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## SECTION 1 - GRAMMAR SKILLS

### A

Complete the sentences below by changing the nouns in brackets to the PLURAL FORM.

*EXAMPLE :*     *The boxes were too heavy.     (box)*

- (1)     The gang of *thieves* was chased by the brave policeman. (thief)
  
- (2)     All *pianos* were on sale for the month of July. (piano)
  
- (3)     The *mice* were causing havoc in the snack cupboard. (mouse)

**(3 marks)**

### B

Underline the **ADJECTIVE** in each sentence.

*EXAMPLE :*     *The lady mopped the wooden floor.*

- (4)     Susan loves to pet her fluffy rabbit.
  
- (5)     The trousers I bought have deep pockets.
  
- (6)     People who play tennis wear white clothes to reflect the heat from the sun.

**(3 marks)**

# C

**Rewrite the following sentences using the ACTIVE VOICE.**

**EXAMPLE :**      *The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell.*

*Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone.*

(7)      The victory will be celebrated by the team tomorrow.

*The team will celebrate the victory tomorrow.*

(8)      The baby was carried by the kangaroo in her pouch.

*The kangaroo carried the baby in her pouch.*

**(6 marks)**

# D

**Write the correct VERB from the brackets to complete each of the sentences below.**

**EXAMPLE :**      *Mr. Jones speaks clearly. (speaks speak)*

(9)      The man with his dogs has been repeatedly warned by the authorities. ( has / have)

(10)      Neither the boss nor his assistant was present. (was / were)

**(4 marks)**

# E

**Complete the sentences by choosing the CORRECT PRONOUN from the bracket.**

**EXAMPLE :**                    *She said I'm the best. (She Her)*

- (11) *We* purchased the bread from the bakery. ( We / Us)
- (12) It is difficult to separate the twins from each other because *they* look so much alike. ( they / them)
- (13) He and *I* will arrange the chairs before the meeting begins. ( I / me)

**(3 marks)**

# F

**Combine each group of sentences below to form ONE sentence.**

**EXAMPLE :**            *I helped to carry the bag.*

*I was very tired.*

*Although I was very tired, I helped to carry the bag.*

**Students' answers may vary. Here are examples of some correct answers.**

- (14) Linda made a cake for her dad's birthday.  
The cake was chocolate with sprinkles.

*Linda made a chocolate cake with sprinkles for her dad's birthday.*

- (15) I followed your advice.  
I went to the library.  
I found a book with a collection of pictures.

*Following your advice, I went to the library and found a book with a collection of pictures.*

- (16) The children waited for the clown.  
The children were excited.  
They waited impatiently.

*The excited children waited impatiently for the clown.*

**(9 marks)**

## **G**

**Underline the PREPOSITION in each of the following sentences.**

**EXAMPLE :**                      *She spent the entire afternoon on the phone.*

- (17) The cricket awards were presented *during* the tea break .
- (18) My sister ran *past* me to catch the bus.
- (19) My parents have been married *for* forty years.

**(3 marks)**

# H

**Write the correct form of the VERB in brackets to complete the following sentences.**

**EXAMPLE:**      *The doctor is very clever. ( be )*

(20) Every morning Lester sits at the breakfast table with sleepy eyes.

( sit)

(21) Did the boys play football yesterday? ( Do)

(22) My sister visited me for one week last month. (visit)

**(3 marks)**

## SECTION II - VOCABULARY/SPELLING/PUNCTUATION

### A

In the spaces below, write the appropriate form of the word in CAPITAL LETTERS to correctly complete each sentence. Remember to spell correctly.

**EXAMPLE :**      *DESTROY*      A mouse is a very destructive creature.

- (23) EXCESS      There was an *excessive* amount of noise coming from the library.
- (24) INVENT      Alexander Graham Bell's most famous *invention* was the telephone.
- (25) PLEASE      It was a *pleasant* morning with the sun shining and the birds chirping.

**(6 marks)**

## B

In each of the following sentences, there is a word that is underlined. Replace each underlined word by using **ANOTHER WORD OR PHRASE THAT IS SIMILAR IN MEANING**.

*EXAMPLE :* Cold beverages were served to the guests. Drinks

Students' answers may vary. Here are examples of some correct answers.

(26) He is certainly not a mean man ; he gives generously to those in need.  
*selfish / greedy*

(27) We thought it was a suitable gift but clearly the bride didn't think so.  
*appropriate/ fitting*

(28) We were unable to persuade him to join us in the rock- climbing event.  
*convince/coax*

**(6 marks)**

## D

**Underline the word that is INCORRECTLY SPELT in each of the following sentences and write it correctly on the line provided.**

*EXAMPLE :* Chris is having a bithday party. birthday

(29) The cat climbed up a tall tree to escape from the ferocous dog. *ferocious*

(30) Some animals, including bees, are trained to smell certain odors. *odours*

**(4 marks)**



# E

**Insert the TWO MISSING PUNCTUATION MARKS to correctly complete each of the following sentences. DO NOT rewrite the sentences.**

**EXAMPLE:**      *Hunters fishermen and pilots need special licenses*  
*Hunters, fishermen and pilots need special licenses.*

(31) H a r r y   s a i d ,   “   W h a t   a   b e a u t i f u l   d a y ! ”

(32) M r .   F r i e s   i s   t r u l y   a   k i n d - h e a r t e d   o l d   m a n .

(33) I f   I   d o   m y   h o m e w o r k ,   w i l l   y o u   h e l p   m e ?

(34) W h a t ' s   y o u r   l a s t   n a m e ?

(35) D i d n ' t   y o u   h e a r   t h e y ' r e   l e a v i n g   t o m o r r o w ?

**(10 marks)**

# SECTION 111 – COMPREHENSION

**A** Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow. Use complete sentences, with correct grammar and spelling.

## Rescued

Martha loved to travel. It was her passion. She loved to travel so much that one day she decided to take a trip on her own. She planned to drive through the lonely, dangerous desert on her way to her uncle and aunt's home. It was a long trip and she could have flown there, but Martha preferred to drive. Her friends advised her not to undertake this dangerous trip on her own. Even her uncle and aunt thought it was not Martha's best idea, but she was stubborn, and decided not to heed the advice of her friends and family.

Martha left at 9.00 am and estimated that her trip would take nine hours with a few stops along the way. About two hours into her trip, the car suddenly jolted and the engine died. She waited for a few minutes and tried to restart the car. It was all in vain. Martha was now in the middle of the desert in blistering heat. The overhead sun took no mercy on her. She had no food and only about two mouthfuls of water in a small bottle. She was scared and now realized the worth of the advice she had received.

After several scary hours, she noticed a helicopter in the distant sky. She quickly took out a mirror from her purse and flashed the helicopter with the reflection from the mirror. Soon the pilot landed and out came her uncle. Martha was happy to see her uncle and he too was happy that she was safe. However, Martha could tell from his eyes that he was unhappy with her for being so foolish about driving through the desert alone.

**Students' answers may vary. Here are examples of some correct answers**

(36) (a) Who is the main character in the story?

*The main character in this story is Martha.*

**(3 marks)**

(b) Name two minor characters in this story.

*Two minor characters in this story are the uncle and the pilot.*

**(3 marks)**

(37) What time did Martha expect to arrive at her destination?

*Martha expected to arrive at her destination by 6.00 pm.*

**(3 marks)**

(38) What could have been the main danger Martha would have to face after her car broke down?

*The heat from the blistering sun could have been the main danger that Martha would have had to face after her car broke down.*

**(3 marks)**

(39) What word can best describe Martha?

*Martha can be best described as being stubborn.*

**(3 marks)**

(40) What lesson should Martha learn from this experience?

*From this experience, Martha should never undertake such dangerous trips alone.*

**(3 marks)**

## POEM

**B** Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow. Use complete sentences with correct grammar and spelling.

### Lost Money

I've lost all my money,  
I wonder where did it go?  
Since now, my pockets are empty  
With nothing left to show.

What have I done?  
I had tricks up my sleeve.  
I was supposed to win,  
It's what I was led to believe.

It just didn't happen that way,  
And I just don't know why,  
The feeling of winning was sure as day,  
So I must give it another try.

I'm in the hole far too deep,  
I can't stop now.  
Though I know I should just walk out and surrender  
After this game, just one other.

**Students answers may vary. Here are examples of some correct answers.**

(41) What was the poet doing that caused him to lose all his money?

*The poet lost all his money because he was gambling.*

**(3 marks)**

(42) What made the poet feel that he was supposed to win?

*The poet felt that he was supposed to win because he had tricks up his sleeve.*

**(3 marks)**

(43) What caused the poet to continue although it was not going the way he planned?

*The poet felt that he had to continue because the winning feeling was there. (also, he was in too deep)*

**(3 marks)**

(44) What does, 'throw in the towel, mean?

*To throw in the towel means to give up or stop.*

**(3 marks)**

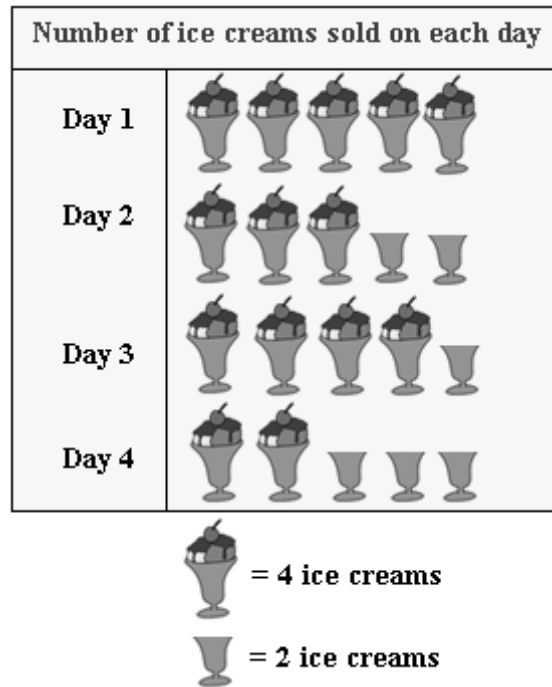
(45) What line in the poem tells us that the poet had lost quite a lot of money?

*"I'm in the hole too deep," is the line in the poem that tells us that the poet had lost quite a lot of money.*

**(3 marks)**

## GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

**C** Study the pictograph shown below and answer the questions that follow.



(46) How many ice-creams were sold on Day 4?

*Fourteen ice-creams were sold on Day 4.*

**(2 marks)**

(47) (a) On which day was the least number of ice-creams sold?

*The least number of ice-creams was sold on Day 4.*

**(1 mark)**

(b) On which day was the most ice-creams sold?

*The most ice-creams were sold on Day .*

**(1 mark)**

(48) How many more ice-creams were sold on Day 1 than Day 3?

*Two ice-creams more were sold on Day 1 than Day 3.*

**(2 marks)**

(49) What was the total number of ice-creams sold on the four days?

*The total number of ice-creams sold on the four days was sixty-eight.*

**(2 marks)**

(50) If each ice-cream cost \$5 each, how much money was collected on Days 1 and 2?

*One hundred and eighty dollars was collected on Days 1 and 2.*

**(2 marks)**