# Royal Navy – Verbal Ability: What does it test?

This verbal ability test assesses your ability to understand the meaning of words and the relationships between words. There are four different types of questions:

1. The first type of question gives you a short word and five other short words in brackets. The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. The answer is the word it will not go with.
2. The second type of question gives you five words. The answer is the one word that describes or includes all the other words.
3. The third type of question gives you a sentence with a missing word. You must decide which word from the answer options best completes the sentence.
4. The fourth type of question gives you five sentences, four of which have the same meaning. The answer is the question that has a different meaning.

# Instructions

There will be thirty questions to complete in nine minutes. In the real test you will have a separate answer sheet on which to record your answers. You indicate the correct answer by crossing through that letter. Make sure that you only mark one answer per question. If you decide to change your answer, you blacken out your original answer then cross through the letter for your new answer.

# Practise Questions – Verbal Ability

1) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

be (long sides hind fore ween)

2) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) beret

B) cap

C) hat

D) fedora

E) bowler

3) The sentence below has a word missing. Which one word makes the best sense of the sentence?

The house has a great location, but it is so . . . . that the buyer will need to renovate it completely before moving in.

A) dilapidated

B) modern

C) expensive

D) noisy

E) attractive

4) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

rest (less ion ate ore rain)

5) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) semi-detached

B) terraced

C) detached

D) house

E) maisonette

6) Four of the five sentences have the same meaning. Which one sentence has a different meaning.

A) I ate my dinner already.

B) I have not yet eaten my dinner.

C) My dinner has already been eaten.

D) I have already eaten my dinner.

E) The meal that I ate was dinner.

7) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

con (tent trite verge dam sort)

8) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) dog

B) goldfish

C) pet

D) cat

E) horse

9) The sentence below has a word missing. Which one word makes the best sense of the sentence?

Even though she had won the lottery, Ellen remembered her poor childhood and remained . . . with her money.

A) extravagant

B) neat

C) bold

D) kind

E) thrifty

10) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

super (star sonic idea vision natural)

11) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) vehicle

B) car

C) van

D) bus

E) taxi

12) Four of the five sentences have the same meaning. Which one sentence has a different meaning.

A) The boy walked his dog in the morning.

B) Before school, the boy walked his pet dog.

C) The boy’s dog was taken for a walk first thing.

D) The dog was walked this morning by the boy.

E) The boy still needs to walk his dog.

13) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

at (tic one test tune tong)

14) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) red

B) colour

C) orange

D) yellow

E) green

15) The sentence below has a word missing. Which one word makes the best sense of the sentence?

The famous chef, who had a fiery temperament, was as renowned for his blistering . . . as for his exotic recipes.

A) ingredients

B) reviews

C) outbursts

D) saucepans

E) ovens

16) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

an (gel them tics den on)

17) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) florist

B) chemist

C) baker

D) shop

E) butcher

18) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

inter (cede man pose mingle grate)

19) Four of the five sentences have the same meaning. Which one sentence has a different meaning.

A) The shop is only open on the weekend.

B) At the weekend, the shop is not open.

C) The shop is not open on Saturday or Sunday.

D) Every weekend the shop is shut.

E) The shop is closed at the weekend.

20) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

in (apt burn form bred active)

21) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) table

B) furniture

C) chair

D) sofa

E) bureau

22) The sentence below has a word missing. Which one word makes the best sense of the sentence?

After getting such terrible reviews on their opening night, the play’s cast lacked . . . as they prepared for the next show.

A) concern

B) tickets

C) pity

D) confidence

E) drama

23) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

pass (word port age ion eon)

24) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) flower

B) daisy

C) rose

D) tulip

E) daffodil

25) Four of the five sentences have the same meaning. Which one sentence has a different meaning.

A) The weather continued to be cold and rainy.

B) It is cold and wet outside.

C) For the past few days, it has been cold and wet.

D) Outside, the cold rain was falling.

E) Tomorrow the weather will improve.

26) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

land (scape sort slide lord mark)

27) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) potato

B) carrot

C) vegetable

D) pea

E) bean

28) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) apple

B) chicken

C) soup

D) turkey

E) food

29) Four of the five sentences have the same meaning. Which one sentence has a different meaning.

A) Erica forgot to give Richard a birthday present.

B) Richard did not receive a birthday present from Erica.

C) Unfortunately, Erica had forgotten Richard’s birthday present.

D) Richard thanked Erica for the birthday present she gave him.

E) Erica forgot to bring Richard’s birthday present.

30) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

head (age first room phone ache)

31) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) one

B) five

C) hundred

D) number

E) twenty

32) The sentence below has a word missing. Which one word makes the best sense of the sentence?

The scientist was normally very shy, but if you asked about his work he would become quite . . . . as he explained his experiments enthusiastically.

A) reserved

B) boring

C) sincere

D) animated

E) rude

33) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

car (go ion pet mine rot)

34) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) lawyer

B) accountant

C) profession

D) doctor

E) architect

35) Four of the five sentences have the same meaning. Which one sentence has a different meaning.

A) Brian sold his stamp collection.

B) Brian collects stamps.

C) Brian has a stamp collection.

D) The stamp collection belongs the Brian.

E) The stamps have been collected by Brian.

36) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

am (mend using bush steal oral)

37) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) slipper

B) shoe

C) trainer

D) tennis

E) running

38) The sentence below has a word missing. Which one word makes the best sense of the sentence?

We would have been better off hiring a four-wheel drive, as the road through the mountains was winding and even more . . . . in the snow.

A) polluted

B) scenic

C) cold

D) narrow

E) dangerous

39) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

in (deed cur bed crease corporate)

40) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) weather

B) hot

C) wet

D) cold

E) changeable

41) Four of the five sentences have the same meaning. Which one sentence has a different meaning.

A) Fred made a cake for the fair.

B) Fred bought a cake at the fair.

C) At the fair, there was a cake made by Fred.

D) Fred’s cake was at the fair.

E) A cake made by Fred was at the fair.

42) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

con (sign tail tent sent fuse)

43) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) steel

B) copper

C) iron

D) lead

E) metal

44) The sentence below has a word missing. Which one word makes the best sense of the sentence?

When the clock struck midnight, the party’s gracious hostess . . . suggested that her guests should start heading home.

A) cleverly

B) softly

C) wisely

D) hurriedly

E) tactfully

45) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

super (vision nil market intend sonic)

46) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) trumpet

B) instrument

C) drum

D) guitar

E) flute

47) Four of the five sentences have the same meaning. Which one sentence has a different meaning.

A) The teacher presented the pupil with the award.

B) The pupil’s award was given by the teacher.

C) The pupil received the award from the teacher.

D) The teacher was presented with an award by the pupil.

E) The pupil won an award, which was presented by the teacher.

48) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

A B C D E

head (light way stone wind fill)

49) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) book

B) novel

C) guide

D) poetry

E) biography

50) The sentence below has a word missing. Which one word makes the best sense of the sentence?

Historians have . . . . the mysterious rock formations at Stonehenge for generations, but remain uncertain about the ancient stones’ original purpose.

A) admired

B) studied

C) photographed

D) visited

E) enjoyed

51) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

 A B C D E

inter (view lock cede lace side)

52) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) apple

B) pear

C) fruit

D) banana

E) orange

53) Four of the five sentences have the same meaning. Which one sentence has a different meaning.

A) My library book is due back today.

B) Today is the day on which my library book is due.

C) My library book is now overdue.

D) Today my library book is due back.

E) I must bring my book back to the library today.

54) The word outside the bracket will go with only four of the words inside the bracket to make longer words. Which one word will it not go with?

 A B C D E

super (human power star sonic tend)

55) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) antelope

B) giraffe

C) lion

D) animal

E) zebra

56) The sentence below has a word missing. Which one word makes the best sense of the sentence?

Jane has bought a very . . . , new computer with a wide range of different programmes, even though she only really needs it for basic functions such as word processing and email.

A) popular

B) dependable

C) sophisticated

D) sleek

E) heavy

57) Four of the five sentences have the same meaning. Which one sentence has a different meaning.

A) We are going to the seaside for our holiday.

B) The seaside is where we are going on holiday.

C) Last year we went on holiday to the seaside.

D) Our holiday will be spent at the seaside.

E) We will be spending our holiday at the seaside.

58) Which word has a meaning that extends to or includes the meaning of all the others?

A) plane

B) chisel

C) saw

D) hammer

E) tool