



Subject: Grade 8 English: Home Language
Topic: English HL: Term 1 - Mini-Exam
Total: 85 Marks

Name: _____

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Question 1: Text Input

3 marks

Change the word 'peace' to an *adjective* by adding a **suffix**.

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Question 2: Text Input

3 marks

Which punctuation mark does not belong in the following sentence?

We bought tea, coffee, milk and rusks?

Answer with **only the name of the punctuation mark**.

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Question 3: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Identify which **types of nouns** the underlined words are in the following sentence:

The boy (1) cried as his ice-cream (2) melted.

Possible Answers: common | abstract | collective | compound

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Question 4: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Which type of **noun** is the underlined word in the following sentence?

The bookshelf in the library is very dusty.

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| A | common |
| B | proper |
| C | collective |
| D | abstract |
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Question 5: Multiple Choice

4 marks

The word 'amaze' becomes ... when adding a **suffix** to create a noun.

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| A | amazedly |
| B | amazed |
| C | amazement |
| D | None of the above. |
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This text refers to question: 6, 7, 8

Effects of chocolate

[By:Cheryl Carlin]

1. Chocolate is sold in chocolate bars, which come in dark chocolate, milk chocolate and white chocolate varieties. Some bars that are mostly chocolate have other ingredients blended into the chocolate, such as nuts, raisins or crisped rice.
2. A 100g serving of milk chocolate contains carbohydrates, fat and protein. It is an excellent source of vitamin B, zinc, calcium, magnesium and iron. Although chocolate has become one of the most popular food types and flavours in the world, it also has various affects on humans. Chocolate may be a factor for heartburn in some people because one of its constituents may affect a muscle that permits stomach acids to enter the esophagus. This reaction happens more frequently in domestic animals than humans. A daily intake of 50 – 100g of cocoa by humans has been associated with sweating, trembling and severe headache.
3. Chocolate and cocoa contain moderate to high amounts of oxalate, which may increase someone's risk for kidney stones. During cultivation and production, chocolate may absorb the heavy metal lead from the environment. Reports from 2014 indicate that chocolate might be a significant source of lead ingestion for children if consumption is high.
4. A few studies have shown allergic reactions from chocolate in children. Other research has shown that dark chocolate can aggravate acne in men who are prone to it. Research has also shown that consuming dark chocolate does not substantially affect blood pressure. Chocolate and cocoa are continuously under research to determine if consumption affects the risk of certain heart diseases.
5. Excessive consumption of large quantities of any energy-rich food, such as chocolate, without an increase in activity, can cause weight gain and possibly lead to obesity. Chocolate is high in cocoa butter, a fat, and during the manufacturing process, other fats, sugars and milk are added, all of which increases the calorie content of chocolate, which leads to weight gain.

Question 6: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Refer to the article.

A summary must always be presented as (1) facts. This summary must provide the (2) of chocolate.

Possible Answers: 6 | 7 | definitions | effects

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Question 7: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Refer to the article.

Paragraph 4 contains ... relevant facts.

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| A | 1 |
| B | 2 |
| C | 3 |
| D | 4 |
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Question 8: True/False

2 marks

Refer to the article.

The 1st paragraph contains no relevant facts about the effects of chocolate.

TRUE	FALSE
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This text refers to question: 9, 10

The obese man who sued McDonalds for making him fat - and WON!

1. A lot of people probably think "McDonald's made me fat," but there's one guy in Brazil who got the court of law to agree with him. Here's the bizarre story of a man who sued McDonalds for making him fat ... and won!

2. A former **(manage)** of a McDonald's franchise (...) Porto Allegre, Brazil, sued the hamburger chain for making him gain 65 pounds while he worked with them for over ten years. McDonald's must pay him \$17,500 as recompense for his weight gain, a Brazilian court ruled.

[Source: www.oddee.com]

This image refers to question: 9, 10



Question 9: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Provide the correct form of the word in brackets in paragraph 2.

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| A | managed |
| B | manager |
| C | manages |
| D | management |

Question 10: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Provide a suitable **preposition** in the missing space in paragraph 2.

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| A | in |
| B | on |
| C | for |
| D | up |

Question 11: Please Fill In The Blanks

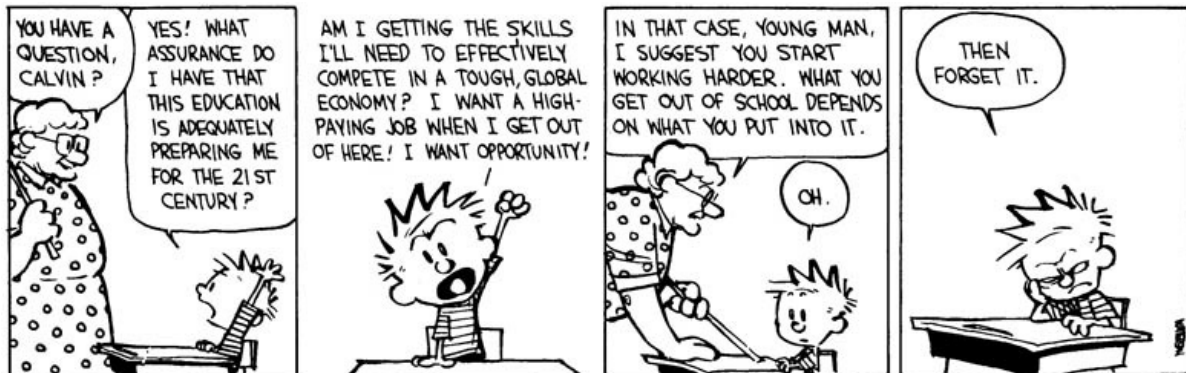
4 marks

The expression 'to be on the ball' literally means (1) and figuratively means (2) .

Possible Answers: to kick the ball into the net | to be alert or aware | to cry | to stand on a ball

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This image refers to question: 12, 13**Question 12: Text Input**

3 marks

In frame 2 of the cartoon, the **adverb of manner** is

Provide **only the word**.

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Question 13: Text Input

3 marks

In frame 1 of the cartoon, the **adverb of manner** is

Provide **only the word**.

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Question 14: True/False

2 marks

This sentence is correctly punctuated:

See what you can find out about Troys accident.

TRUE**FALSE****Question 15: True/False**

2 marks

Common nouns always begin with capital letters.

TRUE**FALSE****This text refers to question: 16, 17**

1. Research has shown that teenagers don't get enough sleep at night and go to school tired.
2. Some experts believe the cause is biological.
3. Others believe that teenagers stay up late because of adolescent distractions.
4. Early high school start times can also contribute to teens' tiredness.
5. This article explore will possible causes solutions and to this problem.
6. Research shows that teens need eight to nine hours of sleep at night, as compared with eight hours needed for adults.
7. However, they are not getting enough sleep.
8. A recent study at Drexel University of students aged 12 to 18 found that "20 percent of those studied got the recommended eight or more hours of sleep during school nights with the rest getting less than eight hours.

This image refers to question: 16



Question 16: True/False

2 marks

There is a spelling mistake in sentence 3.

TRUE

FALSE

This image refers to question: 17



"I can't believe I went out with an apostrophe
– he was so possessive."

Question 17: True/False

2 marks

The **punctuation mark** in sentence 4 is called a comma.

teens'

TRUE

FALSE

Question 18: Multiple Choice

4 marks

The suffix *-ious* means

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| A | the opposite of |
| B | full of |
| C | same as |
| D | All of the above. |

Question 19: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Select the preposition which will complete the sentence:

Clive practiced his bowling action ...

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|----------|-----------------------|
| A | at arm's length. |
| B | at every opportunity. |
| C | at a time. |
| D | at ease. |
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Question 20: Text Input

3 marks

Which **prefix** is placed before the word responsible to change it to an *antonym*?

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Question 21: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Which one of the following is an adverb of degree?

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| A | seldom |
| B | near |
| C | almost |
| D | fast |
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Question 22: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Identify the proper adjective in the following sentence:

The Mauritian beaches are scattered with shells.

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| A | Mauritian |
| B | beaches |
| C | shells |
| D | scattered |
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Question 23: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Complete the following sentence with the correct adverb of place and adverb of manner:

Gran invited us to go (1) for lunch (2) .

Possible Answers: fast | there | really | quickly

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This text refers to question: 24**Types of Adjectives:**

Descriptive adjectives - They describe the qualities of a noun eg. dry, beautiful, ugly

Proper adjectives - Adjectives formed from proper nouns eg. French, Shakespearean

Adjectives of quantity - These deal with the number of something eg. five, first, thirteenth

Compound adjectives - Adjectives joined by hyphens eg. feather-light, half-ripe

Articles - "The" (definite article) and "a" and "an" (indefinite articles) are also adjectives.

Question 24: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

The word "African" in the phrase "African skies" is a (1) and the word "the" is an (2) .

Possible Answers: proper adjective | article | descriptive adjective | compound adjective

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Question 25: Text Input

4 marks

What do you call the following punctuation mark:

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Answer using two words.

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Total: 85 Marks