

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



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MAURITIUS EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE

Primary School Achievement Certificate Assessment

2021-2022

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Total Marks: 100

ENGLISH

(Subject code No. P110)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Check that this assessment booklet contains **9** questions printed on **15** pages numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.
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.

Question	Marking		Revision		Control	
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Question 1 (5 marks)

Match the sentence on the left with the corresponding sentence on the right. An example has been given. Be careful! There is an extra sentence on the right.

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| (i) The teacher congratulated Neha. | ● | ● Can I sleep for some time? |
| | | ● She had won the first prize. |
| (ii) Tara is going to the supermarket. | ● | |
| | | ● Mother has asked her to buy milk and bread. |
| (iii) I'm tired. | ● | |
| | | ● The bag is new. |
| (iv) The policeman stopped the car. | ● | |
| | | ● You will be late for school. |
| (v) Hurry up! | ● | |
| | | ● He cannot find it anywhere. |
| (vi) Have you seen Kevin's jacket? | ● | ● The driver was driving too fast. |

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Question 2 (10 marks)

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

Example:

My friends and I play football recess.

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|----------|--------|----------|---------|
| A | while | C | between |
| B | during | D | then |
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1. Yesterday, Grandma some cakes for us.

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|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| A | will make | C | makes |
| B | made | D | has made |

2. Preety's birthday is the 29th of May.

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|----------|-----|----------|------|
| A | on | C | with |
| B | for | D | at |

3. My uncle is proud of daughter.

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|----------|-----|----------|---------|
| A | him | C | himself |
| B | his | D | he |

4. There has been rain this month. It is dry everywhere.

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|----------|------|----------|--------|
| A | many | C | any |
| B | few | D | little |

5. We are going to hurt if we are not careful.

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|----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| A | myself | C | ourselves |
| B | themselves | D | himself |

6. Pascal's car is than Sam's car.

- A** as big
- B** so big
- C** bigger
- D** biggest

7. When I opened my eyes, I someone smiling at me.

- A** am seeing
- B** see
- C** saw
- D** will see

8. Did your brother football last week?

- A** play
- B** played
- C** playing
- D** plays

9. This is the place we stayed last time.

- A** what
- B** who
- C** when
- D** where

10. You will only succeed you work hard.

- A** if
- B** despite
- C** unless
- D** however

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Question 3A (5 marks)

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

An example has been given.

Example: You use it to dry yourself after a shower.

T o w e l

(i) You visit this place to see animals.

Z _ _

(ii) You use this instrument to draw straight lines.

R _ _ _ _

(iii) This is a place where people keep their money safely.

B _ _ _

(iv) It is the baby of a cat.

K _ _ _ _ _

(v) This person repairs taps and water pipes.

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Question 3B (5 marks)

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

1. Can you please turn down the radio? It is too
- A** expensive **C** new
B loud **D** broken
2. We could not get a seat because the cinema was
- A** full **C** wide
B large **D** beautiful
3. "Can you please lend me your pen?" I Mary.
- A** told **C** said
B spoke **D** asked
4. The sea is very dangerous here. People who go swimming might
- A** fall **C** jump
B drown **D** run
5. Mother did not want us to eat a lot of chocolates. She them in the cupboard.
- A** bought **C** hid
B collected **D** cooked

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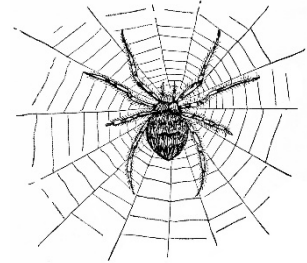
Question 4A (10 marks)

Read the text below.

Spiders

There are around 38,000 types of spiders in the world. Many people think that spiders are insects but they are not. The bodies of spiders are made up of two parts whereas the bodies of insects are made up of three parts.

Spiders have eight legs. Some species of spiders feed on other animals such as mice and lizards. Spiders have short hairs on their feet that allow them to walk upside down on ceilings. Most spiders are known for making silk webs to catch insects.



The average life of a spider is one to two years. However, the biggest species of spiders may live up to 20 years.

Many people are afraid of spiders because they can bite. One of the most poisonous spiders is called the *Black Widow*. Its bite can cause death.

A spider eats about 2,000 insects a year. Therefore, we should not kill spiders because they protect our gardens from being filled with mosquitoes.

Adapted from *sciencekids.co.nz*

Based on the text, complete the following:

Example: This passage is about:

Spiders

1. Number of types of spiders:
2. Number of body parts spiders have:
3. Number of legs that spiders have:
4. One animal which some spiders feed on:
5. Purpose of short hairs on spiders' feet:
6. Way by which spiders catch insects:
7. Maximum number of years the biggest species of spiders can live for:
8. Name of a spider that can cause death:
9. Number of insects a spider can eat in a year:
10. One way spiders help people:

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Question 4B (15 marks)

Read the text below.

Swami was a young boy who did not like to go to school. One Monday morning, he woke up and decided he wanted to stay home.

At 09 00, Swami started pretending to be ill. At 09 10, when he should have been in the school assembly, Swami was lying in his mother's room.

Suddenly, his father came from the kitchen and asked him, "Why aren't you going to school today?"

"Headache," Swami lied.

"Nonsense! Get ready and go immediately."

Swami knew how strict his father could be. So, he changed his excuses. "I can't go so late. It's already 09 30. Mr Samuel is a very angry man. He punishes children who come in late very severely. I don't want to go to his class."

"If he punishes children too severely, why don't you tell your head teacher about it?"

"Even the head teacher is afraid of him," said Swami.

On hearing this, Swami's father got angry. He decided to send a letter to the head teacher to complain about Mr Samuel.

Swami went to school feeling that he was the worst boy on earth. In fact, Mr Samuel was the friendliest teacher in the school!

Swami stood at the door of his class. Swami hoped that Mr Samuel would scold him severely but the teacher did not. He allowed Swami to enter the class. When Mr Samuel asked if he had done his homework, Swami replied that he had not done it. "No problem. You can submit the work tomorrow," Mr Samuel said gently.

Swami sat down, feeling sad. He had never met any teacher as kind as Mr Samuel.

When the bell rang at 15 30, Swami ran to the head teacher's office to deliver the letter his father had written. The office was locked. The caretaker told him that the head teacher had gone on holidays and that Mr Samuel was now in charge of the school. Swami immediately ran away from that place.

When Swami came back home, his father saw that the letter was still with him. Angrily, he said, "I knew you would not give the letter. Don't ever come to me for help if you get scolded again."

Adapted from *Swami*, in *Malgudi Days*, by R.K.Narayan

1. Indicate whether the following statements are True or False by ticking (✓) the correct boxes.

	True	False	
(i) Swami liked going to school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	[1]
(ii) Swami had a headache.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	[1]
(iii) Swami said that the head teacher was scared of Mr Samuel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	[1]

Circle the letter that shows the correct answer.

2. At the time of the school assembly, Swami was in
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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| A Mr Samuel's class | C his mother's room | |
| B the head teacher's office | D the kitchen | [1] |
3. According to Swami, Mr Samuel severely punished children who were
- | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----|
| A late | C inattentive | |
| B absent | D talkative | [1] |
4. Swami changed his excuses as
- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| A the head teacher was cruel | C his mother was kind | |
| B his father was strict | D Mr Samuel was gentle | [1] |
5. When Swami said he had not done his homework, Mr Samuel was
- | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| A disappointed with him | C angry with him | |
| B kind to him | D proud of him | [1] |

6. Swami went to the head teacher's office at

A 09 00

C 09 30

B 09 10

D 15 30

[1]

Based on the text, answer the following questions.

7. 'Swami went to school feeling that he was the worst boy on earth.'

Explain why.

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[1]

8. Circle **two** adjectives from the list below to describe Swami.

lazy	generous	careful	dishonest	shy
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[2]

9. **Put the following events in the correct order as they happen in the text. The first one has been done for you.**

Mr Samuel lets Swami enter the class.

Swami's father forces him to go to school.

Swami decides not to go to school.

Swami's father refuses to help Swami in the future.

Swami runs away from the head teacher's office.

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Question 5 (10 marks)

Write sentences by:

(i) separating the words.

Ziadlikeswatchingfilms.

.....[1]

(ii) removing the extra word.

Eric loves at his new bicycle.

.....[1]

(iii) putting the words in order.

waited - in - for - Joe - Curepipe - Sara

.....[1]

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

We should treat animals.

.....[1]

(v) transforming into its negative form.

Nina caught a fish.

.....[2]

(vi) transforming into its interrogative form.

We will clean our rooms.

.....[2]

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

book – to sleep – night

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.....[2]

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Question 6A (5 marks)

Complete the following text by writing one suitable word from the given list in each blank space. Be careful! There is an extra word in the given list.

The first one has been done for you.

smiling ~~time~~ of garden which head enjoyed

Once upon a time, there was a scarecrow in a field. The scarecrow was made straw. An old ball had been used to make the scarecrow's On the ball, someone had painted two eyes, a nose and a mouth.



A scarecrow

The scarecrow his work. He scared away the birds came to the field.

The scarecrow knew that without him, nothing would grow at all.

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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.

This year, the scarecrow had a problem. A farmer had filled him new straw. However, some pigeons wanted the straw to their nests. They flew on the scarecrow tried to pick some straw. Unfortunately, the scarecrow could not them from stealing the straw.

Just then, some mice were passing by. They him to scare away the pigeons. As a reward, the scarecrow invited the mice to live in his pockets.

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Question 7A (5 marks)

Correct the mistakes underlined in the text below.

The first one has been done for you.

My brother do (.....**did**.....) not like going to the dentist. However, one day he is suffering (.....) from a bad toothache. As he could not bear the pain, he phoned the dentist and taked (.....) an appointment. He saw many patient (.....) when he entered the waiting room. Most of they (.....) seemed to be in great pain. Some even had swolen (.....) cheeks. My poor brother panicked!

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Question 7B (5 marks)

Fill in the blank spaces in the text below by using the correct form of the given words in brackets.

The Blue Penny museum

The Blue Penny museum is (**to find**) at the Caudan Waterfront in Port Louis. The museum has a big (**collect**) of stamps which includes the famous 1847 Blue Penny stamp. This stamp was bought by some (**Mauritius**) companies. It was (**to return**) to Mauritius in 1993. The original stamps are (**rare**) displayed to protect them from light. Most of the time only copies are shown.

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Question 8A (6 marks)

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

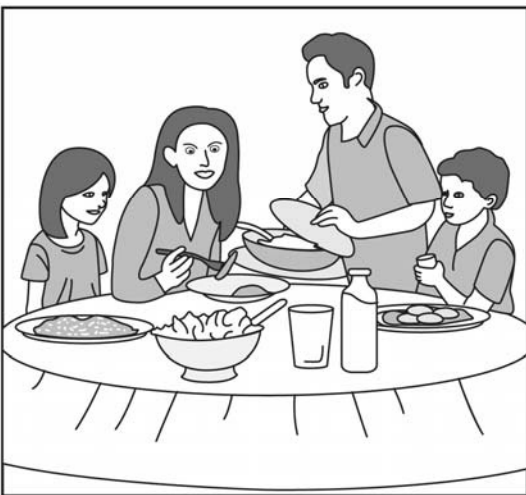
Use the words given to you.



last Saturday – ill



without losing time – to help



at night – dinner

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Question 8B (4 marks)

Use the words in brackets to link the given sentences.

Remember to make the necessary changes.

Example:

Last week, we went to the seaside. We enjoyed ourselves very much. (**and**)

Last week, we went to the seaside and enjoyed ourselves very much.

1. Our parents prepared food. My brother and I swam in the sea. (**while**)

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2. The food was ready. Our parents called us for lunch. (**as**)

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3. My brother and I went to change our clothes. My brother and I realised that we had left our clothes at home. (**when**)

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4. Luckily, our parents had brought their clothes. Their clothes were too big. (**but**)

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Question 9 (10 marks)

While you were in a shop, a fire broke out.

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

The following questions may help you:

- What did you see?
- What had caused the fire?
- How did you and the people around you react?
- What did you do to help?
- What happened in the end?

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