



Subject: Grade 8 English: Home Language

Topic: English HL: Term 1 - Mini-Exam

Total: 85 Marks

1. peaceful 3 marks

Explanation:

If you were to describe Nelson Mandela, you would say that he was a peace**ful** man.

2. question mark | question mark. | the question mark | ? 3 marks

Explanation:

The sentence is a **statement** which should **end** with a **full stop**, not a question mark.

Question sentences end in **question marks**, for example:

- **Statement:** The sun shines.

- **Question:** Does the sun shine?

3. common | compound 4 marks

Explanation:

Common nouns name people, places and things (*boy*).

4. A: common 4 marks

Explanation:

'bookshelf' is a **common noun** as it is preceded by 'the'.

5. C: amazement 4 marks

Explanation:

The word 'amaze' is a verb.

Noun: amazement

Adverb: amazedly

Adjective: amazing

6. 7 | effects 4 marks

Explanation:

Do not provide definitions and facts about chocolate. The title specifically calls for effects of chocolate.



7. B: 2

4 marks

Explanation:

A few studies have shown allergic reactions from chocolate in children.

NOT an effect:

Research has also shown that consuming dark chocolate does not substantially affect blood pressure.

8. true

2 marks

Explanation:

The first paragraph provides types of chocolate, but nothing that states the effect of chocolate.

9. B: manager

4 marks

Explanation:

A manager is an individual who is in charge of a certain group of tasks, or a certain subset of a company.

10. A: in

4 marks

Explanation:

Prepositions are usually used in front of nouns or pronouns and they show the relationship between the noun or pronoun and other words in a sentence.

11. to stand on a ball | to be alert or aware

4 marks

Explanation:

To be 'on the ball' means to be **very alert or aware** of what is happening around you.

The **preposition** in this expression is **on**.

12. effectively

3 marks

Explanation:

The **adverb of manner** is explaining **how** he wants to compete.

13. adequately

3 marks

Explanation:

The **adverb of manner** is explaining **how** he wants to be prepared.

14. false

2 marks

Explanation:

An **apostrophe** should be used to indicate **possession**, for example:

- Troy's accident
- Hilda's doll
- Father's car

15. false

2 marks

Explanation:

Proper nouns always begin with capital letters.

Example: Mark, Monday, Miami, March.

16. true

2 marks

Explanation:

Others believe that teenagers stay up late because of **adolescent** distractions.

adolescent

17. false

2 marks

Explanation:

The **punctuation mark** in sentence 4 is called an apostrophe.

18. B: full of

4 marks

Explanation:

When adding the **suffix** *-ious*, it means 'full of'.

To be full of grace = gracious.

19. B: at every opportunity.

4 marks

Explanation:

At every opportunity, means that he did it **whenever** he **possibly** could.

The preposition, **at**, **cannot** really be **replaced** by **another** preposition in this phrase.

20. ir

3 marks

Explanation:

To change 'responsible' to the opposite meaning, you would need to add the **prefix** 'ir' to the front of it. 'ir' means *not*.

21. C: almost

4 marks

Explanation:

The word, **almost**, is an **adverb** of **degree**, because it shows **to what degree** or level of **intensity** something is done.

Similarly, the word, **completely**, is an **adverb** of **degree**. It shows **to what level of intensity** something is done.

- He **completely** lost his cool when they teased him.
- He **almost** lost his cool when they teased him.

These two sentences demonstrates the difference in **degree** or **level of intensity**.

22. A: Mauritian

4 marks

Explanation:

Proper adjectives are proper nouns used as adjectives.

It is telling us about the "Mauritian" beach.

23. there | quickly

4 marks

Explanation:

"There" shows **where** went and **"quickly"** shows **how** we went there.

The answer to the question, **how**, is an adverb of **manner**.

The answer to the question, **where**, is an adverb of **place**.

24. proper adjective | article

4 marks

Explanation:

"African" is a proper adjective, as it comes from the proper noun Africa.

The word "the" is a definite article.

25. question mark | question mark.

4 marks

Explanation:

The question mark "?" serves as a punctuation mark that indicates a question is being asked.

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