



Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2024

YEAR 8

ENGLISH

TIME: 2 hours

Name: _____

Class: _____

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

SECTION B: 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 B1 – Questions on Source A

1. Fill in the grid with information found in Source A.

3 marks []

a.		The number of acres where you can go for a walk.
b.		The depth in metres of the well.
c.		The cost of an entrance ticket for a Year 7 student.
d.		The time when the castle opens.
e.		The closing time of the castle in March.
f.		The month when the attraction is closed.

2. Match these icons with the facilities available as listed in the text by writing the numbers (1 - 4) in the correct box below.

2 marks []



3. There are missing subheadings. Match the subheadings with the correct letters (A – C) by writing them in the box below.

1½ marks []

Subheading	How to find us	Opening times	Prices
Letter			

Task B2: Questions on Source B

1. What is the text about? **1 mark []**
- a. Sightseeing tours
 - b. School visits
 - c. Exhibitions

2. Tick (✓) whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. **3 marks []**

		TRUE	FALSE
a.	There will be no guide during the Valletta tour.		
b.	The painting by Caravaggio is found in the Grand Masters' Palace.		
c.	St George's Square was upgraded a short time ago.		
d.	On the second day, you will spend a whole day in Mdina.		
e.	Mdina is used for filming.		
f.	We will exit Mdina through Palazzo Falson.		

3. Read each phrase below taken from the text. Is it fact or opinion?
Tick (✓) the correct answer. **1 mark []**

		Fact	Opinion
a.	a magnificent view of the island (lines 24-25)		
b.	the medieval city of Mdina (lines 21-22)		

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

a.	rich (line 2)		thick walls used to defend a city
b.	re-enactment (line 16)	a	full
c.	bastions (line 23)		a short journey or trip
d.	massive (line 56)		a theatrical performance
e.	excursion (line 71)		huge

5. a. Which place is best to take photos? **2 marks []**

b. At which place is a meal included in the price of the excursion?

6. What do these words refer to in the text? **2 marks []**

a.	here (line 24)	
b.	we (line 38)	
c.	its (line 60)	
d.	This (line 83)	

7. Underline the correct answer. According to the writer, the best experience is while visiting the

1 mark []

- a. caves.
b. feast.
c. temples.

8. Fill in the grid with information from Source B. **2 marks []**

	DAY	PLACE	ACTIVITY
a.	1	The Oratory	see the Caravaggio masterpiece
b.		waterfront	
c.	4	Marsaxlokk	
d.	5		Citadel and temples

9. Refer to both Source A and B to answer the following question.

2½ marks []

Tick (✓) the text which

		Source A	Source B	Both
a.	is an itinerary.			
b.	includes photos.			
c.	is meant for people who enjoy historical places.			
d.	is meant to persuade.			
e.	promotes one particular place.			

SECTION C – LITERATURE: Unseen Text**20 MARKS**

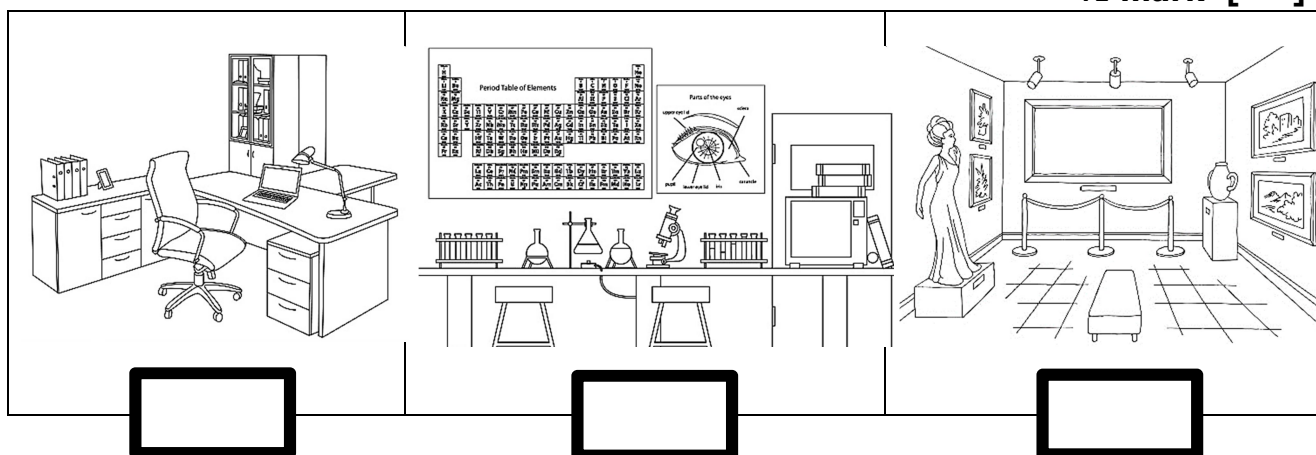
You should spend around 30 minutes on this section.

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

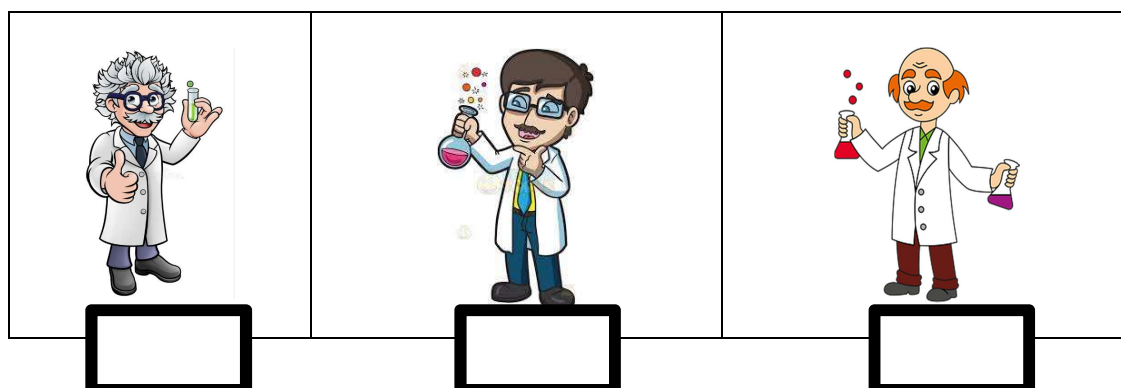
Underline the correct answer.

3 marks []

1. This extract is taken from a
 - a. poem.
 - b. playscript.
 - c. novel.
2. This extract is a
 - a. funny episode.
 - b. tragic episode.
 - c. shocking episode.
3. The sentence "Imagine all the pranks we could pull!" in line 2 shows that the teenagers are
 - a. comedians.
 - b. well-behaved.
 - c. naughty.
4. Tick (✓) the correct picture which best describes the setting of this extract.

½ mark []

5. Tick (✓) the picture which best describes Dr. Crumbleton.

½ mark []

6. Do you think Dr. Crumbleton is a good name for this character? Give a reason for your answer. **2 marks []**

Underline the correct answer in questions 7 – 9.

7. The phrase “Suddenly they freeze” in line 10 is an example of

- a. a metaphor.
- b. a simile.
- c. alliteration.

1 mark []

8. This is used to describe how

- a. the temperature dropped.
- b. they stopped immediately.
- c. they actually froze.

1 mark []

9. The phrase “we’re stuck like fragile porcelain dolls” in lines 23 – 24 is an example of

- a. a metaphor.
- b. a simile.
- c. alliteration.

1 mark []

10. Circle the correct answer. Were they actually “like fragile porcelain dolls”?

Yes/No.

Quote to support your answer.

1 mark []

11. In the stage directions, Tim is often whispering. Why do you think he does this?

1 mark []

12. Complete the sentence. Tim is described as “wide-eyed” in line 23. This shows that he is feeling _____ **1 mark []**

13. Underline the correct answer. The phrase “holding a vibrant vial” in line 34 is an example of **1 mark []**

- a. a simile.
- b. alliteration.
- c. a hyperbole.

14. Find another example of the same figure of speech mentioned in question 13, in the last six lines of the extract. **1 mark []**

15. Here is the plot of this extract. Put these statements in the order it happened by writing the numbers (1 - 4) in the left column. **2 marks []**

	Dr Crumbleton gives Sarah and Tim the antidote.
	Dr Crumbleton discovers Sarah and Tim.
	Dr Crumbleton explains the mistake the children made.
	Sarah and Tim drink the potion.

16. Mention any two props you would need if you had to act out this scene. **1 mark []**

17. Which one of the characters would you choose to act out and why? **2 marks []**

18. What do you think happened before this extract? **1 mark []**

SECTION D – WRITING

25 MARKS

In this section, you must answer Task D1 and choose ONE title from Task D2.

Please note that the word count given in both tasks is just a guideline to help you. You should spend around 45 minutes on this section.

Task D1 – Short Writing Task

5 marks []

You are participating in a board game tournament. Write a **blog post** of between 40 to 50 words to inform teenagers about this tournament and persuade them to participate.

You need to include the following details:

- what the tournament is about
- venue, date and time
- reasons why they should participate



For Teacher's Use ONLY – Task D1 Marks

Criterion #1		/1½ marks
Criterion #2		/1 mark
Criterion #3		/1 mark
Criterion #4		/1 mark
Criterion #5		/½ mark

Title of Blog Post:



Save draft

View

Publish



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Task D2 - 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 school is organising a mystery **STORY** competition. You decide to take part. Start your story with, "When Sam found an old ring in the field, he did not know it was magical."

Add a title to your story.

You may wish to include:

- when and where the story happened
- who was involved
- how the mystery started
- what the mystery was
- if/how the mystery was solved
- how Sam felt
- what Sam learnt from it all

OR

2. The local sports club is putting together a booklet to promote sports in the village. Write a **BIOGRAPHY** about a real or imaginary sports celebrity who lives in your village.

Add a title to this biography.

You may wish to include this celebrity's:

- name and the type of sports practised
- date of birth, family and childhood experiences
- rise to fame
- adulthood
- achievements and setbacks
- plans for the future
- influence in the village and society

OR

3. Last week you were walking near the sea, and you were disappointed because you noticed that the beach is no longer as beautiful as it used to be. Write a formal **EMAIL** of complaint to the mayor of your local council, Ms Rita Smith, to complain about the situation and give your opinion on how things can improve.

Add a subject to this email.

You can write about the following:

- reason why you are writing
- date when you visited the beach
- which beach you visited
- what is wrong with the beach
- your disappointment at the situation
- what can be done to improve the situation
- give your contact details

Use the following to start your email:

From:	aborg@tmail.com
To:	localcouncil@tmail.com
Subject:	

[illegible]

[illegible]

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

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