of the HMS Jackal - which docked to help fight the fire...' (lines 11 and 12)
7	B	'The Mount Stuart Trust have painstakingly preserved the house and its gardens for the benefit of the public. It is now the Isle of Bute's main tourist attraction.' (lines 61 to 63)
8	A	'...using the same style of marble flooring as is used in Westminster Abbey and the Sistine Chapel.' (lines 34 & 35)
9	B	'There is a grand library containing books dating back as far as the 15th century.' (lines 36 & 37)
10	A	The 3rd Marquess of Bute, Alexander McGill, The 2nd Marquess of Bute, Robert Rowland Anderson, Thomas Mawson, The 4th Marquess of Bute, Lady Bute, Sir William McEwan, King George V
11	B	They are all adjectives (words that describe a noun)
12	D	They are all adverbs (words that describe a verb)