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Track 1

Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2022

YEAR 8 **ENGLISH** **TIME: 2 hours**

Name: _____ Class: _____

Speaking	Listening	Reading	Writing	Literature	Total
	Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D	
/15	/15	/25	/25	/20	/100

SECTION A – LISTENING (20 MINS) 15 MARKS

TEXT 1

A. Underline the correct answer. **2 ½ marks [ ]**

1. This video clip is about the smallest cat
   a. in Europe
   b. in Asia
   c. in America
   d. on earth

2. The cat in the video clip is
   a. a kitten
   b. almost fully grown
   c. fully grown
   d. an old cat

3. Its coat is
   a. striped
   b. spotted
   c. a uniform colour
   d. multi-coloured

4. It is so small, it fits in your
   a. folded arms
   b. lap
   c. hand
   d. pocket

5. This cat is described as
   a. fussy
   b. bored
   c. daring
   d. sociable

B. Underline the correct word in brackets. **1½ marks [ ]**

1. The cat in the video clip is a (male/female).
2. It can see (four/six) times better than humans.
3. Although very small, it is very (independent/powerful).

C. Tick (✓) ONE item mentioned in the text: **1 mark [ ]**

1.	2.	3.	4.

Text 2

A. What do these dates refer to? Match the columns. **2 marks [ ]**

1.	1824		when toy trucks were invented
2.	1873		when Braille was invented
3.	1917		when earmuffs were invented
4.	1962		when Christmas lights were invented

B. Are the following TRUE or FALSE? Tick (✓) the correct box below.

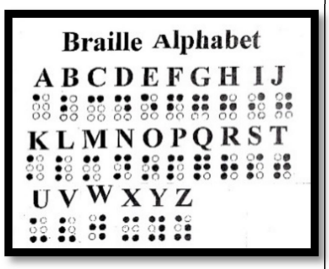
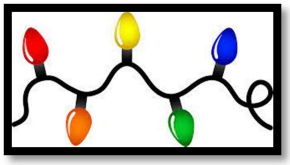
2 marks [ ]

		TRUE	FALSE
1.	Louis Braille became blind at a very young age.		
2.	Touch reading was first invented for the French military.		
3.	Christmas lights were invented by a 10-year-old boy.		
4.	Robert Patch invented a truck which could transform into 2 trucks.		

C. Underline the correct answer. **4 marks [ ]**

The young inventor of earmuffs, Chester Greenwood, loved to (1) (ice-skate, ski, snowboard) but used to feel very cold. He could not wear warm hats as he (2) (did not like them, had an allergy, was poor). He asked his (3) (mum, sister, grandma) to sew flaps of flannel or fur on some wire. Ten years later Chester had his own earmuff (4) (shop, factory, stall).

D. Put the following pictures in the correct sequence (from 1- 4) according to the order they are mentioned in the text. **2 marks [ ]**

SECTION B: READING **25 MARKS**

Read the texts printed in the source booklet, and then answer all of the following questions. You should spend around 30 minutes on this section.

Task B1: Questions on Source A

1. Underline the correct answer. **½ mark [ ]**

   What is the purpose of the poster?

   a. to advertise dog food

   b. to give important tips

   c. to entertain dog owners

2. Are the following TRUE or FALSE? Tick (✓) the correct box below**.** **2 marks [ ]**

		TRUE	**FALSE**
a.	When the weather is hot, walk your dog early in the morning or late in the evening.		
b.	Pour cold water on a dog suffering from heatstroke.		
c.	The emergency number is 199.		
d.	When your dog is breathing well again, call your vet.		

3. Match the following words from the poster with their correct meaning. The first one (a) has been done for you. **2 ½ marks [ ]**

a.	shade		much more than usual
b.	drowsy		falling down
c.	panting		sleepy
d.	excessive	**a**	shelter from direct sunlight
e.	vomiting		breathing quickly
f.	collapsing		throwing up food or drink

Task B2: Questions on Source B

1. Underline the correct answer. **1 mark [ ]**
   The purpose of this text is mainly to
   a. give information
   b. describe a place
   c. narrate a fictional story
   d. complain about one's job

2. Fill in this table to make up Roy Williams' daily routine. The first one has been done for you. **2½ marks [ ]**

	TIME	**What Roy does**
a.	**8am**	**Roy leaves home.**
b.	9.30am	
c.	noon	
d.	2pm	
e.	4pm	
f.	6pm	

3. Tick (✓) the **FOUR** correct statements. **2 marks [ ]**

a.		In the morning Roy drinks his tea with a group of people.
b.		Roy only looks after small dogs.
c.		His previous job was in IT.
d.		Roy once ended up with a torn shirt.
e.		Roy recommends having suitable boots for the job.
f.		Dog walking is an easy job.

4. Write down **TWO** ways people got to know about Roy's dog walking services. **2 marks [ ]**

   a. _____

   b. _____

5. Mention **THREE** reasons why he finds dog walking such a fun job. **1½ marks [ ]**

a.	
b.	
c.	

6. List **TWO** episodes described by the writer. **2 marks [ ]**

a.	
b.	

7. Why is it worrying for the writer when a dog runs out of the park? **1 mark [ ]**

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8. Match the following words and phrases from the passage with their correct meaning. The first one (a) has been done for you. **4 marks [ ]**

a.	gaggle (line 5)		planned
b.	solidly (line 14)	**a**	crowd
c.	entirely (line 17)		non-stop
d.	structured (line 17)		finished
e.	ran out (line 20)		totally

9. List **FOUR** pieces of advice that the writer gives readers interested in dog walking. **2 marks [ ]**

a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	

Question on Source A and Source B

1. Tick (✓) the text which **2 marks [ ]**

	Source A	**Source B**
a. is an article		
b. contains real photos		
c. gives instructions		
d. describes an unusual job		

Section C – WRITING **25 marks**

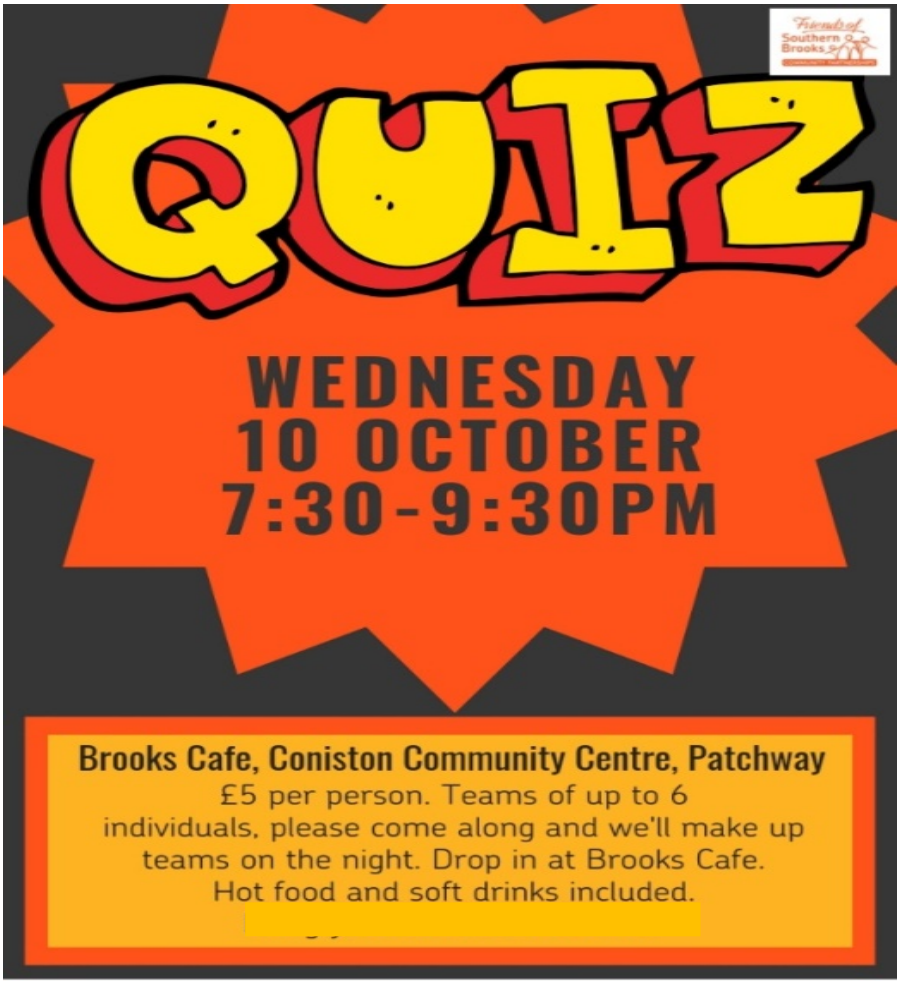
In this section, you have to answer Task C1 and choose ONE title from Task C2.
Please note that the word count given in both sections is just a guideline to help you. You should spend around 40 minutes on this section.

Task C1 – Short Writing Task **5 marks [ ]**

You are Kim and you saw the poster below about a quiz night. Write an **email** of between 40 – 50 words to persuade your best friend Nicky to join you to form a quiz team.

You **NEED** to include the following details in your email:

- a brief description of the event
- date, time and place
- cost
- why your friend should join you



From:	kim@dmail.com
To:	nicky@zmail.com
Subject:	Quiz night

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Task C2 – Long Writing Task **20 MARKS**

As a guideline, you may wish to write between 140 - 160 words on ONE of the following.

EITHER

1. The local newspaper is organising a short story writing competition and the best stories will be published online. Write your **story** entitled "The storm".

   Some ideas that you can write about are:
   - day, time and place
   - character/s
   - description of the storm
   - damage/danger caused by the storm
   - how the character/s survive the danger caused by the storm

OR

2. Write an **article** for your school magazine to **describe** the new school library.

   Some ideas that you can write about are:
   - the location and size of the new library
   - the inside of the library
   - the different sections of the library
   - why it is better than the old library

OR

3. You have been babysitting for the last four months. Write a **blog post** to **describe** what you do and **give advice** to your readers who may be interested in babysitting.

   Some ideas that you can write about are:
   - how you started babysitting
   - hours each week
   - price per hour
   - what you bought with the money earned
   - your experience
   - important advice to share with your followers

Writing Task number: _____

For teacher use only:

Task achievement and Relevance	Organisation and Linking	Vocabulary	Grammar and Punctuation	Spelling	TOTAL
/3	/3	/5	/5	/4	/20

SECTION D – LITERATURE **20 MARKS**

You should spend around 30 minutes on this section.

TASK D1: UNSEEN POETRY **10 marks [ ]**

Read the poem labelled as Source C in the source booklet and answer all the questions that follow.

Underline the correct answer in questions 1 – 6. **1 mark [ ]**

1. The poem is about

   a. dancing on the beach

   b. unforgettable beach memories

   c. sunbathing on the beach

2. a. "waves crash the ocean front" is an example of **1 mark [ ]**

      i. onomatopoeia

      ii. alliteration

      iii. simile

   b. In the phrase above, the reader imagines the **1 mark [ ]**

      i. feeling of the sea

      ii. smell of the sea

      iii. sound of the sea

3. In the phrase "glass glistens in the sun", the figure of speech is called **1 mark [ ]**

   a. alliteration

   b. onomatopoeia

   c. personification

4. In the phrase "The warm air dances around me" the air is given human qualities. This figure of speech is called **1 mark [ ]**

   a. metaphor
   b. simile
   c. personification

5. a. "like being tickled by love" is an example of **1 mark [ ]**

      i. metaphor
      ii. simile
      iii. personification

   b. The poet uses this figure of speech to show a sense of **1 mark [ ]**

      i. smell
      ii. sound
      iii. touch

6. The rhyming scheme in the last **FOUR** lines of this poem is **1 mark [ ]**

   a. aabb
   b. abab
   c. abcd

7. Find an example of run-on-lines from the poem. **1 mark [ ]**

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8. Do you like this poem? Explain why or why not by giving **ONE** example from the text. **1 mark [ ]**

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TASK D2: UNSEEN PROSE **10 marks [ ]**

Read the prose text labelled as source D in the source booklet and then answer all the questions that follow.

Underline the correct answer.

1. The extract is written in the **1 mark [ ]**

   a. first person

   b. second person

   c. third person

2. The first paragraph describes **1 mark [ ]**

   a. the main character

   b. the setting

   c. the daughter

3. Underline the correct word in brackets. **2 marks [ ]**

   "The sun sank lower into the sea, dyeing it blood red. The sky was tinted with purple and orange. A few gulls cried mournfully and the wind blew hard." (lines 2-4)

   a. The phrase "dyeing it blood red" is (i) (a metaphor / a simile / an alliteration), which is used to describe the (ii) (sunrise / sunset / horizon). These three sentences create a (iii) (happy / sad / romantic) mood.

   b. Write down **ONE** word or phrase from these three sentences, which helps to create this mood.

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4. Underline the correct answer. **½ mark [ ]**

   "Why do I have to lie to her, even at this moment?" (line 12)

   Here the mother shows that she is feeling

   a. guilty

   b. tired

   c. nervous

5. a. Underline the correct answer. **1 mark [ ]**

"Then my heart stopped" (line 13) describes a feeling of

i. happiness
ii. suspense
iii. surprise

b. Find a sentence from lines (12 - 16) which shows the same feeling.

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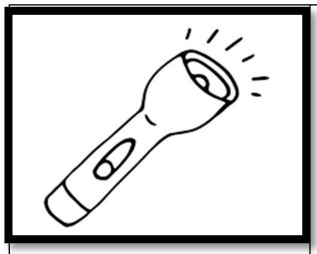
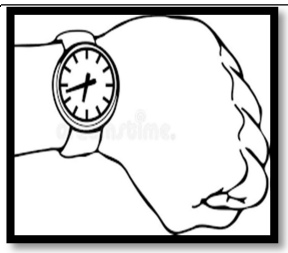
6. Tick (✓) the correct picture to show how "the signal was carried out" in lines 17 - 21. **1 mark [ ]**

7. Find **THREE** words/phrases from the whole text which refer to time.

1½ marks [ ]

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

8. Why is time important in this text? **2 marks [ ]**

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END OF PAPER