



Subject: Grade 12 English: Home Language

Topic: English HL: Term 1 - Mini-Exam

Total: 24 Marks

1. false

2 marks

Explanation:

The word, nourishing, is a **present participle** as it is used as a verb.

It can also be a **gerundive**.

Example: The **nourishing** balm is soft.

2. true

2 marks

Explanation:

The phrase encourages consumers to view skincare as a **pampering ritual**, positioning Aquasource Cocoon as a product that goes beyond functionality.

By emphasising **self-indulgence**, the brand narrative suggests that skincare is a personal and luxurious experience, aligning perfectly with the transformative qualities of the lightweight gel moisturiser. The "satin-like glow" suggests that Aquasource Cocoon provides not only **hydration**, but also a **sophisticated luminosity**.

This elevates the product, positioning it as more than just a moisturiser - it's a skincare essential that enhances one's natural beauty with a touch of luxury.

3. false

2 marks

Explanation:

DIRECT SPEECH: "I'm going to get this question wrong," said Susie.

REPORTED SPEECH: Susie said **that she was** going to get **that** question wrong.

Verbs must change to **past tense** in **reported speech**.

4. false

2 marks

Explanation:

Calvin is **scratching his head**. He is holding the **paper close to his face** to analyse it as he is very **confused**. It is a maths question and the answer Susie gives is completely off topic.

5. true

2 marks

Explanation:

Calvin's **facial expression** shows that he is suspicious. His **eyebrows** are **arched** and his **mouth** is **tight**. He is almost accusing Susie of duping him. Ironically, she is fooling him, but he does not realise this.



6. true

2 marks

Explanation:

Satire is a form of literature, art, or media that uses **humor, irony, exaggeration, or ridicule** to criticise and mock individuals, societies, or institutions.

Here, Susie is **mocking** Calvin's lack of **intelligence**. The serious issue of copying in a test is being shown in a light-hearted manner.

7. true

2 marks

Explanation:

Tone is a one word emotion.

In each frame, Susie is **mocking/ sarcastic**. She first gives Calvin a completely random answer and then mocks his intelligence by claiming it is a trick and that she is helping him. At the end, she sarcastically claims that she owes him a favour.

8. true

2 marks

Explanation:

Calvin's eyes are darting forward as he checks to make sure that the teacher is not watching. **He is nervous** as he is the one in the wrong trying to copy.

Susie looks directly at Calvin as she knows that he would be in trouble and not her. She is more **confident**.

However, both cover their faces to speak quietly as they do not want to catch the teacher's attention.

9. C: Professional advancement.

4 marks

Explanation:

Professional advancement: Employees may perceive that those who have favour with the boss are more likely to receive promotions, salary raises, or opportunities for career advancement. Being in the good graces of higher-ups can be seen as a strategic move for one's professional development.

10. D: All of the above.

4 marks

Explanation:

Social comparison: Individuals may engage in negative gossip as a means of social comparison. Hearing about the failures or misfortunes of others might provide a **temporary boost** to one's **self-esteem** by highlighting the shortcomings of others. This inclination toward social comparison can fuel the rapid spread of negative gossip.

Memory bias: Research suggests that people tend to remember and recall **negative information** more readily than positive information. This memory bias can contribute to the increased sharing and propagation of **negative gossip**, as individuals may find negative details more memorable and, consequently, more shareable.

Sensationalism and novelty: Negative gossip often contains elements of **sensationalism** or novelty that make it more **attention-grabbing**. Human attention is naturally drawn to stories that deviate from the norm, and negative gossip, with its potential for drama or controversy, may have a **higher perceived value** in terms of novelty.

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