

Southern Provincial Department of Education

Year End Test - 2020

English Language

Grade 8

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Time - 2 hours

(Writing Test - 1 hour and 50 minutes, Listening Test 10 minutes)

- ♦ Answer all questions.

(01) Form meaningful words using the given affixes in the box. The first one is done for you.

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- 1) beauty - beautiful
2) correct -
3) necessary -
4) patient -
5) profession -
6) develop -

(5 marks)

(02) Match the opposite words. Write the correct number in the box given. One is done for you.

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|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) sadness | a. ugly | <input type="text"/> |
| 2) distant | b. late | <input type="text" value="11"/> |
| 3) narrow | c. dangerous | <input type="text"/> |
| 4) expensive | d. happiness | <input type="text"/> |
| 5) difficult | e. light | <input type="text"/> |
| 6) pretty | f. wide | <input type="text"/> |
| 7) safe | g. near | <input type="text"/> |
| 8) heavy | h. foreign | <input type="text"/> |
| 9) inside | i. cheap | <input type="text"/> |
| 10) local | j. easy | <input type="text"/> |
| 11) early | k. outside | <input type="text"/> |

(1/2 x 10 = 5 marks)

(03) Write the correct word in the blank. the first one is done for you.

bouquet/troupe / galaxy / gang / fleet / set

- (1) Tamara Presented a ... bouquet... of flowers to the guest.
- (2) A of thieves burgled our house.
- (3) My brother got a fine of tools for his birthday.
- (4) I saw a of stars with my binocular.
- (5) There was a of ships in the sea.
- (6) They had hired a of dancers for the opening ceremony.

(5 marks)

(04) Fill in the blanks in following notice using the correct prepositions given in the box below.

at , by , from , on, to

Notice

A music programme conducted 1) a famous singer Roveen Fernando will be held 2) 25th of November 2020, 3) 3.00p.m 4) 6.00 p.m 5) Town Hall, Nagoda.
All are invited.
Entrance free

Organizer
Nagoda Music Club

(5 marks)

(05) Use the correct form of the pronoun given in the brackets.

- (1) This is (they) class room.
- (2) The corner shop is (we)
- (3) I want your book. Do you want (I)?
- (4) She helps (she) mother.
- (5) All the papers are here. What about (you)?

(5 marks)

(06) Study the picture and complete the text appropriately. Use the words given in the box. First one is done for you.



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|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| a) girls | b) curly | c) pile | d) stool | e) class |
| f) whiteboard | g) sweeping | h) students | i) picture | j) plant |
| | | | | k) boys |

This is a picture of a classroom. There are few (1) students present at the moment. They are cleaning the classroom. Each student in the (2) is engaging in some work. One boy is (3) the floor. Another boy is going out of the class with a (4) of books. Among the three (5) the other one is standing on a (6) He is watering the (7) that is fixed on the wall. There are two (8) in the classroom. One is cleaning the (9) and the other one with short (10) hair is cleaning the tables. There is a (11) hanging on the wall.

(10 marks)

(07) Read the description given on the game "cricket" and write a paragraph on one of the following.

- a. Badminton b. Football c. Netball d. Volleyball

Cricket

Cricket is a very famous game among men and women. It is played in playground. It is a team game. It is played by using a bat and a ball. There are 11 players on each side. People enjoy watching cricket matches.

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(10 marks)

(08) Read the passage and answer the questions.

A deer came to a pond to drink some water. The water was still and clear, so he was able to see his own reflection in the water. He looked at his legs. They were thin and skinny. With a sigh deer said "My "horns are beautiful and I am proud of them, but my legs are ugly. I am ashamed of them."

At this moment he saw a tiger coming towards him. He turned quickly and ran into the jungle. His legs carried him farther and farther away from the tiger.

While running, his horns got stuck in some low branches of a tree. He tugged and tugged. Luckily, he was able to free himself from the branches. He was nearly caught by the tiger because of his long and beautiful horns. but he could save his life thanks to his thin and skinny legs, "the deer realized."

(1) What is the deer proud of?

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(2) Why is he ashamed of his legs?

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(3) Who came towards him?

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(4) Could he save his life?

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(2 x 4 = 8 marks)

(5) Underline the correct answer.

(i) He was able to save his life with the help of his (legs/horns)

(ii) He got stuck to some (branches/roots) of a tree.

(1 x 2 = 2 marks)

(09) Complete the sentences using the correct form of the word given in the brackets. The first one is done for you.

(1) The hall had been Colourfully decorated (colorful).

(2) We must appreciate the (brave) of the soldiers.

(3) These sums are not (correct).

(4) The company holds their conference (annual).

(5) She stepped into the room (quiet).

(6) The students know that their teacher is (success).

(5 marks)

(10) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

A Valuable Drop

Water is everywhere
Water is everywhere
Every drop holds value,
Every drop holds life.

We need water to live,
It's a necessity of life,
Plants, animals and humans,
All need **it** to survive.

Our water is from streams,
From mountains so high.
Our water is from the rain that falls out of the sky.

However, our water is quite limited.
So we must learn to conserve,
Turn our faucets off, when the water isn't in use
Or have our time in the shower reduced.

We should remember to conserve
To ensure water for the future
Because water is important
Every drop holds value,
Every drop holds life

(1) Underline the correct answer.

This poem is about,

- a. valuable b. water c. life

(2) Who needs water ?

(3) What does the word "**it**" refer to in 2nd stanza?

(4) According the poem from where do we get water?

(5) What is the advice given to the people in the poem?

(6) Find similar words for the following from the poem.

- (i) tap (ii) live (iii) save
(iv) persons (v) make sure

(10 marks)

(11) Write a paragraph on one of the following topics. Use bout 75 to 100 words.

- a) The animal I like most
b) My leisure time activity

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(10 marks)

(12) Listening Test

A. Underline the correct answer.

a. Penguins are and white in colour.

1. Blue
2. Black
3. Brown

b. Penguins eat

1. Seashells
2. Seaweeds
3. Seafood

B. Say whether the statements are "True" or "False". "T" or "F" in the box provided.

1. They like living in groups ☐
2. They live only on land ☐
3. They can swim very fast ☐
4. They are not good swimmers ☐

C. Write short answers.

1. How tall is an emperor penguin?

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2. Where do they live?

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(8 marks)

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- (01) 2. incorrect 3. Unnecessary 4. Impatient
5. Professional 6. Development
- (02) 1. 6 2. 11 3. 7
4. 1 5. 8 6. 3
7. 2 8. 10 9. 4
10. 5 11. 9
- (03) 2. gang 3. set 4. galaxy
5. fleet 6. troupe
- (04) 1. by 2. on 3. from
4. to 5. at
- (05) 1. their 2. ours 3. mine 4. her 5. yours
- (06) 1. students 2. class 3. sweeping
4. pile 5. boys 6. stool
7. plant 8. girls 9. whiteboard
10. curly 11. picture
- (07) C - 4 L - 4 O - 2
- (08) 1. Mr. Perera 2. he likes to sleep late.
3. breakfast 4. A meal combined a late breakfast with an early lunch
5. breakfast and lunch

- (09) 2. bravery 3. Correct 4. annually
5. quietly 6. successful

- (10) 1. water
2. plants, animals and humans
3. water
4. streams, mountain/rain, mountains/streams, rain
5. we should remember to conserve water for the future.
6. (i) faucet (ii) survive (iii) conserve (iv) humans (v) ensure

- (11) C - 4 L - 4 O - 2

(12) **Answers for Listening task**

- A. a. Black b. Seafood
B. 1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F
C 1. 115 centimeters (115cm) 2. In Antarctica

(8 marks)