



Subject: Grade 12 English: Home Language
Topic: English HL: Term 1 - Mini-Exam
Total: 24 Marks

Name: _____
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This image refers to question: 1, 2



Question 1: True/False

2 marks

Consider the word: nourishing.

This is a NOUN.

TRUE

FALSE

Question 2: True/False

2 marks

Discuss the role of the phrase "Indulge Your Skin with a Satin-Like Glow" in encouraging consumers to purchase the product.

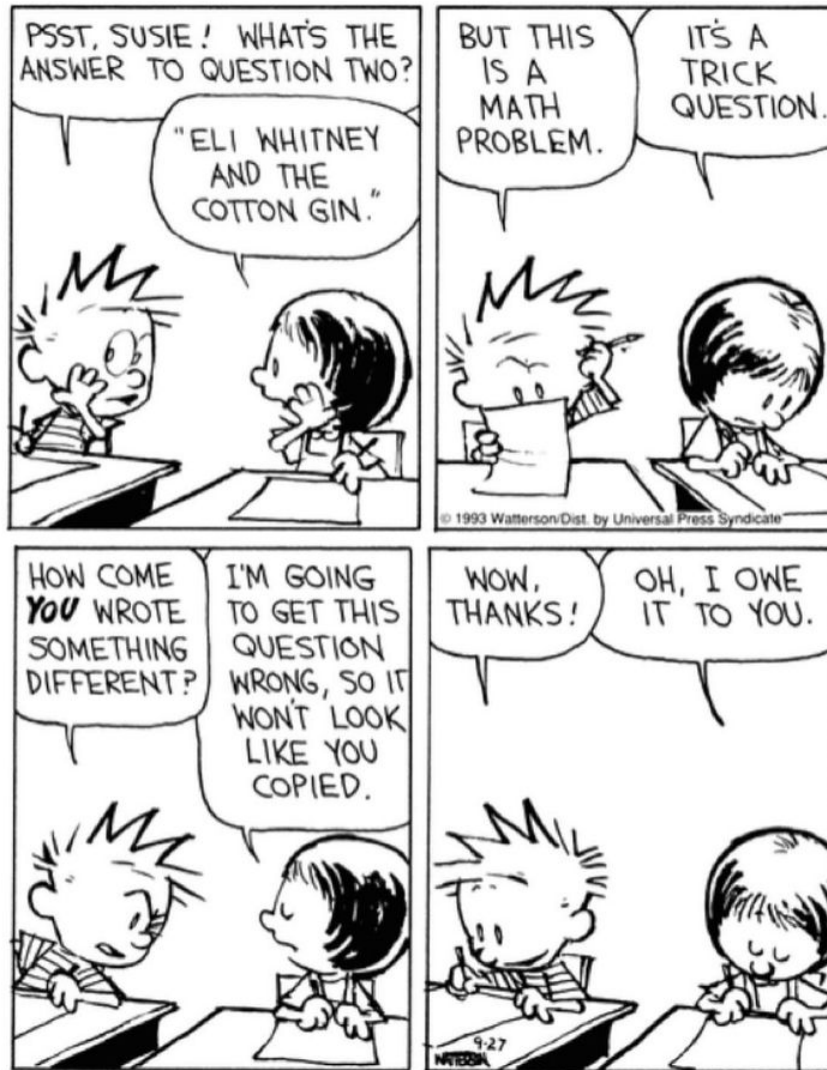
It creates an **elite** appeal.

TRUE

FALSE



This image refers to question: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8



Question 3: True/False

2 marks

Consider Frame 3:

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

This sentence is in REPORTED SPEECH.

TRUE

FALSE

Question 4: True/False

2 marks

Calvin's body language in Frame 2 shows that he is confident.

TRUE

FALSE

Question 5: True/False

2 marks

Refer to frame 3.

Calvin's facial expression shows that his attitude is suspicious.

TRUE**FALSE****Question 6: True/False**

2 marks

This cartoon successfully uses SATIRE to create humour.

TRUE**FALSE****Question 7: True/False**

2 marks

Susie's tone remains the same in all the frames.

TRUE**FALSE****Question 8: True/False**

2 marks

Refer to frame 1.

Comment critically on who seems more nervous in the frame.

To answer this question, you must provide an evaluation and proof.

TRUE**FALSE****This text refers to question: 9, 10****The psychology behind gossip**

1. Gossip, a ubiquitous aspect of human interaction, has roots that extend deep into our evolutionary history. Psychologists state that gossip served as a survival tool for our ancestors, fostering trust and strengthening social bonds within small communities. Today, gossip remains a prevalent form of communication, constituting a significant portion of our daily conversations. Rather than mere idle talk, gossip plays a crucial role in helping individuals navigate complex social hierarchies and understand the dynamics within their communities.

2. In the workplace, for example, informal discussions around the water cooler often revolve around who has favour with the boss or the status of various projects. This type of gossip serves as an informal

communication channel, fostering a sense of belonging and understanding within the group. Drawing a modern parallel, popular culture has also contributed to the fascination with gossip, as exemplified by the television series "Gossip Girl." The show provides a fictionalized, but intriguing glimpse into the intricate web of gossip within elite social circles, showcasing the power dynamics and consequences that can arise from the spread of information.

3. However, not all gossip is benign, as studies indicate that negative gossip tends to spread more rapidly than positive gossip. The "whisper down the lane" effect illustrates how information can become distorted and magnified, turning minor transgressions into major scandals. The advent of social media has significantly amplified the impact of gossip in the modern age. Online platforms provide a stage for the rapid dissemination of information, making gossip more pervasive than ever. This digital landscape also raises ethical concerns, as exemplified by real-life tragedies resulting from cyberbullying. The devastating consequences of unchecked gossip were starkly illustrated in the tragic story of Peter, a young individual who, after enduring relentless online gossip and cyberbullying, took his own life, underscoring the urgent need for responsible communication and empathy in our interconnected world.

4. In conclusion, gossip continues to be a fundamental aspect of human communication, with both evolutionary and contemporary social functions. While it once served as a survival mechanism, modern gossip has the potential for harm, particularly in the age of social media. Responsible communication and an awareness of the impact of our words are essential as we engage in the age-old practice of gossip, both in our daily lives and as depicted in popular culture, such as the intriguing world of "Gossip Girl."

5. Do you think gossip is detrimental?

6. The only solution is simple: STOP!

Question 9: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Refer to paragraph 2:

"In the workplace, for example, informal discussions around the water cooler often revolve around who has favour with the boss or the status of various projects."

Explain why would people care who has favour with the boss.

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| A | For gossip information. |
| B | To find out scandal. |
| C | Professional advancement. |
| D | None of the above. |
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Question 10: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Account for the fact that "negative gossip tends to spread more rapidly than positive gossip."

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| A | Social comparison |
| B | Memory bias |
| C | Novelty and sensationalism |
| D | All of the above. |
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