



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

# ENGLISH

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## MAURITIUS EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE

### Primary School Achievement Certificate Assessment

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Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

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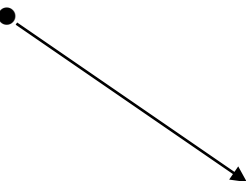
#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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)**

**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) There is a lot of traffic today.     | ● |  | ● Dad has prepared a delicious meal.    |
| (ii) The workers are very tired.         | ● |   | ● We will be late for the show.         |
| (iii) Be careful when drinking your tea! | ● |   | ● They are resting under the tree.      |
| (iv) Are you hungry?                     | ● |   | ● It is hot.                            |
| (v) Shina is scared in the dark.         | ● |   | ● Don't forget to wear your jacket.     |
| (vi) It is cold today.                   | ● |   | ● Mother is taking him to the hospital. |
|  |   |   | ● There is a power cut.                 |

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**Question 2 (10 marks)**

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

**Example:**

He has forgotten ..... purse at home. He has no money.

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| <b>A</b> | his | <b>C</b> | their |
| <b>B</b> | her | <b>D</b> | your  |

1. My mother is going to Port Louis. .... will be back at 13 00.

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|----------|-----|----------|------|
| <b>A</b> | She | <b>C</b> | It   |
| <b>B</b> | He  | <b>D</b> | They |

2. My uncle ..... his family to the cinema yesterday.

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|----------|-------|----------|------------|
| <b>A</b> | took  | <b>C</b> | has taken  |
| <b>B</b> | takes | <b>D</b> | was taking |

3. I need ..... time to finish my homework.

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|----------|------|----------|------|
| <b>A</b> | many | <b>C</b> | some |
| <b>B</b> | few  | <b>D</b> | any  |

4. Monty was the ..... clown in the circus.

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| <b>A</b> | so funny | <b>C</b> | funnier  |
| <b>B</b> | as funny | <b>D</b> | funniest |

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**Question 3A (5 marks)**

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

An example is given.

**Example:**

We use it to drink soup.

**S p o o n**

(i) Parts of the body which allow us to see

**E \_ \_ \_**

(ii) A large vehicle used to carry goods

**L \_ \_ \_ \_**

(iii) A doctor who treats people's teeth

**D \_ \_ \_ \_ \_**

(iv) The meal eaten in the morning

**B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_**

(v) A tall animal with a very long neck

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**Question 4A (10 marks)**

**Read the text below.**

Lionel Messi was born in 1987 in Argentina. At the age of 13, Messi and his family moved to the city of Barcelona in Spain.

In the 2004–05 season, Messi played his first football game in FC Barcelona at the age of 17. In 2006, Messi won the Champions League title for FC Barcelona.

Messi is 1.7 metres tall and weighs 67 kilogrammes. He is strong on the field and is known for his passing and precise ball control.

The 2022 World Cup—his fifth—was Messi’s last World Cup with Argentina. Messi scored 7 goals in that tournament. Argentina played against France for the final match of the 2022 World Cup and won.



**Based on the text, complete the following:**

**Example:** This passage is about: Lionel Messi .....

1. Year of birth of Messi: .....
2. Country of birth of Messi: .....
3. Age of Messi when he moved to Spain: .....
4. Age of Messi when he first played for FC Barcelona: .....
5. Title won by Messi in 2006 for FC Barcelona: .....
6. Height of Messi: .....
7. Weight of Messi: .....
8. Number of World Cups in which Messi played: .....
9. Number of goals Messi scored in the 2022 World Cup: .....
10. Country beaten by Argentina in the final match of the 2022 World Cup: .....

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## Question 4B (15 marks)

Read the text below.

Mia was a six-year-old girl. One Saturday morning, Mia sat on the floor drawing while Mummy and Daddy were sleeping. She stopped when she heard a noise outside.

“It sounds like a baby horse.”

However, she thought it could not be a baby horse as she did not live near any farm where she might hear a baby horse. Mia opened the door and went to the garden. The sound seemed to be coming from a nearby plant. Mia heard wings flapping but saw nothing flying away.



Unibel, the unicorn

Suddenly, Mia heard a voice, “Don’t hurt me!”

Was it a bird talking? Mia was astonished to discover that it was not a bird. She saw a purple baby horse with wings and pink flowing hair and a horn on its forehead. “Oh, it’s a unicorn!” Mia exclaimed.

The frightened creature struggled to come out of the branches. “I won’t hurt you, little unicorn,” whispered Mia. She handled the unicorn with careful hands and set her free. The unicorn jumped in the air with excitement because she was very happy to be free. “My name is Unibel. If ever you need help, just call my name and I will be there,” Unibel told Mia.

Later, in her room, Mummy told Mia that they were going to have a picnic in the park. Once they were in the park, Mia quickly finished her lunch. She wanted to climb a tree and enjoy the picturesque views from the top.

“Can I go and play?” she asked Mummy.

“Let me tie your hair into a ponytail first,” said Mummy. The word ‘ponytail’ reminded Mia of Unibel. “I saw a unicorn today. She was trapped in our plant. I helped her and she flew away.”

“A unicorn?” asked Mummy in a puzzled way. “That’s a funny story,” laughed Mummy and Daddy. Mia was upset that her parents had not believed her. Anyway, she ran to a tall tree and started climbing it.

Soon, she was a long way from the ground. As soon as she looked at the ground below her, Mia felt that her head was spinning. She was so scared she might fall down that she screamed at the top of her lungs.

Daddy heard Mia cry and rushed to help her. “Be brave, Mia! I’m trying to climb, but it’s a fragile tree. Its branches keep breaking. I’ll find another way to help,” Daddy said.

Mia knew who could help. “Unibel!” she called. Unibel flew to help Mia. She carried Mia on her back and brought her to the ground safely.

That night, Mia sat proudly in the living room. Her parents had to believe her now.

Adapted from Jaydee and the Garden Surprise | Bedtime Stories



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

- |   | True                     | False                    |     |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| (i) Mia was six years old.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | [1] |
| (ii) Mia saw that a bird was in difficulty. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | [1] |
| (iii) Daddy brought Mia down from the tree. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | [1] |

Circle the letter that shows the correct answer.

2. When Mia heard a noise outside, her parents were ..... [1]

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>A</b> having a picnic | <b>C</b> sleeping |
| <b>B</b> having lunch    | <b>D</b> drawing  |

3. Mia found that the sound came from a ..... [1]

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|---------------|----------------|
| <b>A</b> park | <b>C</b> room  |
| <b>B</b> farm | <b>D</b> plant |

4. The frightened creature 'struggled' to come out of the branches.  
This means that the animal ..... [1]

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>A</b> was talking to Mia      | <b>C</b> was carrying Mia on her back |
| <b>B</b> had trouble to fly away | <b>D</b> was cheerful                 |

5. The unicorn 'jumped in the air with excitement' because ..... [1]

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A</b> Mia whispered to her     | <b>C</b> she had helped Mia   |
| <b>B</b> Mia was playing with her | <b>D</b> Mia had set her free |

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6. An appropriate title for this passage would be ..... [1]

- A A day out with family
- B A scary experience
- C An unexpected friend
- D A fragile tree

**Based on the text, answer the following questions.**

7. Why did Mia think that the noise could not be that of a baby horse? [1]

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8. Mia screamed at the top of her lungs. Say why. [1]

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9. How did **Mia** feel after

(i) she told her parents about her first meeting with Unibel? [1]

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(ii) she knew that her parents had to believe her? [1]

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10. **Match each character to the actions they perform.** [3]

- Daddy ● ● draws while sitting on the floor.
- Mia ● ● ties her hair into a ponytail.
- Mummy ● ● carries her on her back.
- runs to help her after hearing her cry.

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**Question 5 (10 marks)**

**Write sentences by:**

**(i) removing the extra word.**

Last week my mother cleaned the an bathroom.

..... [1]

**(ii) adding the required capital letter and full stop.**

Mary is happy it's her birthday.

..... [1]

**(iii) putting the adverb 'noisily' in the right place.**

The children played on the playground.

..... [1]

**(iv) putting the words in order.**

painting – Maya – her – is – room.

..... [1]

**(v) transforming into its negative form.**

The fisherman sat on the beach.

..... [2]

**(vi) transforming into its interrogative form.**

The girl will recite a poem.

..... [2]

**(vii) Write one sentence by using the following words.**

cyclone – radio

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 ..... [2]

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**Question 6A (5 marks)**

Complete the following text by choosing the suitable word from the list given. The first one has been done for you.

often    water    ~~arrogant~~    plants    anything    smaller    and

There was once an **arrogant** elephant. He was always cruel with  
 ..... animals. He would ..... go to the hill near his  
 home. There, he would spray ..... on the ants. The ants could not do  
 ..... against the elephant. The elephant just laughed  
 ..... teased them. One day, the ants decided to teach the elephant a  
 lesson.

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**Question 6B (5 marks)**

Now, complete the following text by writing one suitable word in each blank space.

The ants had a plan. They went straight into ..... elephant's trunk.  
 They ..... biting him. The elephant .....  
 in pain. He understood that small animals could be .....  
 He apologised ..... the ants. This story teaches an important  
 lesson. We need to be humble and treat everyone kindly.

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**Question 7A (5 marks)**

**Correct the mistakes underlined in the text below.**

**The first one has been done for you.**

Thomas Edison and his team were in search of a filament for there (.....**their**.....) light bulb. They tryed (.....) two thousand different materials. When nothing were (.....) working, his assistant complain (.....), “All our work is in vain. We have learnt nothing.” Edison replied very confidently, “Oh, we have learnt a lot for ourself (.....). We have learnt that there are thousands of elements which cannot be use (.....) to make a good light bulb.”

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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 botanical garden of Pamplémousses is one of the most ..... (**attract**) places in Mauritius. It was initially opened as a private garden by the French Governor Pierre Poivre ..... (**near**) 300 years ago. Later, it became the ..... (**nation**) botanical garden of Mauritius. It has got more than 650 varieties of plants including dozens of ..... (**medicine**) plants. It is a very ..... (**interest**) place to visit.

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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 week – seaside

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after some time – friend

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then – picnic – together

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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:**

One morning, Zarina woke up. Zarina heard a strange sound in her garden.  
(when)

One morning, when Zarina woke up, she heard a strange sound in her garden.

1. Zarina went to wake her brother up. Her brother was already outside. (**but**)

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 .....

2. There was a monkey picking mangoes. The monkey was eating them. (**and**)

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3. The monkey was eating. Zarina called her neighbours. (**while**)

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4. The monkey saw people coming. The monkey ran away. (**as**)

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**Question 9 (10 marks)**

**You went on an outing with your friends. When it was time to return, the bus broke down and you could not go back home.**

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

**The following may help you:**

- Where had you gone?
- How did you and your friends react when the bus broke down?
- What did you do?
- What happened in the end?

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