



Annual Examinations for Secondary Schools 2022

YEAR 9

ENGLISH

TIME: 2 hours

Name: _____

Class: _____

MARKS			
Oral Assessment	Listening Comprehension	Written Paper	Total

SECTION A – Language

15 marks

A. Fill in the blanks with words from the box below. The first one (0) has been done for you. (5 marks)

about	for	until	into	of
in	on	with	to	during

Dear Sam,

How are you? Hope you're well! (0) In your last letter, you asked me to tell you about all the things I did (1) _____ my holiday. I went to Prague where I have some old friends whom I haven't seen (2) _____ about three years. My parents came (3) _____ me and we had a great time. We flew (4) _____ Prague on Monday 20th, which was also my birthday. The first thing we did was to visit the wonderful castle where there are many towers, palaces and gardens. We arrived (5) _____ the afternoon when there was the Changing of the Guard. I don't know how they manage to stay still for so long. We visited a lovely restaurant in the evening. The waiters, who were all wearing pirates' clothes, told us about the wonderful history (6) _____ the restaurant whose name was The Jolly Roger. On Tuesday, we spent some time out (7) _____ the river in a large boat that we hired. I caught a very big fish and I felt so proud and happy! Now I know why my dad enjoys fishing so much! We left on Wednesday evening and stayed (8) _____ Saturday. This mini holiday helped me to relax a lot. Now I know what to do when school becomes too stressful. I will ask my parents to take me on holiday! The next time that you write (9) _____ me, you must tell me (10) _____ your last holiday.

Bye for now Sam,

Ben

B. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word. The first one (0) has been done for you. (5 marks)

Wembley Stadium is (0) **one** of the world's most famous football stadiums, and the national stadium for football in England. The old structure was demolished in 2002 and the (1) _____ Wembley Stadium opened on the same site in London in 2007. At a (2) _____ of around £800 million, it is the (3) _____ expensive stadium ever built. A huge 133m high arch supports a movable roof (4) _____ makes Wembley the biggest fully-covered football stadium in the world. Beneath the arch, the facilities have been designed to give spectators more comfort than (5) _____ before. The 90,000 seats in the stadium offer fans more leg room (6) _____ the Royal Box. There are also 12 restaurants, 58 kiosks, and 156 hospitality boxes to choose from. In (7) _____, the four main restaurants are the biggest in London. Wembley stadium is a multi-purpose stadium, designed to (8) _____ football and athletic events as well (9) _____ concerts, and it was also the site of (10) _____ events at the 2012 Summer Olympics.

C. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in brackets. The first one (0) has been done for you. (5 marks)

Soon the police (0) **arrived** to start the investigation. As Mr Malcolm revealed the ransom note, he (1) _____ (**shake**). It stated: "We have your son. If you ever want to see him again, put €50,000 in a shopping bag and drop it in the dustbin outside the supermarket at noon tomorrow. (2) _____ (**not / call**) the police or you (3) _____ (**never / see**) your son again. We (4) _____ (**watch**) you all the time." The police (5) _____ (**insist**) on obeying the kidnappers' instruction as he was only concerned about his child's safety. "We (6) _____ (**trick**) them when they show up to collect the ransom," the police told him. Two police officers, pretending to be shoppers, (7) _____ (**chat**) at the entrance of the supermarket. At exactly noon, Mr Malcolm appeared and dropped the money in the dustbin as instructed. Many shoppers (8) _____ (**throw**) litter into the dustbin. It (9) _____ (**be**) only after a couple of minutes that a beggar appeared from nowhere and started digging in the dustbin. The police kept a close watch on him and when he pulled out the special shopping bag, they quickly arrested him. He is now in custody and the police officers (10) _____ (**question**) him to find out where the boy is being kept.

SECTION B – Reading Comprehension**20 marks**

Read the passage which is on a separate sheet, and then answer the questions below.

1. Underline the correct answer.

(1 mark)

This passage is taken from

- a. a newspaper article
- b. a brochure
- c. an instruction manual

This aim of the passage is to

- a. persuade readers to visit the park
- b. inform readers about the history of the park
- c. teach readers about wild animals

2. Mark (✓) the following statements **True** or **False**.

(2 marks)

- a. At Longleat Park, animals can run free in large spaces.
- b. It is difficult to feed the deer in Deer Valley.
- c. Visitors with pushchairs can get on the jungle cruise.
- d. The gift shop sells items for children and adults.

True	False

3. List the names of four attractions that you can find in the park.

(2 marks)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

4. What two means of transport can visitors make use of in the park?

(1 mark)

- a. _____
- b. _____

5. What piece of advice is given to the visitors at the beginning of their tour? (1 mark)

6. What helps visitors find their way around the park?

(1 mark)

7. Anne the Elephant is special because she

(1 mark)

- a. lives with other animals in the paddock
- b. is very old and weak
- c. was rescued from being used for entertainment

8. Why do visitors have to be ready to get wet when seeing the sea lions? (1 mark)

9. Between lines 22-27, find a phrase of three words which show that visitors to the Bat Cave must be courageous. (1 mark)

10. What can visitors do at the special ranger shows? (1 mark)

11. From lines 10-30, find single words that mean the same as the following: (4 marks)

- a. something that is small and can easily fit - _____
- b. a small area of grass where an animal is kept - _____
- c. to come out of - _____
- d. complicated paths that people try to find their way through - _____

12. What do the following words in bold refer to? (4 marks)

- a. our (line 4) - _____
- b. they (line 17) - _____
- c. this (line 29) - _____
- d. where (line 37) - _____

SECTION C – Literature

20 marks

Part 1 – Unprepared Text: Prose

Read the following passage and answer the questions below. (10 marks)

It was a Sunday morning in the middle of February, and a loud blare of trumpets rattled the window glass of the penthouse apartment above Baker Place. The stereo's surround sound was state of the art; it sounded as if General Custer himself had come back to life and was blowing a bugle into the ear of the tall teenage boy stretched out of the sofa. 1
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Dashiell Mistery jolted awake, as quickly as if someone had thrown him under an ice-cold shower. His hair flopped over his forehead as he clapped his hands over his ears and jumped into action, dodging piles of clothes and stray electronic devices to slam down the volume control on his stereo. The trumpets cut off midnote. 10

Dash stood panting with relief, his eyes puffy. It was eight in the morning. His brand-new alarm system had done the trick, but the fourteen-year-old student at Eye International Detective Academy couldn't remember why in the world he had set it to go off so early. He scratched his head as memories of the previous night began to seep through the fog around his brain. "Oh no," he groaned in despair. "My Criminal class with Prof. Green! I'd better get to work!" 15

(Taken from *Agatha Girl of Mystery: The Crown of Venice* by Sir Steve Stevenson)

Underline the correct answer.

1. The passage is an example of a (½ mark)
 - a. science fiction story
 - b. crime story
 - c. horror story

2. The story takes place in (½ mark)
 - a. a school
 - b. a military camp
 - c. an apartment

3. The main character of the passage is (½ mark)
 - a. Dashiell Mistery
 - b. General Custer
 - c. Prof Green

4. It is written (½ mark)
 - a. in the first person
 - b. in the third person
 - c. from different points of view

5. a. Find an example of onomatopoeia in line 2. (1 mark)

- b. What effect does this figure of speech have? (1 mark)

6. a. The author describes how quickly Dashiell wakes up. What comparison does he make to show this? (1 mark)

- b. In paragraph 2, the author shows how the boy is startled by the noise. Find two words of movement that show us this. (1 mark)

7. Quote a phrase from paragraph 2 that show that the boy is annoyed by the loud sound. (1 mark)

8. a. What do the words "his eyes puffy" (line 11) show us about the boy? (1 mark)

b. Quote a phrase in the last paragraph that shows that the boy is confused. (1 mark)

c. What figure of speech is this? (1 mark)

Part 2 – Unprepared Text: Poetry

Read the following poem and answer the questions below.

(10 marks)

Senior Discount by Ali Liebeggott

I want to grow old with you. 1
Old, old.

So old we pad through the supermarket
Using the shopping cart as a cane that steadies us.

I'll wait at register two in my green sweater 5
With threadbare elbows, smiling
Because you've forgotten the bag of day-old pastries.

The cashier will tell me a joke about barbers as I wait.
He repeats the first line three times
But the only word I understand is *barber*. 10

Over the years we've caught inklings*
Of our shrinking frames and hunched spines.

You're a little confused
Looking for me at the wrong register with a bag
Of almost-stale croissants clenched in your hand. 15
The first time I held your hand it felt enormous in my own.
Sasquatch, I teased you, a million years ago.

Over here, I yell, but not in a mad way.

We're laughing.
You have a bright yellow pin on your coat that says, *Shalom!* 20

Senior Discount, you say.
But the cashier already knows us.
We're everyone's favourite customers.

* inklings - a vague idea



Underline the correct answers below.

1. The poem is about the (½ mark)
a. difficult life of an old person
b. joys of ageing as a couple
c. discounts given to old people

2. The poem is written in (½ mark)
a. one stanza
b. regular stanzas
c. irregular stanzas

3. The poem is written in (½ mark)
a. rhyming couplets
b. alternate rhyme
c. free verse

4. The persona in the poem is the (½ mark)
a. elderly woman
b. elderly man
c. cashier

5. Why are the words "old, old" in line 2 in italics? (1 mark)

6. a. "Using the shopping cart as a cane that steadies us" (line 4) is an example of (1 mark)
a. metaphor
b. simile
c. personification

- b. What does the phrase "shrinking frames and hunched spines" (line 12) show us about the couple? (1 mark)

7. In line 17, the poet says "I teased you a million years ago". What effect does the author achieve? (1 mark)

8. Find a line that shows that the couple still has fun together. (1 mark)

9. This poem makes me feel _____. (1 mark) It makes me feel this way because _____

_____ (2 marks)

SECTION D – COMPOSITION

25 marks

Choose **ONE** of the following and write a composition of between 150 and 200 words.

1. Write a **short story** starting with the following sentence: *I left the shop looking over my shoulders suspiciously.* Your story will be published in the school magazine.
2. Your school is holding a writing competition and you decide to take part. Write the **description** of a person that you enjoy spending time with. You can include the following:
 - what the person looks like
 - personality
 - how the person makes you feel
3. You're Blake and you are having a birthday party next week. Write **an email** to your friend Sam telling her what your plans are and inviting her to the party.

To:	sam@vmail.com
From:	blake@pmail.com
Subject:	Invitation