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QUESTION BOOKLET

PAPER: **ENGLISH** (SAMPLE)

LEVEL: YEAR **7**

DURATION OF TEST: **75** MINS

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1.) THIS TEST COVERS THE MAIN ASPECTS OF READING, GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY CORRESPONDING TO THE LEVEL STATED ABOVE.
- 2.) EACH QUESTION CARRIES 1 MARK, THE FULL SCORE OF THE TEST IS 40. TRY TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS WITHIN THE GIVEN TIME.
- 3.) YOU CANNOT ASK THE INVIGILATOR TO READ ALOUD, EXPLAIN THE MEANINGS OR SPELL OUT ANY WORDS / PHRASES.
- 4.) BOTH THE QUESTION BOOKLET AND THE ANSWER SHEET MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE INVIGILATOR AFTER THE TEST.

Part A. (READING)

 **Mitchell interviewed two successful athletes for his school magazine. Read the interview and answer Questions 1-6.**

An interview with our proud Olympic medalists



- Mitchell: Welcome to our school, Sarah and Dylan. We're so glad to have two gold medalists here today. Is this the first time you've been interviewed since the Olympics?
- Sarah: I'm not sure about Dylan, but it's definitely my first interview after the games. I just came back from Paris yesterday, the whole experience is still so surreal for me.
- Dylan: Well, it is not my first interview after the game, because my competition ended much earlier than Sarah's. Mine was one of the first few sports at the start of the Olympics this year.
- Mitchell: Do you mind sharing a bit about your journey to becoming a professional athlete and how you got selected to represent our country for this year's Olympics?
- Dylan: Do you have all day then? Just joking. I mean, for me, I just went through the same journey as most other divers do. I started off at the city's training school and was picked by the head coach of the national team when I competed in the Under 15 category, almost 10 years ago. Then it was training and more training, and when I managed to increase the difficulty of my dive, while being consistent with the execution of it, I was assigned to take part in more and more international contests.
- Sarah: As for me, it's a bit different. I started off as a gymnast and then, I discovered that I liked the high jump way more, so I went to train as a high jump athlete. I stopped training and entering competitions for a few years, because I was pregnant with my daughter. When she was a bit older, I wanted to go back to the field and do what I love the best. It seems strange, but I found that my skills have improved and I am more calm than before, which always helps in the contest.
- Mitchell: Do you have any tips or advice for our students who want to be professional athletes like you two?
- Sarah: I'll go first then. My advice may sound a bit of a cliché, but it applies to all types of sports, and that's find the mentor or coach that matches your style the best and never give up easily.
- Dylan: My advice will be to start early. The earlier you find an interest in a sport and start your training, the higher the chance for you to excel and be selected to compete internationally in the major sports events, namely the Olympics and World Cup.

Pick the best option and write your answer in the box or on the line provided on the **Answer Sheet**.

1. What prizes did the 2 athletes get at the recent Olympic Games?

A gold

B silver

C bronze

D honorary runners-up

2. Where was the Olympics held this time?

- A** Germany **B** Britain **C** Japan **D** France

3. In Dylan's response about how he became a professional diver, what does "**it**" refer to in the final line of his speech?

- A** The Olympics **B** his dive **C** the pool **D** the training school

4. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?

- A** Dylan started his training when he was 15 years old.
B It is the first Olympic gold medal for both Dylan and Sarah.
C Sarah loves high jump more than gymnastics.
D Sarah has more than one child.

5. What are the tips/advice given by Sarah and Dylan to those who may want to be professional athletes in the future?

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 try different sports | 2 find the right coach |
| 3 start early | 4 be persistent |

- A** 1, 2 and 3 **B** 1, 2 and 4 **C** 1, 3 and 4 **D** 2, 3 and 4

6. Towards the end of the interview, find 1 word that can fit in the following sentence.

I know it's a _____, but just like many other students, graduation day was the happiest day for me.

Part B. (READING)



Manuela is writing about the preparation for Christmas in her diary. Read the diary entry below and answer Questions 7-11.

Monday, 21st December

Cold

What a busy day it is today for me and my loved ones. We already started preparing for our Christmas party this weekend.

This morning, Mum and Dad brought me to The Big Cheers to buy some nice sweets, a big Christmas pudding and we placed an order for a regular turkey. We also bought some wrapping paper to wrap the presents for our guests at the party. We had a great lunch in a French restaurant next door, I ordered an onion soup and a big raviolo stuffed with cheese. That's quite a heavy lunch for me. I didn't order any desserts because I was just too full.

After lunch, we went to the church near our house. Their Christmas carol service won't start till Wednesday, but their Christmas market has been up and going since last week. We always buy our Christmas tree from them. This year, we got a smaller tree than last year because last year's one could barely fit in our dining room. So, a bit smaller than that would be just right, and we did find the perfect one. We reused the ornaments from last year, and we added some new ones onto the tree, some were ordered online and delivered yesterday, and we made some by ourselves. They're somewhat like origami, and we added our own festive ideas to them.

The whole afternoon was us three running in and out of the hallway trying to find stuff or clean the area, to get things ready. Forgot to mention that we also bought a _____ from the church's Christmas market. I like the colour, it's red and brown, a bit green, with a touch of gold over the edges. That's the colour combo of Christmas to me. I helped hang it up on our door. This year, apart from this, mum also bought some baubles and she would like to place them over the door handle. After spending almost 2 hours decorating our house, it's quarter past four and we had a rest in the dining room. Mum suggested we give the newly bought Christmas pudding a try. It was sweet and fruity, and it went best with a cup of tea.

Just a few days left till the big day, I am looking forward to our party, the part that I always like is the exchange of presents. Last year, I got a pair of gloves from my aunt. They were handmade by her. I love them a lot and they've been great for the sub-zero temperatures in the last few weeks. I wonder what she'll have for me this year.

Pick the best option and write your answer in the box or on the line provided on the **Answer Sheet**.

7. What is the nature of business of The Big Cheers?

- A** department store **B** rink **C** cinema house **D** warehouse

8. On which date will the church kickstart its Christmas service for this year?

- A** 21st Dec **B** 22nd Dec **C** 23rd Dec **D** 24th Dec

9. A word is missing in the second last paragraph, what should that be?

- A** kettle **B** broom **C** quiche **D** wreath

10. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?

- A** They took home some sweets, a Christmas pudding and a turkey bought from the store.
B The family is going to attend the Christmas carol service on Christmas eve.
C They started doing the house decoration when they were back, at around 2:15pm.
D Manuela had a 3-course French meal for lunch after shopping at The Big Cheers.

11. In the 3rd paragraph of the diary entry, find 1 word that can fit in the following sentence.

She likes wearing hair _____. They add a bit of colour and match well with her outfit.

Part C. (READING)



Rowena is reading a leaflet that she got from school. Read their leaflet and answer Questions 12-16.

Save the wild animals! --- by Being Humane Society (2025 ed.)

The practice of shark finning

Shark finning is the act of cutting fins from sharks and discarding the rest of the shark body back into the ocean. As a result of this inhumane practice, many sharks are left finless and will die of suffocation afterwards.

Perhaps you wonder why people are hunting for sharks' fins? The fins have been consumed as the main ingredient of soup, which tends to be a dish associated with wealth and festivity in some East Asian countries.

Sharks, being apex predators, play a vital role in maintaining the marine ecosystem. Without them, the number of certain animals might increase suddenly, and that is detrimental to the life of other sea creatures along the food chain.

There seems to be nothing much that we can do to change the situation, right? That may be true, but we can start by advocating for and educating others about this issue.

The maltreatment of elephants

Elephants are very cute but sadly, people may hunt them for their tusks. It's a part of the long tradition of what is known to be the "ivory trade".

The elephants' tusks are made of ivory, a cream-coloured dense bone tissue. Due to its malleable nature, the tusks have been used for the crafting of everyday objects ranging from tools to tableware. But in recent decades, ivory has been reserved for creating luxury goods or art pieces, making it a status symbol.

Apart from **the above abuse**, elephants in some countries have been locked up or forced to be trained as a part of the performing act of the circus. It's reported that the trainers often beat the elephants or poke them with sharp objects so that they'll follow their instructions. It is sad to hear that some elephants have been so badly treated that they often end up in very bad physical condition...

It's sad to see these cruel things still taking place right now...Feel free to check out our website and learn more about what our organization has been doing since 1990.

If you want to take a step further to make a difference and help save the lives of our dear wild animals, we encourage you to sign up and become a member. We do update our list of members-only events; some are talks, some are fund-raising activities, and some are visits to local farms and NGOs.

Pick the best option and write your answer in the box or on the line provided on the **Answer Sheet**.

12. What type of organisation is Being Humane Society? It's an organisation that educates people on topics revolving around _____.
- A** climate change **B** income gap **C** gender equality **D** animal protection
13. How long has the organisation been in operation?
- A** 20 years **B** 25 years **C** 30 years **D** 35 years or more

14. What does "**the above abuse**" refer to in the section about elephants?

- A** being hit by the trainers **B** being hunted for their tusks
C being chained up in captivity **D** haven't been provided medical care

15. How does the writer feel about the sharks and the elephants?

- A** the writer's sorry for them **B** the writer's disappointed with them
C the writer's scared of them **D** the writer's apathetic about them

16. In the section about sharks, find 1 word that can fit in the following sentence.

The mangrove's _____ is already very fragile, it would suffer enormous damage if the new housing development project were to go ahead as planned.

Part D. (Grammar)

 **This part is all about Grammar. Let's give it a go and pick the best option for each question.**

17. "**Sandra** sat beside **me** in the music lesson today." Identify whether the underlined pronouns are subject (S) or object (O) pronouns.

- A** Sandra: S; me: S **B** Sandra: S; me: O
C Sandra: O; me: S **D** Sandra: O; me: O

18. The _____ (usual) costume is going to be awarded the _____ (big) prize at the ceremony. (Pick the correct comparative / superlative adjectives for the blanks, you may have to change the form of the word for it to make sense)

- A** usualest; biggest **B** most usual; bigger
C most unusual; biggest **D** unusualest; bigger

19. For the word "sweet", what's its verb form (V) and what's its noun form (N)?

- A** V: sweeten; N: sweetness **B** V: sweetize; N: sweetity
C V: sweetaze; N: sweetage **D** V: sweeternize; N: sweetion

20. "Jeffrey⁽¹⁾ promised⁽²⁾ a treat after⁽³⁾ the exam⁽⁴⁾ was over..." Where should the reflexive pronoun **himself** be placed in the sentence?

- A** (1) **B** (2) **C** (3) **D** (4)

21. "In form time today, Mrs. Donaldson asked us to discuss what friendship meant to us." What's the abstract noun in the sentence?
- A** period **B** today **C** us **D** friendship
22. "Kenny is a singer who enjoys pop music from the 80s." What is the function of the underlined part in the sentence?
- A** main clause **B** subordinate clause **C** adjective clause **D** noun clause
23. Our feet _____ (absorption) our full weight as we make each step, so it's essential to choose the right pair of _____ (support) shoes for ourselves. (Choose the correct pair for the 2 blanks)
- A** absorb / supporting **B** absorbed / supportive
C absorptive / supports **D** absorb / support
24. "His face is as red as a tomato!" What type of literary device has been used?
- A** simile **B** metaphor **C** repetition **D** personification
25. What does the root **cycl** mean in the word family here → unicycle, recycle, and encyclopaedia?
- A** words **B** centre **C** circle **D** master
26. "We took jocelyn and jensen to the famous niagara falls all the way from brazil." How many words need capitalisation in the sentence?
- A** 2 **B** 3 **C** 4 **D** 5
27. "I _____ (try) to call you, but no one's picking up the phone." (Which one suggests the highest number of times that the calls were made?)
- A** tried **B** have tried **C** am trying **D** have been trying
28. Choose the sentence below which uses negatives correctly.
- A** I haven't heard anything back from the organiser yet.
B Felix doesn't have no time for the small talk.
C Jamie didn't get no nothing from them.
D Rita ain't left yet, she's always the last one to leave the office.

29. Which sentence uses the second conditional accurately?

- A** I wouldn't worry in this case if I were you.
- B** I won't worry in this case if I were you.
- C** I wouldn't worry in this case if I am you.
- D** I won't worry in this case if I am you.

30. "**As often as necessary**, I will help my neighbour out; she's an elderly woman who can't walk that much." The underlined part functions as an adverbial phrase of _____ in the sentence.

- A** time **B** place **C** reason **D** manner

31. Choose the sentence below which uses reported speech correctly.


- A** "Stop!" Lauren told me not to give any hints to her.
- B** The headteacher asked us to line up outside the school hall.
- C** "Yay!" the winning team shouted, it's their first time reaching the top spot.
- D** "You'll have to drink a lot more water," the doctor said.

32. "Doing regular exercise and eating healthily can improve our bodies' resistant to disease."
One word has been incorrectly used in the sentence, write the correct form in the line provided.

33. Rearrange the words in this sentence, and write it correctly on the line provided:

Before of must manufacturers potential with range cars, flooded our consider are a driverless roads issues.

Part E. (Vocabulary)

 **This part is all about Vocabulary. It is going to cover mainly the meaning and spelling of some commonly seen/used words, as well as those that are a bit more challenging. Let's give it a go and pick the best option for each question.**

34. The rumble of thunder seemed to echo my inner _____. I just want to get rid of all my perplexing thoughts and have a good rest.

- A** contemplation **B** congestion **C** confusion **D** contradiction

35. The notion of winning every single game and claiming the ultimate champion title seems to be a distant meerach for this new team.

(Instruction: correct the spelling of the underlined word)

36. This fashion designer proved to be an extremely successful _____. She opened her store and soon gained the attention of the top fashion editors and purchasers from across the world. It was truly remarkable.

- A** author **B** dictator **C** supervisor **D** entrepreneur

37. Rewrite the following paragraph using the correct spelling of all the misspelled words.

"Never understimete the power of daydreams! Daydreaming is ofen the souce of 'unexpected creativty' in our lives. We should embras those ideas yielded from such pocess."

38. What is the antonym of the adjective "obscure"?

- A** vigorous **B** revitalized **C** clear **D** unanimous

39. Tony was dum_____nded as he realized he'd just won the biggest art contest held in his city. His logo would be used to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the city.

(Instruction: write only the missing letters to complete the spelling)

40. I wonder how they obtained the audiotape of the _____ously (hint: starts with "surre") recorded conversation between the government officials.

(Instruction: **write the WHOLE word**)

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