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ENGLISH
PAPER 1

Time: 2 hours plus 10 minutes reading time.

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATE:

- Write your name, candidate number, class and school in the boxes above.
- Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
- You are given 10 minutes to read through the questions. Do not start writing until you are told to do so.
- Read each question carefully.
- Answer ALL questions
- Write your answers, in either blue or black ink, in the spaces provided in the booklet. Only summary to be written in pencil.

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MARKS	
Total Score	
Out of	60
Percentage	

SECTION: A

SUMMARY WRITING

Read the passage below and write the summary.

One advantage of the internet is that young people can do research for their schoolwork and homework. This often helps teenagers to widen their knowledge and improve their grades. Another positive aspect of the internet is that people can practise foreign languages by chatting to friends in other countries. This is also a good way of keeping in touch with friends and family around the world.

It is now easier than ever to access the internet, whether you are using a computer, phone or tablet. There is no doubt that many young people are spending more and more time online, with both positive and negative consequences.

To sum up, spending time on the internet can have a negative impact on young people, but it also has many advantages. Personally, I think the internet is an incredible tool and the benefits of internet access outweigh the dangers. However, we should be careful not to use the internet excessively.

On the other hand, there are also negative consequences. Some young people become addicted to online gaming and this can mean that they waste too much time playing these games. This can have a negative effect on their schoolwork, the amount of exercise they get and their social lives. In addition, excessive internet use can mean that some young people hardly talk to their families because they are always on the computer.

1. Write a summary on the advantages and disadvantages of internet.

Your summary must:

- *Not be more than 60 words*
- *Be in continuous writing*
- *Be written in one paragraph*

Use your words as far as possible without changing the original meaning. (10mks)

SECTION C: GRAMMAR

Read the broken passage below and use it to answer questions 9 - 15. For each blank space, choose the best alternative from the choices given.

"East or west, _____ 9 _____." It is a famous old proverb, which is true to the hilt. My house is situated on the main road. It is not far _____ 10 _____ my school. It is double storied. It is fitted with electricity. _____ 11 _____ are four rooms in each _____ 12 _____. All the rooms of my house are airy, neat _____ 13 _____ clean. We have all the facilities of modern _____ 14 _____ in our house. I have _____ 15 _____ many beautiful flowers in one corner of my house.

- 9. (home is good, all is well, home is best, home is home) _____ (1mk)
- 10. (to, with, from, away) _____ (1mk)
- 11. (There, They, Their, Them) _____ (1mk)
- 12. (flower, floor, flour, flow) _____ (1mk)
- 13. (but, although, so, and) _____ (1mk)
- 14. (life, live, lives, leaf) _____ (1mk)
- 15. (growing, grown, grow, grew) _____ (1mk)

For questions 16 - 18, write the correct question tags.

- 16. They have completed the task, _____? (1mk)
.....
- 17. Let's go outside, _____? (1mk)
.....
- 18. None of the boys understood the question, _____? (1mk)
.....

For questions 19 - 21, choose the word that has the same pronunciation as the one given.

- 19. hear _____ (1mk)
.....
- 20. won _____ (1mk)
.....
- 21. sea _____ (1mk)

Change the following sentences into plural form.

22. The boy is drinking water. (2mks)

23. A sheep was injured by an ox. (2mks)

24. She was summoned by the chief. (2mks)

Write 2 examples of

25. Adjectives _____ (2mks)

26. Adverbs _____ (2mks)

27. Pronouns _____ (2mks)

Complete the following sentences using the correct conjunction

28. We didn't have much money, _____ we were happy. (1mk)

29. The workers are _____ tired _____ hungry. (1mk)

30. When it is raining, lightning can strike any time. _____, we should always take precautions. (1mk)

Complete the following sentences using the correct word given in the bracket.

31. Excuse me, _____ I just say something? (1mk)
(could, should, must)

32. Smoking _____ cause cancer. (1mk)
(should, must, can)

SECTION B

COMPREHENSION PASSAGE

Read the passage below and use it to answer questions 2 - 8.

Learning something new can be a scary experience. One of the hardest things I've ever had to do was learn how to swim. I was always afraid of the water, but I decided that swimming was an important skill that I should learn. I also thought it would be good exercise and help me to become physically stronger. What I didn't realize was that learning to swim would also make me a more confident person.

New situations always make me a bit nervous, and my first swimming lesson was no exception. After I changed into my bathing suit in the locker room, I stood timidly by the side of the pool waiting for the teacher and other students to show up. After a couple of minutes the teacher came over. She smiled and introduced herself, and two more students joined us. Although they were both older than me, they didn't seem to be embarrassed about not knowing how to swim. I began to feel more at ease.

We got into the pool, and the teacher had us put on brightly coloured water wings to help us stay afloat. One of the other students, May, had already taken the beginning class once before, so she took a kickboard and went splashing off by herself. The other student, Jerry, and I were told to hold on to the side of the pool and shown how to kick for the breaststroke. One by one, the teacher had us hold on to a kickboard while she pulled it through the water and we kicked. Pretty soon Jerry was off doing this by himself, travelling at a fast clip across the short end of the pool.

Things were not quite that easy for me, but the teacher was very patient. After a few more weeks, when I seemed to have caught on with my legs, she taught me the arm strokes. Now I had two things to concentrate on, my arms and my legs. I felt hopelessly uncoordinated. Sooner than I imagined, however, things began to feel "right" and I was able to swim! It was a wonderful free feeling like flying, maybe - to be able to shoot across the water.

Learning to swim was not easy for me, but in the end my persistence paid off. Not only did I learn how to swim and to conquer my fear of the water, but I also learned something about learning. Now when I am faced with a new situation I am not so nervous. I may feel uncomfortable to begin with, but I know that as I practice being in that situation and as my skills get better, I will feel more and more comfortable. It is a wonderful, free feeling when you achieve a goal you have set for yourself.

2. State two importance of swimming according to the first paragraph. (2mks)

i) _____

ii) _____

3. What did the teacher do immediately she showed up? (1mk)

4. To stay a float, the writer (1mk)

5. Of the three students, who had taken the beginning class before? (1mk)

6. How can you describe the teacher? (2mks)

7. Which of the following words can best replace the word "wonderful" as used in the passage? (1mk)

(marvelous, naughty, nasty, perfectly)

8. What lesson do you learn from the above passage? (2mks)

SECTION D: LITERATURE
POETRY

Read the poem below and use it to answer questions 33 - 37

You want to be in a gang
And shoot up everything with a bang
You say they'll have your back
But education is what you lack
Education is the key to life
And not getting stabbed with a knife
Education will lead you to great heights
And not to everyday fights
Education will help you excel

Not lead you to a county jail
You won't find yourself doing ten
In any county pen
Or being charged with first degree murder
In a court of order
And as your family wail
You're getting life without bail
Be in a gang and stay there for keeps
You'll find yourself underground six feet deep
So instead of being laid to rest
Get an education and be the best.

(Norena M. Jones)

33. How many stanzas does the above poem has? (1mk) _____

34. Write three pairs of rhyming words used in the second stanza. (3mks)

- i) _____
- ii) _____
- iii) _____

35. Explain the meaning of the phrase "*Education is the key to life*" as used in the poem. (2mks)

36. State three benefits of getting education as mentioned in the poem.

- i) _____
- ii) _____
- iii) _____

37. What is the most appropriate title for the above poem? (1mk)
