



Let the mind manage the body
Que l'esprit gère le corps

ENGLISH

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Check that this assessment booklet contains **9** questions printed on **16** pages numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.
2. Write your Index Number on the assessment booklet in the space provided above.
3. You should not use red, green or black ink in answering questions.
4. Write all your answers clearly in the assessment booklet.
5. Attempt all questions.

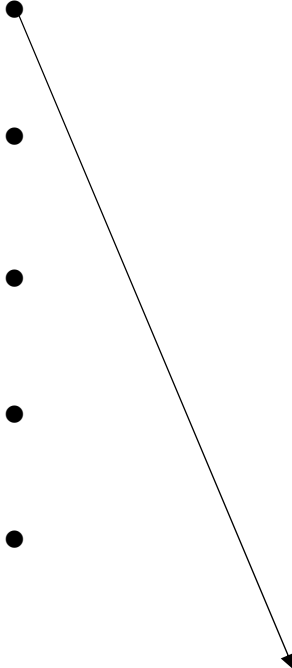
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Question 1 (5 marks)

Marks

Match the sentence on the left with the corresponding sentence on the right.

An example is given. Be careful! There is an extra sentence on the right.

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| (i) Are you ready? | ● | ● They cannot go for a swim. |
| (ii) Open the windows! | ● | ● Her son has won the competition. |
| (iii) There are huge waves in the lagoon. | ● | ● Be careful! You can burn yourself. |
| (iv) At what time will you reach the cinema? | ● | ● It's hot in here. |
| (v) I lost my pen. | ● | ● The film starts at eight o'clock. |
| (vi) Rita is very proud. | ● | ● Be quick or you will be late for school! |
| | | ● Can you please lend me yours? |
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Question 2 (10 marks)

Marks

For each item, circle the letter which shows the correct answer.

Example:

This plant well in tropical areas.

A growing

C grow

B grows

D grown

1. Last week, my uncle me a new bag.

A gave

C gives

B given

D give

2. Please switch the lights. It's getting dark.

A up

C on

B at

D to

3. The gardener hurt while cleaning the yard.

A itself

C yourself

B myself

D himself

4. How time will you take to reach Port Louis?

A some

C many

B much

D lot

5. My friends and I eat snacks recess.

A while

C between

B during

D then

6. The boy in the school won the race.

A as fast

C fastest

B so fast

D faster

7. When Sara reached home, her father the vegetables.

A will cut

C has cut

B was cutting

D is cutting

8. The car was here belongs to Sheena.

A who

C where

B which

D whom

9. Did you your book?

A enjoys

C enjoying

B enjoyed

D enjoy

10. the rain, they played football.

A Despite

C However

B Although

D As

Question 3A (5 marks)

Marks

Read the given descriptions. Then, find a word to match each description.

Example:

We use these to light a fire.

M a t c h e s

i) A place where vegetables and fruits are sold

M _ _ _ _ _

ii) You throw waste in this

B _ _ _

iii) The meal you eat at mid-day

L _ _ _ _ _

iv) The place from where you borrow books

L _ _ _ _ _

v) Someone who makes clothes

T _ _ _ _ _

Question 3B (5 marks)

Marks

Circle the letter which shows the correct answer.

1. Mike's teeth are hurting. He needs to go to a

A fireman	C mechanic
B florist	D dentist

2. I my purse at home. I don't have any money on me.

A broke	C gave
B forgot	D bought

3. My aunt always helps other people. She is very

A shy	C kind
B quiet	D tall

4. The thief ran very Nobody could catch him.

A quickly	C politely
B softly	D lazily

5. The stadium was so that the players could not hear their coach.

A peaceful	C beautiful
B dark	D noisy

Question 4A (10 marks)

Marks

Read the text below.

Jaguars

Jaguars are wild animals belonging to the species of wild cats. They are found in the continents of North and South America. They are the third largest species of cats, after tigers and lions. An adult jaguar can weigh up to 96 kg and can reach a height of 76 cm. Jaguars can live up to 15 years in the wild.



Jaguars are carnivorous animals. As they can run up to 80 km/h, they catch prey like deer very easily. They are also very good swimmers, which allows them to eat fish and turtles from rivers.

The jaguar is often confused with the leopard as they look similar. They both have spots on their bodies. However, they are quite different. The jaguar is stronger than the leopard. Also, the jaguar's tail is shorter.

Now answer the following questions.

Example:

This passage is about:

Jaguars

1. Species to which jaguars belong: _____
2. Continents where they are found:
(i) _____
(ii) _____
3. Maximum weight of an adult jaguar: _____
4. Maximum number of years a jaguar can live: _____
5. Maximum speed of a jaguar: _____
6. Two things jaguars eat:
(i) _____
(ii) _____
7. One **similarity** between jaguars and leopards: _____
8. One **difference** between jaguars and leopards: _____

Question 4B (15 marks)**Read the text below.**

There was once a giant who lived in a big castle in a village. He lived all alone in his castle, which meant that he often felt lonely. It was known that the giant did not like children at all. He thought they were too noisy and too disobedient.

It so happened that one day the giant got tired of being alone. He went to spend some time at his friend's place in the city.

While the giant was away, something unusual happened in the castle. Some children, on their way back from school, noticed that the gate to the giant's castle was open. Curious, they went inside. They were amazed when they saw the giant's beautiful garden. It had colourful flowers and many different kinds of trees that gave plenty of fruits in the summer. The children were delighted and started playing in the garden. They enjoyed it so much that they started coming to the castle every day.

After a few months, tired of the noise in the city, the giant came back to his castle.

When he arrived, he saw the children playing in his garden. "What are you doing here?" he shouted in an angry voice. The children were so terrified on seeing the huge man shouting at them that they ran away. "This garden belongs to me only. I cannot let anybody play in it," the giant grumbled. He decided to build a high wall all around it.

Now that the children could no longer play in the garden, they played in the streets. However, they did not like it. The streets were very dusty and full of stones and they often got hurt while playing.

That winter, it snowed heavily. The children stayed indoors and they felt miserable.

When summer came, the plants flowered everywhere in the village except in the giant's garden. Neither did the birds come to sing nor did flowers blossom because children were not playing there anymore. The garden looked completely dull.

One morning, as the giant looked out of his window, he saw that his garden had become lively again. The children had entered the garden through a hole in the wall. The trees were so glad to have the children back that they covered themselves with flowers and fruits. The birds were so excited that they flew about and chirped happily.

It was such a wonderful sight that the giant's heart melted. He was very sorry for having stopped the children from playing in his garden. He decided to knock down the wall and turned his garden into a children's playground. The giant now spends a lot of time playing with the children.

Adapted from *The Selfish Giant*, by Oscar Wilde

1. Indicate whether the following statements are True / False by writing 'T' or 'F' in the given boxes.

(i) The giant's castle was in the city.

(ii) The giant lived alone in his castle.

(iii) The children liked playing in the streets.

[3]

Circle the letter that shows the correct answer.

2. The giant went to visit his friend because

- A it had snowed heavily in winter
- B the children were too noisy
- C he did not want to be alone
- D there were too many birds in his garden

[1]

3. "While the giant was away, **something unusual** happened ..."

This refers to the

- A children entering the giant's garden
- B birds not chirping happily
- C giant visiting his friend in the city
- D children making noise on the streets

[1]

4. “The children were so **terrified** on seeing the huge man shouting at them that they ran away.”

This means that the children were very

- A sad
- B angry
- C scared
- D worried

[1]

5. The giant built a wall around his garden because

- A the streets were dusty
- B he had to go to his friend’s place
- C it was summer in the village
- D he did not want children to enter it

[1]

6. During winter, the children felt miserable because

- A flowers did not blossom
- B they had to stay at home
- C their friend lived far away
- D they got hurt while playing

[1]

Now answer the following questions.

8. Although summer came, the flowers in the giant's garden did not blossom.

Explain why.

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[1]

9. Do you like the giant? Why?

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.....

[1]

10. How does the giant feel about children

(i) at the beginning of the story?

(ii) at the end of the story?

[2]

11. Put the following events in the correct order as they happen in the text.

The first one has been done for you.

The giant scolds the children.

The giant goes to visit his friend.

The children enter the garden for the first time.

The giant builds a wall around his garden.

[3]

Question 5 (10 marks)

Marks

Write sentences by:

(i) removing the extra word.

My teacher told me to but finish my work.

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[1]

(ii) adding the required capital letters and full stops.

kevin went to the shop he bought a copybook

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[2]

(iii) transforming into the negative form.

I will participate in the competition.

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[2]

(iv) putting the adverb 'quietly' in the right place.

The dog watched quietly the cat.

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[1]

(v) transforming into the interrogative form.

The player scored two goals.

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[2]

(vi) Write one sentence by using the following words:

to rain – slippery

.....

.....

[2]

Question 6A (5 marks)

**Complete the following text by choosing the suitable word from the given list.
Be careful! There is an extra word in the given list.**

The first one has been done for you.

friends	poor	with	fierce	anger	cry	passing
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There was once a **fierce** lion living in a forest. One day, a mouse who was
by saw the lion sleeping under a tree. The mouse wanted to be with the
majestic animal. He started playing the lion's paws. This disturbed the lion.
He got up in and jumped on the mouse. The mouse
begged the lion not to kill him. The lion took pity and finally let the mouse go.

Question 6B (5 marks)

**Complete the following text by writing one suitable word in each blank space.
This time you will have to find the word yourself.**

A few months later, the lion was walking in the forest. Suddenly, a net fell
him. He tried hard to out, but in vain. Luckily, the mouse was close by. He
saw the lion in the net. He quickly used his sharp teeth cut
the net open. The grateful lion got out and the mouse. He had learnt that
even small creatures can be very helpful.

Question 7A (5 marks)

Correct the mistakes underlined in the text below.

The first one has been done for you.

One day, Chris saw some man (men) looking at the litchi trees near his house. They were speaking among themselves (.....) softly. There (.....) plan was to steal the juicy litchis. They wanted to sold (.....) them to make some money. Chris immediately (.....) informed his parents who called the police. The men runned (.....) away when they heard the siren of a police jeep.

Question 7B (5 marks)

Fill in the spaces in the sentences below by using the correct form of the words in brackets.

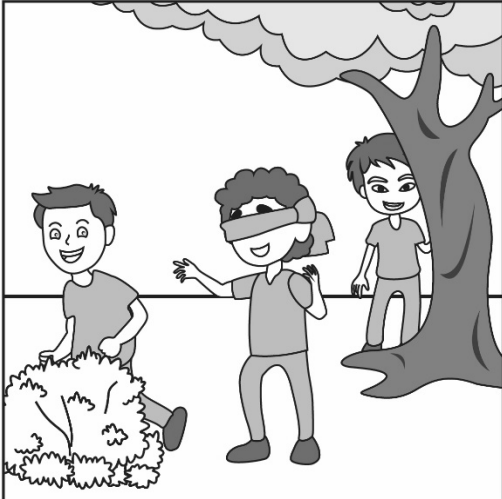
Chamarel is one of the most (**fascinate**) places in Mauritius. One can see seven coloured earth there. How the place got so many colours is one of the (**mystery**) of nature. Many people go to Chamarel (**day**). They find it to be a (**wonder**) place. It is a popular tourist (**attract**).

Question 8A (6 marks)

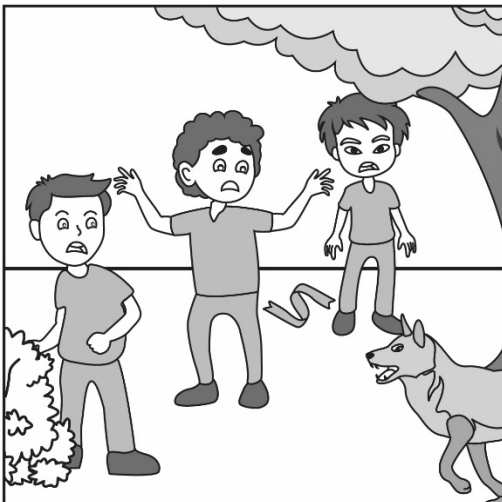
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Write one sentence on each picture to make a short story.

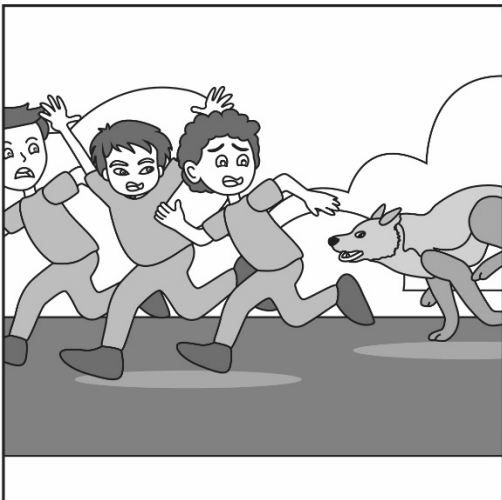
Use the words given to you.



one day – hide and seek



suddenly – dog



finally – to escape

Question 8B (4 marks)

Use the words in brackets to link the given sentences. Remember to make the necessary changes.

Example:

One morning, Zaheer and his mum were walking on the beach. Zaheer and his mum found a turtle. (while)

One morning, while Zaheer and his mum were walking on the beach, they found a turtle.

1 The turtle was trying to swim back to the sea. The turtle could not do so. (**but**)

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.....

2 Zaheer and his mum picked the turtle up. Zaheer and his mum took the turtle to the sea. (**and**)

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3 Zaheer and his mum placed the turtle in the water. The turtle started swimming. (**when**)

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4 Zaheer was happy. Zaheer had saved the turtle. (**as**)

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Question 9 (10 marks)

You were walking back home when you noticed a bag under a tree.

Write a story of about 120 words to say what happened on that day.

The following may help you:

- What did you find in the bag?
- How did you react?
- What did you do with it?
- What happened in the end?

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