



Annual Examinations for Secondary Schools 2022

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

Name: _____ Class: _____

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

SECTION A – LISTENING (20 MINS)

15 MARKS

TEXT 1

A. Fill in the grid with the missing information. **3 marks []**

1.	The distance of the eruption from the capital city.	
2.	The length of the fissure.	
3.	The last time Varkadajsa experienced a volcanic eruption.	
4.	The number of tremors felt in the area every year.	
5.	The year tremors started to be digitally recorded.	
6.	The length of the column of ash released by the volcano in 2010.	

B. Tick (✓) whether the following statements are True or False.

3 marks []

		TRUE	FALSE
1.	The volcano erupted after thousands of minor earthquakes nearby.		
2.	There hasn't been an eruption in this zone for hundreds of years.		
3.	Icelanders were completely surprised by this eruption.		
4.	Aeroplanes all over Europe have been stopped.		
5.	The highest number of tremors in Varkadajsa have been felt in the past few weeks.		
6.	The lava emitted from this volcano is expected to cause a lot of chaos.		

Text 2

C. What do these numbers refer to in the passage?

3 marks []

1.	8	
2.	18	
3.	1999	
4.	600	
5.	4	
6.	7	

D. Tick (✓) FOUR correct statements about Nicole from the text.

2 marks []

☐	Nicole joined a NASA space programme through Brazil's ministry of science.
☐	Her room is filled with posters of singers.
☐	She spends her free time looking for space rocks.
☐	She told Radio 2 that she found 20 asteroids.
☐	Her discoveries might take years to be recognised as space rock.
☐	She gives advice about discovering asteroids to her classmates.
☐	She attends a state school in north-eastern Brazil.
☐	Nicole has been to the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

E. Fill in with the correct word from the passage.

4 marks []

1. Nicole has shown an interest in space since she was only a _____.
2. The project Nicole is involved in is called Asteroid _____.
3. Nicole intends to name the asteroids after _____ scientists and family members.
4. Nicole would like to become an aerospace _____ when she grows up.

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 most appropriate title for the passage.** $\frac{1}{2}$ mark []
- a) Side effects of a sedentary lifestyle
b) Screen-stacking
c) Screen time during lockdown
d) Screen use amongst girls
2. a) Underline the best answer.
Are the results of the study referred to in lines 1-3 certain?
Yes / No $\frac{1}{2}$ mark []
- b) Which word from lines 1-3 indicates this? $\frac{1}{2}$ mark []
- _____
3. Technological devices have become very important for youngsters. Quote a sentence from lines 1-12 which shows us this. **1 mark** []
- _____
- _____
4. Mention **TWO** effects of high screen use. **1 mark** []
- a) _____
- b) _____
5. Between lines 1-18, find individual words which mean the same as: **2½ marks** []
- a. followed closely _____
- b. several _____
- c. important _____
- d. associations _____
- e. increased considerably _____
6. **Tick (✓) whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE.** **2 marks** []

		TRUE	FALSE
a.	A recent study monitored the amount of time a group of British girls spent behind a screen.		
b.	Most of the girls in the study used at least two screens at the same time.		
c.	This study shows that screen-stacking reached a peak at weekends.		
d.	The study was conducted after the Covid-19 pandemic.		

7. **In your own words** state why researchers in the UK are particularly worried about screen-stacking. **1 mark** []

8. a) Who provided the information for this study? **½ mark** []

- b) How were researchers informed about the girls' activity or lack of? **½ mark** []

9. a) Mention one restriction of this study. **½ mark** []

- b) What was the reason behind this? **½ mark** []

10. What did Tonies's survey conclude with regards to the pandemic? **1 mark** []

11. What do the following words refer to in the passage. **2 marks** []

a.	They (line 6)	
b.	us (line 19)	
c.	those (line 31)	
d.	it (line 37)	

12. **In a paragraph of between 60-70 words** summarise the recommendations (lines 55-66) issued by the American Association of Pediatrics (AAP). **6 marks** []

Task B2: Source B: Questions on Source B

1. **Tick (✓) FOUR correct statements about this source.** **2 marks** []

a.	The majority of people admit to using a technological device before going to bed.	
b.	All children sleep with an electronic device.	
c.	Many parents say that their child sleeps with an electronic device.	
d.	The blue light from electronic devices affects our waking and sleeping pattern.	
e.	You do not sleep at all if you use electronic devices.	
f.	The light from electronic devices lulls you to sleep.	
g.	Sleeping with a phone in your room can disrupt your sleep.	

2. **Underline the best answer.** **1 mark** []

Children's use of electronic devices should be **(a)** (controlled, banned, allowed) before bedtime and **(b)** (some devices, most devices, all devices) should be removed from the child's bedroom to ensure good sleep.

Question about Source A and Source B

3. **Tick (✓) the source which:** **2 marks** []

		Source A	Source B	Both	Neither
a.	gives advice to parents				
b.	refers to lower levels of sleep and a lack of physical activity				
c.	uses questions as subheadings				
d.	is mainly about mobile phones.				

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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A KARAOKE BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Let's celebrate Ella's 13th birthday in style!

Date: Saturday June 25th starting at 7:30p.m

Venue: Seaside Restaurant



Bring a friend, dress like a rock star and grab that microphone!

You are Lara (lara@cmail.com) and you have just received the above invitation. Write an **email** of between 60-70 words to your friend Liam (liam@cmail.com) in which you try to persuade him to join you. You need to include the following details in your email:

- a brief description of the event
- the date, time and place
- dress code
- why they should attend

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To liam@cmail.com
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Part 2 – Long Writing Task **20 marks** []

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As a guideline you may wish to write between 220 and 270 words on ONE of the following:

1. Write a **story** for the school magazine entitled "The Storm."
2. Write an **article** for the school magazine in which you give a **description** of your favourite place.
3. You have just taken up a new hobby. Write a **blog post** in which you **describe** what this hobby involves. Include some **advice** to your readers, who may be interested in starting this hobby.

Writing Task number: _____

[illegible]

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.**

1. **Underline the best answer:** **1 mark []**

The poem is about how autumn arrives:

- a) with a lot of noise and therefore disturbs the environment.
- b) stealthily and disturbs whatever it touches.
- c) and makes a lot of enemies.
- d) and shakes the branches and steals everything lying in its path.

2. a) Quote a simile from the poem. **1 mark []**

- b) Explain the effect of this simile. **1 mark []**

3. Quote **TWO** phrases from lines 1-6 which depict autumn as a deceitful thief. **1 mark []**

- i) _____ ii) _____

4. Quote an alliteration from the poem. **1 mark []**

5. **Underline the best answer:** **1 mark []**

The poet uses a lot of (punctuation, run-on lines) which (increase, slow down, stop) the rhythm of the poem.

6. a) Is autumn presented in a positive or negative way? **½ mark []**

- b) Find **THREE** separate words from lines 12-17 to support your answer. **1½ marks []**

- i) _____ ii) _____ iii) _____

7. "Till the normally placid sky
Glows red with a quiet rage."

a) Name the figure of speech in the above lines. **1 mark []**

b) Explain it. **1 mark []**

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 most appropriate answer.

1. The passage is taken from **½ mark []**
a. a historical novel
b. a fantasy novel
c. an adventure novel
d. a romance

2. The passage is about a girl who **½ mark []**
a. could not sleep at night.
b. has a sleepwalking adventure.
c. has the power to raise a storm
d. is very angry.

3. The setting created in the first paragraph (lines 1-7) shows: **½ mark []**
a. a beach on a deserted island
b. houses with a lane leading to a beach
c. busy streets
d. empty city streets

4. "The moon hung in the sky like a circle of ice." (line 5) **½ mark []**
a. Name the figure of speech found in the above line.

b. Explain its effect. **1 mark []**

5. a. i) What figure of speech is used in: **½ mark []**
"Sea-foam caressed her toes as waves slapped on the shore." (line 10)

- ii) Explain the effect of this figure of speech. **1 mark []**

- b. i) What figure of speech is used in: **½ mark []**
"rumbling roar" (line 13)

- ii) "like the onset of an avalanche" (line 14) **½ mark []**

- iii) What do these figures of speech show us readers? **1 mark []**

6. Quote a metaphor from lines 21-24 and explain it.

Metaphor: _____ **½ mark []**

Explanation: _____

_____ **1 mark []**

7. What is your personal response to the text? **2 marks []**

END OF PAPER