

External Measurement of Student Achievement

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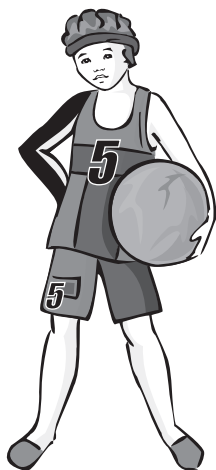
Grade
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English

TEST INSTRUCTIONS

- Please make sure that you have a separate answer sheet with this test paper.
- Please check that the answer sheet has your details printed on it. If not, print your name and date of birth on your answer sheet in the area provided.
- Please check that the subject and grade number on your answer sheet matches this question paper.
- This test has **40 QUESTIONS**. Each question has four possible answers. Only one is correct.
- Please use a pencil only to shade in the answer bubble of your choice on your answer sheet.
- Choose the correct answer from **A, B, C** or **D** and shade this bubble in on your **ENGLISH ANSWER SHEET**.
- If you make a mistake then rub out your answer completely and shade in the bubble of your new answer.
- All answers must be marked on your **ANSWER SHEET**.
- You are allowed **1 hour and 10 minutes** for this test.

1 Which boy is wearing a uniform?



A



B

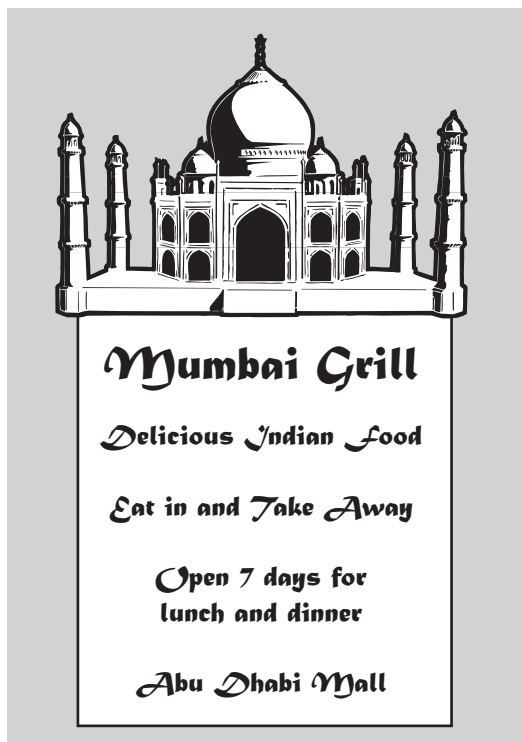


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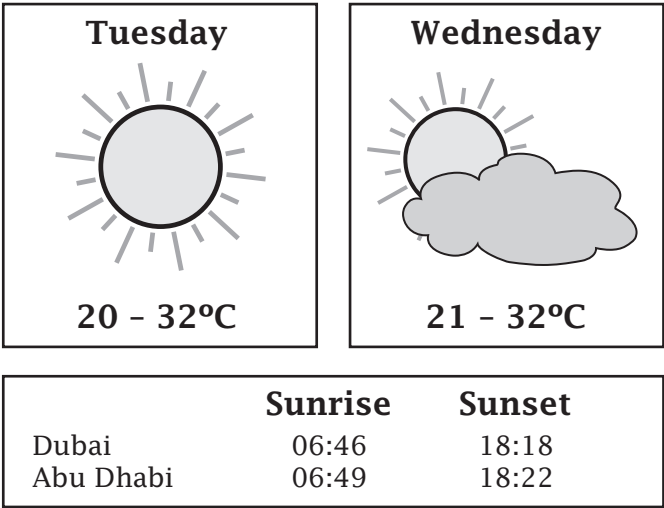


This is an ad for

- A** India.
- B** a supermarket.
- C** Mumbai.
- D** a restaurant.

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Expected Weather



What is the highest temperature expected on Wednesday?

- A** 20 °C
- B** 21 °C
- C** 32 °C
- D** 33 °C

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What time does the chart show the sun goes down in Abu Dhabi?

- A** 06:46
- B** 06:49
- C** 18:18
- D** 18:22

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This chart is a

- A** forecast.
- B** an index.
- C** a news report.
- D** a letter.

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What's On

<i>Bedtime Stories</i>	8:00am	9:40am	11:25am	3:00pm	6:00pm	7:45pm
<i>Beverly Hills Chihuahua</i>	8:30am	1:10pm				
<i>City of Ember</i>	4:00pm					
<i>The Curious Case of Benjamin Button</i>	10:15am	1:15pm	6:20pm			
<i>The Day The Earth Stood Still</i>	8:15am	11:20am	3:30pm	7:15pm		
<i>High School Musical 3</i>	10:05am	4:00pm	6:45pm			
<i>Madagascar Escape 2 Africa</i>	8:10am 5:30pm	9:00am 6:15pm	9:40am 7:50pm	10:30am	12:05pm	1:20pm 4:40pm

Ali and Mahmoud wanted to see a movie at 4 pm.

What choice did they have?

- A *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* OR *City of Ember*
- B *High School Musical 3* OR *Madagascar Escape 2 Africa*
- C *City of Ember* OR *High School Musical 3*
- D *Bedtime Stories* OR *Madagascar Escape 2 Africa*

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CAUTION

For the treatment of hay fever and allergies. If you are taking medication for coronary artery disease, or high blood pressure, consult your doctor before using this product.

This medication may cause drowsiness.

If affected do **NOT DRIVE OR OPERATE HEAVY MACHINERY.**

Contains sucrose, sorbitol and sodium benzoate. Does not contain gluten or lactose. Excess consumption may cause diarrhoea or have a laxative effect.

According to the information, excess consumption may cause

- A drowsiness.
- B diarrhoea.
- C hay fever.
- D allergies.

8 Some of the text on this label is in bold type, this is because this information

- A tells how much medicine to give.
 - B has been approved by a doctor.
 - C contains an important warning.
 - D may not be correct.
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9 What is this product used to treat?

- A coronary artery disease
 - B high blood pressure
 - C allergies
 - D drowsiness
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10 This information is **best** described as

- A instructions.
- B a warning.
- C a recipe.
- D directions.

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My Horse Gully

My name is George and this is my horse, Gully. His breed is a thoroughbred. He is 16.2 hands, and he is 10 years old. When Gully was younger he was a race horse. He raced in Hong Kong. Now, I compete on Gully in dressage competitions and in showjumping competitions.

I have even ridden Gully in a one day event. Eventing involves dressage, showjumping and a cross-country course. My dream is to one day ride with a team at the Olympic Games.

What breed of horse is Gully?

- A** a thoroughbred
- B** a race horse
- C** a dressage horse
- D** a showjumper

12 The words *16.2 hands* tell us

- A** how big the horse is.
- B** how old George is.
- C** what colour the horse is.
- D** how high the horse can jump.

13 Before George owned Gully we know that the horse had

- A** suffered an injury.
- B** competed in showjumping competitions.
- C** been ridden in the Olympic Games.
- D** been a racehorse in Hong Kong.

14 This writing is mainly about

- A** horse riding in Hong Kong.
- B** describing what dressage is.
- C** a rider and his horse.
- D** someone's dreams for the future.

15 *"Birds of a feather flock together."*

This proverb means

- A** seeking a variety of opinions is best.
 - B** people seek out others similar to themselves.
 - C** people love to crowd around someone famous.
 - D** people all like to look the same.
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16 *"All that glitters is not gold."*

This proverb means

- A** appearances can be deceiving.
 - B** greed does not always lead to wealth.
 - C** that which is worthwhile is often covered in glitter.
 - D** first impressions are important.
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17 *"Every bird loves to hear himself sing."*

This proverb means

- A** people enjoy the sound of their own voice.
 - B** singing brings people joy.
 - C** birds are happiest when they are noisy.
 - D** people should avoid singing in public.
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New School, Abu Dhabi

1 Marina Drive, Abu Dhabi

10 October 2009

Dear Grade 7 Parents,

As part of our science unit on 'classification' Grade 7 have been learning about animals. An excursion has been planned for all students in Grade 7 to visit *Kids' Park*. *Kids' Park* is located 35 km from our school and we will be travelling by bus.

Kids' Park gives children a chance to interact with many species including farm animals and wild animals. A horse ride in the morning is optional for those children who feel confident.

Date – Sunday 25 October 2009

Time – Departing from school gate at 9.30am and returning by 4pm

Cost – 30 Dhs (admission and transport)

Students **must** bring their own food and **drinks** for the day. Please sign the consent form below and return it with the money in an envelope no later than Sunday 18 October.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ahlam and Mrs El Masri
(Grade 7 science teachers)

I hereby consent to my child Fatima Skaf attending the excursion to Kids' Park on Sunday 25 October.

Please find my payment of 30 Dhs enclosed

Signature of parent
Date

Mona Skaf
16/10/09

Who has completed this note?

- A** Mrs Ahlam
- B** Mrs El Masri
- C** Mona Skaf
- D** Year 7 students

- 19 By when should the note be returned to school?
- A 10 October 2009
 - B 16 October 2009
 - C 18 October 2009
 - D 25 October 2009
- 20 How will the students be travelling to *Kids' Park*?
- A by bus
 - B by car
 - C by foot
 - D by horse
- 21 What does the 30 Dhs include?
- A travel to *Kids' Park*, food and drinks
 - B *Kids' Park* entry, travel to the park and food
 - C *Kids' Park* entry and travel to the park
 - D *Kids' Park* entry and a horse ride
- 22 Which of the following statements is TRUE? The main purpose of this text is to
- A report to parents about their child's progress in science.
 - B explain to Year 7 students the kinds of animals they will see at *Kids' Park*.
 - C both give information to parents and to receive permission from parents.
 - D explain what Year 7 has been studying in science and to talk about *Kids' Park*.
- 23 Why would the word '**drinks**' be in bold font?
- A to remind people to bring along a drink.
 - B to show that this word is not spelt correctly.
 - C to show that this is the end of the sentence.
 - D to help explain the meaning of the word.
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- 24 Who is Mona Skaf?
- A** a science teacher
 - B** a Year 7 student
 - C** Fatima's mother
 - D** Fatima's friend

- 25 The word *optional* means
- A** a good idea.
 - B** students can choose.
 - C** all students must take part.
 - D** horse riding is dangerous.

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Fruit Bats



Fruit bats are sometimes called flying foxes because of their fox-like faces.

They have five toes with long claws on each foot. The long claws allow them to hang from trees.

Their long arms have special skin between their fingers. This skin creates wings that allow bats to fly. Bat bones are light so that the bats are not too heavy to fly.

Bats are **mammals** like cats, horses, monkeys and humans, but bats can fly just as well as birds.

They live in big groups. These groups are called camps or colonies.

During the day fruit bats sleep in groups of thousands, hanging upside down from branches of trees or in caves.

Many bats eat insects but fruit bats eat flowers or soft fruits such as figs. Their keen sense of smell helps them find the ripest fruit.

Fruit bats are sometimes called flying foxes because

- A** their faces look similar.
- B** they both have large tails.
- C** foxes can sometimes fly.
- D** they both eat fruit.

- 27 Fruit bats hang from trees by using their
- A** claws.
 - B** wings.
 - C** hands.
 - D** faces.
- 28 What do fruit bats eat?
- A** insects only
 - B** insects, fruit and flowers
 - C** fruit only
 - D** fruit and flowers
- 29 What makes fruit bats different to the other mammals listed?
- A** They can fly
 - B** They are kept as pets
 - C** They have bones
 - D** They have feathers
- 30 The word **mammals** appears in **bold** font.
- Words like this show that the meaning of the word would be found
- A** on the book's cover.
 - B** on the Contents Page.
 - C** in a Glossary.
 - D** in a Dictionary.

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The Ant and the Grasshopper

In a field one summer's day a grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart's content. An ant passed by, struggling along with an ear of corn he was taking to the nest.

"Why not come and chat with me," said the grasshopper, "instead of toiling and struggling in that way?"

"I can't stop. I am working to store food for the winter," said the ant, "I suggest you do the same."

"Why bother about winter?" asked the grasshopper. "We have got plenty of food at present."

But the ant went on its way and continued working.

When the winter came the grasshopper found itself sick with hunger, while it watched the ants every day handing out to one another corn and grain from the stores they had collected in the summer.



What word in the opening paragraph gives the idea of hard work?

- A** *hopping*
- B** *chirping*
- C** *singing*
- D** *struggling*

32 What word best describes the ant in the first paragraph?

- A** concerned
- B** hard-working
- C** carefree
- D** troubled

33 The ant tried to help the grasshopper by

- A** helping him collect food.
- B** giving him advice.
- C** sharing his food.
- D** sitting down to chat with him.

- 34** The message of this story is that if you
- A** make the most of opportunities now you will be rewarded in the future.
 - B** can put off unpleasant tasks until tomorrow you will end up being happier.
 - C** think about something for long enough the answer will appear.
 - D** concentrate on having fun and enjoying life things will fall into place.
- 35** This text could best be described as
- A** a chapter from a novel.
 - B** a fable.
 - C** a humorous short story.
 - D** a poem.

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My room

The contented purr of a glowing printer whirring
The monitor shining brightly in the gloomy dark
The keyboard waits with endless patience for a writer's meticulous fingers.
To me *Microsoft* has created more than lifeless hardware

by Tom (11 years)

The poet has made his computer seem like it is

- A** annoying.
- B** alive.
- C** not used very often.
- D** an unwanted piece of technology.

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In the first line the printer is compared to

- A** a person.
- B** a cat.
- C** a noisy object.
- D** something glowing.

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The keyboard waits with endless patience for a writer's meticulous fingers

The word *meticulous* means

- A** tired.
- B** greedy.
- C** careful.
- D** excellent.

39

Which line in the poem talks directly about how the poet feels?

- A** Line One
- B** Line Two
- C** Line Three
- D** Line Four

40 The words *monitor shining brightly* are classified as

- A** a verb → a verb → an adverb.
- B** a noun → a verb → an adverb.
- C** a noun → an adjective → a verb.
- D** an adjective → a verb → a noun.

