



Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2023

YEAR 8

ENGLISH

TIME: 2 HOURS

Name: _____

Class: _____

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

SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION

25 MARKS

Read the texts printed in the Source Booklet and then answer all the following questions. You should spend around 30 minutes on this section.

Task A1 – Questions on Source A

1. Fill in the missing information in the table below. 2½ marks []

a.	Name of youth centre:	
b.	Ages of participants in the survey:	
c.	Maximum number of young people attending summer club:	
d.	Place where summer club will be held:	
e.	Contact information:	

2. Mark these sentences as TRUE or FALSE. 2½ marks []

		TRUE	FALSE
a.	The survey shows what young people enjoy doing during the summer holidays only.		
b.	The participants' most favourite activity is doing sport.		
c.	Watching tv is not as popular as playing video games.		
d.	Playing an instrument is the least popular activity.		
e.	All young people who are going to attend the summer club took part in this survey.		

Task A2 – Questions on Source B

Underline the correct answer.

1 mark []

1. Under which section of the Kids Club web page would one find this text?
 - a. Environment
 - b. Current Events
 - c. Entertainment
 - d. Sports

2. The subheadings in the webpage are missing. Tick (✓) the subheadings that are most fitting for letter A, B and C. One of the subheadings is extra.

1½ marks []

		A	B	C
a.	Exploring the natural world.			
b.	Here comes trouble!			
c.	History of the world.			
d.	Are you ready to experiment?			

3. Are these statements facts or opinion? Tick (✓) the correct answer.

3 marks []

		FACT	OPINION
a.	Emily has four degrees in science.		
b.	I believe that being outside helps you learn a lot of skills.		
c.	The film is a remake of a classic cartoon.		

4. Tick (✓) the programme where you can do the following:

2 marks []

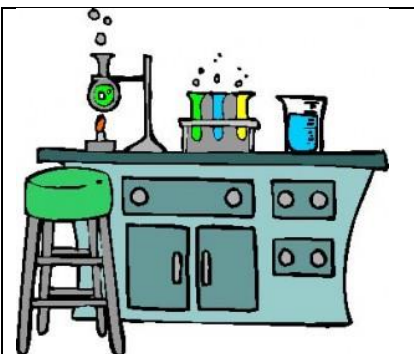
		Emily's Wonder Lab	Into America's Wild	Tom and Jerry: The Movie
a.	Learn about nature			
b.	Have a laugh			
c.	See beautiful landscapes			
d.	Watch messy experiments			

5. Underline the correct answer.

In "Emily's Wonder Lab", when Emily says, "Remember, science is all about trial and error" she means that: 1 mark []

- a. the children should always follow the same steps to do an experiment.
- b. in science people never have perfect results.
- c. the children have to try different ways until they find the right one.

6. Which of the following pictures shows the setting for "Into America's Wild"? Tick (✓) the correct answer. 1 mark []

		
a.	b.	c.

7. The text mentions THREE things that you can find on "Into America's Wild" website. List down these three things. 1½ marks []

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

8. What makes "Tom and Jerry: The Movie" different from the old version is that:

- a. the characters' antics are funnier. 1 mark []
- b. there is a mix of real actors and animation.
- c. Tom and Jerry are enemies.
- d. it is a classic cartoon.

9. Underline the correct answer. 1 mark []

“Frenemies” (line 40) means:

- a. characters who are usually enemies act as friends
- b. characters who are usually friends act as enemies
- c. characters who are usually friends act as strangers

10. Find words between lines 3 and 10 of the text that mean the same as:

2 marks []

a.	showing	
b.	shiny	
c.	mistake	
d.	important	

11. To who or to what do these words in bold refer to? 3 marks []

a.	Their antics (line 31)	
b.	ruin it (line 35)	
c.	against them (line 37)	

Task A3 – Questions on Source A and Source B

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

		Source A	Source B
a.	an email address		
b.	information about particular tv shows		
c.	a film’s rating		
d.	survey results		

SECTION B – LITERATURE**20 MARKS**

You should spend around 30 minutes on this section.

Task B: Unseen Poetry

Read the poem labelled as Source C in the Source Booklet and then answer all the questions that follow.

Ex A. Underline the correct answer.

7 marks []

1. Which of these three pictures best describes the subject of the poem?



2. The poem is written in the

- i. first person
- ii. second person
- iii. third person

3. a. The poem does not have a regular rhythm as it is written in

- i. formal verse
- ii. free verse
- iii. rhyming couplets

b. This makes the poem sound like

- i. a song
- ii. a nursery rhyme
- iii. someone speaking

4. a. In line 9 the phrase "A current lifts me like a leaf" is an example of
- metaphor
 - simile
 - alliteration

- b. It is used to show that
- the bird is very light
 - the wind is blowing very hard
 - the leaves are blowing in the wind

5. "Together we set the sky alight" (lines 14-15).

This shows that brightening the sky when flying together with the planes and meteorites makes the bird feel

- annoyed
- proud
- afraid

Ex B. Underline the correct word or phrases in brackets. 5 marks []

The phrase "A whisper of clouds// tickles my feet" (lines 7-8) is an example of (1) (personification, simile, alliteration).

It gives us the idea that the sky (2) (is very cloudy, is clear, has a few clouds).

The atmosphere in the poem is a/an (3) (exciting, calm, fearful) one. The words "float" and "glide" show that the bird is moving (4) (fast, slowly, up and down). The bird seems to be in a/an (5) (sad, angry, happy) mood.

Ex C. Complete the following sentences. 5 marks []

1. The words "shuffle my short" (line 2) make use of the sound 'sh'. The figure of speech used in this quote is (onomatopoeia, alliteration, personification).

Another example of this figure of speech in STANZA 2 is _____

2. In stanza 2 the poet compares the city lights to a _____. This figure of speech is called (metaphor, simile, personification). It appeals to the sense of (sound, smell, sight).

Ex D. Choose the correct answer.

1. The last line, "Flight is always best at night" shows that the bird prefers to fly at that time because the night is: 1 mark []
- a. busy and beautiful.
 - b. quiet and beautiful.
 - c. noisy and crowded.
 - d. noisy and fun.

Ex E. Complete the following sentence. 2 marks []

1. This poem makes me feel _____. It makes me feel this way because _____.

SECTION C – WRITING

25 MARKS

In this section, you must answer Task C1 and choose ONE title from Task C2.

Please note that the word count given in both tasks is just a guideline to help you. You should spend around 40 minutes on this section.

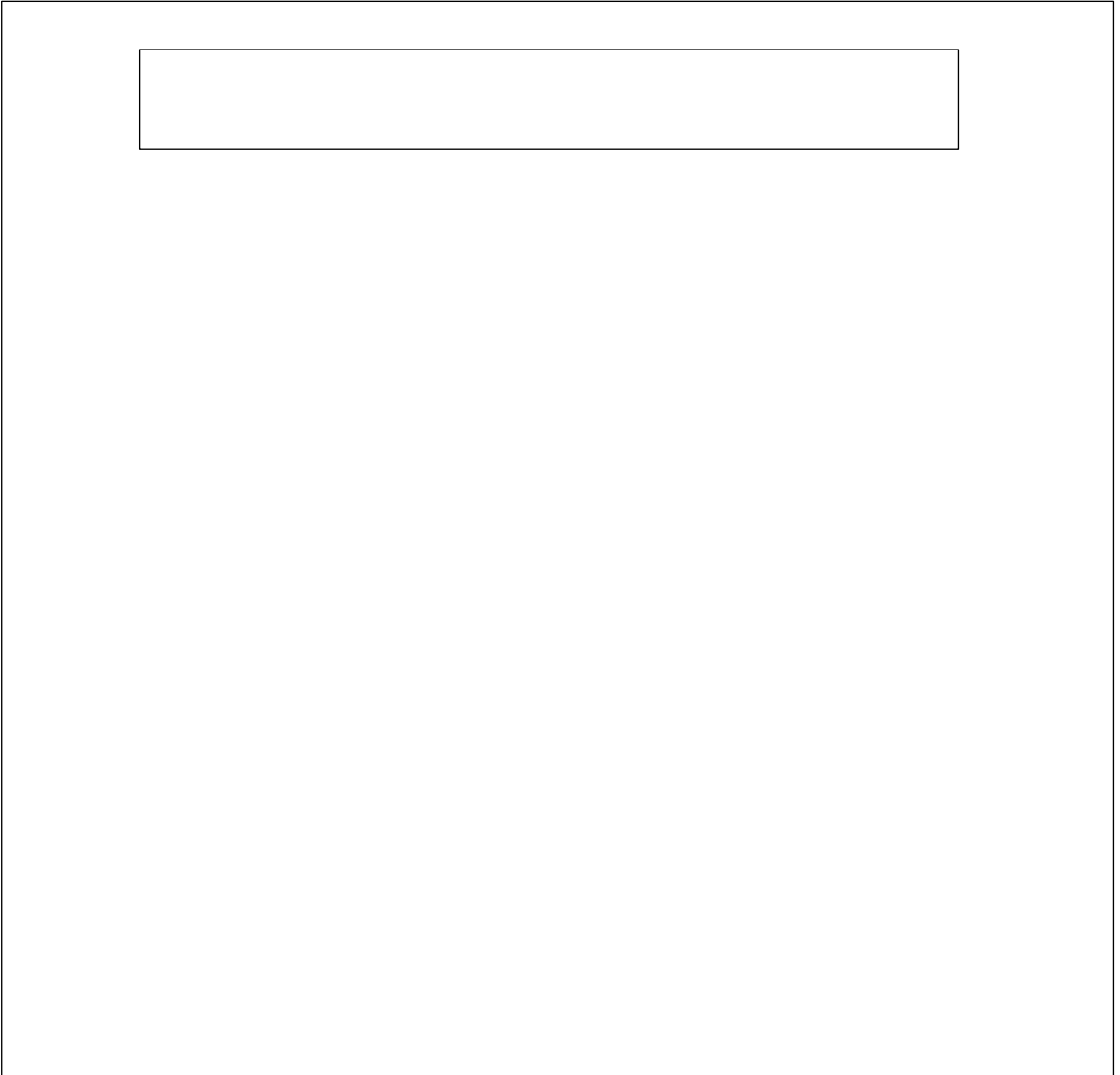
Task C1 – Short Writing Task

5 marks []

Your school is putting up an event to celebrate different cultures around the world. There will be music, food, costumes and games. Create a **poster of** between 40 – 50 words to promote this event.

Use the points below to help you write your poster in the box given. All of the following points **MUST** be included:

- name of the event
- aim of the event
- a brief description of the different activities
- details of place, date and time
- why people should join in



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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. A children's magazine is looking for **MYSTERY STORIES** for next month's publication. Write your own mystery story which must involve a **valuable object** and a **secret passage**.

Some ideas that you can write about are:

- how it all started
- who was involved
- what the valuable object was
- what the secret passage was like and where it led to
- how the characters felt during this experience
- how the mystery was solved

OR

2. Some people say that **sports** should not be given importance in schools. Write an **ARTICLE** for your school newsletter discussing this issue.

Some ideas that you can write about are:

- why some people think that sports at school is a waste of time
- why sports is good for young people
- what sports can teach young people
- what your opinion is

OR

3. Your friend, Sam, gave you free tickets to attend a concert that you really wanted to go to. Write an **EMAIL** to Sam **thanking** your friend for the tickets and describing how much you enjoyed the concert.

Some ideas that you can write about are:

- why you are writing this email
- when and where the concert took place
- describe what happened
- describe how you felt
- mention any unforgettable moment

Use the following to start your email:

To:	sam25@bmail.com
Subject:	Thank you for the tickets!

[illegible]

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Task Achievement and Relevance	Organisation and Linking	Vocabulary	Grammar and Punctuation	Spelling	Total
/3	/3	/5	/5	/4	/20