ACER Scholarship Tests

ACER Scholarship Tests – Primary

This information is relevant only to students currently in years 3, 4 or 5

Reading and Viewing

The Reading and Viewing test provides a single measure of achievement reflecting comprehension and interpretation of written and visual material from a range of curriculum areas. Candidates read several short passages and answer 25 multiple-choice questions.

Candidates are given 30 minutes to complete this section.

Mathematics

Candidates apply mathematical skills and knowledge to answer problems. They also do short calculations in each of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division). The test consists of 20 multiple-choice questions.

Candidates are given 30 minutes to complete this section.

Writing

Candidates write two short pieces in different genres in response to two separate prompts.

Candidates are given 40 minutes in which to organise their thoughts and complete the writing tasks.

Writing is assessed in terms of:

- the quality of the content and ideas and
- the structure of the expression.

To become more familiar with the style of questions and the strategies for responding it is suggested that you refer to 'A Parent's Guide to Scholarship Tests', published by ACER Press and also try questions in our online or downloadable sample materials.