



Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2023

YEAR 7

ENGLISH SOURCE BOOKLET

In this booklet, you will find the texts which you need to read to be able to answer the reading comprehension and literature questions in the Main Paper.

SOURCE A

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Welcome to my blog where technology and safety meet!

Now everyone knows I'm quite the technophile and I've been receiving a number of requests to discuss tracker devices for children. Here is a brief guide to the parents out there who need this...

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- 5** Many of us remember a childhood with fewer devices, and the freedom of exploring the neighbourhood or playing for hours outside without any serious threats to our lives. But today, parents worry about their children's safety, and digital devices have only added to those concerns. Young ones beg for smartphones when you, on the other hand, want them playing
- 10** outside with other kids. Some parents, however, are tempted to give in simply because they want the option to track their child's whereabouts. Yet, this can leave children vulnerable to online predators or dangerous callers. Parents should instead consider a GPS (Global Positioning Systems) kids tracker and that way you'll always know where your child is. These devices
- 15** allow you to check on your child's location at any time — if you want to make sure they got to school okay, if they wander off at an outside event, or any other situation in which you need to know where they are without the risks of giving them that menace of a smartphone too soon.

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- 20** A GPS (or Global Positioning System) tracker for kids can take many forms and use different technologies. Some rely on Bluetooth, which means they only really work when close to a connected Bluetooth device. In some cases, this is fine, but in others it doesn't really work. Typically, the range is no more than thirty metres, which is roughly the length of three school buses and so I do not recommend it. Devices that rely on a standard data plan like a mobile phone have a better range and work in a broader variety of situations.

Trackers can also have different designs. Some are simply small devices that you clip onto your child's clothing. Other options include walkie talkies, smartwatches.

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- 30** Indeed, finding the right device with the right features is key. So here are a number of features to keep in mind when looking for the right tracking device for your children:
- Be sure it connects via GPS rather than Bluetooth.
 - Look for tracker devices that are wearable and durable to prevent kids misplacing or damaging their device.
 - For extra benefit, choose devices that include a camera. Not all kid tracker devices include this feature, which can be both incredibly helpful and fun!
 - Beware of devices with calling features that don't block stranger calls or messages. It would be best if the GPS tracker device comes with a reliable parent app which lets parents or guardians approve contacts, and block stranger calls or messages.
 - Make sure that the device allows you to set the Do Not Disturb mode so that your children can only be contacted when you want them to be.

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We completely understand the concerns you have as a parent on a daily basis. GPS tracking devices offer the perfect solution to ensuring you can monitor your child as they progress through life.

- 50** If you're looking for more information on how to educate your children on topics such as online safety, or you want to learn more about how you can make the most of your GPS tracking devices, check out some of our other informative [blog posts](#).



Adapted from: <https://findmykids.org/blog/en/gps-kid-tracker>

SOURCE B

Product	A	B	C	E.g. (0)	D
	AngelSense Kids GPS Tracker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compact • Range of accessories • Location history • SOS button • 1-day battery • Free device 	Expensive	Children with disability	€100 + €30 monthly fee
	Relay Kids Smartphone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy To Use • Durable • Cost-effective • No location history • SOS button • 5-day battery 	No Screen	Budget pick	€49.99 + €9.99 monthly fee
	Jiobit Next	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-week battery life • SOS button • Lightweight • 10-day battery • Location history 	No screen	Best overall	€99 + €8.99 monthly fee
	Omate x Nanoblock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stylish design • Two-way video calls • Integrated selfie camera • Messaging • 4G Compatible • SOS button • 2-day battery • Location history 	No text messaging function	Smartwatch pick	€149 + €69 annual fee
	Apple AirTag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No monthly subscription • 1-year battery life • Location history 	No SOS button	Best for crowded events	€29

SOURCE C

1 Monday morning. The first proper day of the Christmas holidays. A day Chloe had been dreading. She didn't have any friends she could text or email or Facebook or Twitter or whatever, but there was one person she wanted to see...

5 By the time Chloe got to the bench it was raining heavily, and she'd wished she'd at least paused to pick up an umbrella. "The Duchess and I weren't expecting to see you again, Chloe," said Mr Stink. His eyes twinkled at the surprise, despite the rain. "I am sorry I ran off like that," said Chloe.

"Don't worry, you are forgiven," he chuckled.

10 Chloe sat down next to him. She gave the Duchess a stroke, and then noticed the palm of her hand was black. She surreptitiously wiped it on her trousers. Then she shivered, as a raindrop ran down the back of her neck.

"Oh, no, you're cold!" said Mr Stink. "Shall we take shelter from the rain in a coffee shop?"

15 "Err.... yes, good idea," said Chloe, not sure if taking someone quite so stinky in an enclosed space really *was* a good idea. As they walked into the town centre, the rain felt icy, almost becoming hail.

When they arrived at the coffee shop, Chloe peered through the steamed-up glass window. "I don't think there's anywhere to sit down," she said.

20 Unfortunately, the coffee shop was full to bursting with Christmas shoppers, trying to avoid the cruel British weather. "We can but try," said Mr Stink, picking up the Duchess and attempting to conceal her under his tweed jacket.

The tramp opened the door for Chloe and she squeezed herself inside. As Mr Stink entered, the pleasing aroma of freshly-brewed coffee keeled over and died. His own special smell replaced it. There was silence for a moment. Then panic. People started running towards the door – the serviettes like makeshift gas masks protecting them from the smell.

25 "Abandon Starbucks!" screamed a member of staff, and his colleagues immediately stopped making coffees or bagging muffins and ran for their lives. "It seems to be thinning out a little," announced Mr Stink.

Soon they were the only ones left in the shop. *Maybe smelling this bad has its advantages*, thought Chloe. If Mr Stink's super smell could empty a coffee shop, what else could it do? Maybe he could clear the local ice rink

35 of skaters so she could have it all to herself? Or they could go to Alton Towers together and not have to queue for a single ride? Better still, she could take him and his smell into school one day, and if he was particularly stinky, the headmistress would have to send everyone home and she could have the day off!

Adapted from *Mr Stink* by David Walliams