

Instructions for the English Language Arts Test

There are TWO sections in this test with a total of 36 questions.

You have **75 minutes** for this test.

SECTION I has 18 questions (Questions 1–18).

SECTION II has 18 questions (Questions 19–36).

For each part of the test, there will be a different set of instructions.

Read the instructions carefully.

Read each question carefully before attempting to answer it.

Answer **ALL** questions.

Work carefully but do not spend too much time on any one question.

DO NOT BEGIN UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.



SECTION 1

Spelling

TASK 1

There is one incorrectly spelt word in each line in the passage below. Draw a circle around the incorrectly spelt word. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box provided for each line.

The visious sun was blazing furiously in the sky. My

1.

tortured feet were throbing painfully while perspiration

2.

dripped profusly down my face. Despite experiencing

3.

exhaustion and distressfull aches, I called upon my inner

4.

strength and couregeously hurried to my comfortable

5.

house. A soothing shower releived my swollen feet.

6.

(12 marks)



Punctuation and Capitalization

TASK 2

There is one punctuation or capitalization error in each line in the passage below. Insert the missing punctuation mark or capital letter in its correct place, in each line.

- "Finally" I shouted excitedly as I grabbed the overdue,
- brown package from Mr. Smith the delivery man. It
- was my favourite novel, Charlie and the Chocolate
- Factory", written by Roald Dahl, a famous british
- childrens author. Instantly, I bolted off to add it to
- my book collection fantasy, science fiction and mystery.

(6 marks)

Grammar

TASK 3

There is one grammar error in each line in the passage below. Draw a circle around the error and write the correct form of the word in the box provided.

- The boys, as well as their parents, was passionate
- environmentalists. We decided that a clean-up campaign
- would be the more effective way to improve the surrounding
- community. A visit to a nearby park was organise to select an
- appropriate location for the project and unfortunately, adverse
- weather conditions prevented them by starting the activity.

(12 marks)

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SECTION 2

Comprehension

TASK 4 – Fiction

Read the passage, “Circumstantial Evidence”, and answer questions 19 to 25.

Circumstantial Evidence

“He was standing right in the middle of what used to be my flower garden. Look at him!” Mrs. Maharaj scowled at the muddy dog who was now watching her from behind his owner’s legs. “Here’s the cost of my roses.” She handed the paper to Mrs. Walker and went back to her house.

- 5 Mrs. Walker looked at her son hugging the culprit. “We can’t afford this, Akeem,” she lamented. “I have done everything to try to help you keep Charlie, but he’s just impossible.”

“He’s not!” Akeem shouted and ran outside. Charlie was at his heels. “Charlie, you’ve got to stop this. She’ll send you away.”

- 10 “Maybe he didn’t do it.” Akeem looked up. His best friend, Chen, was peering over the back wall. “My dad says you shouldn’t convict without hard evidence and my dad’s the best lawyer there is.”

Chen dropped to the ground. “Maybe something made him do it,” he proposed.

“Like what?” Akeem enquired.

- 15 “Another animal,” Chen responded.

“Maybe we can prove it. Come over to my house. We’ve got to create a plan.” Chen started climbing back over the wall. Akeem didn’t move.

“Come on! You want to save Charlie, don’t you?” Chen looked down at Akeem.

“Okay. I guess you’re right,” Akeem replied.

20 Soon, they devised a plan. They needed a bag of food, a flashlight and Chen’s digital camera. In the evening, they put some food out in the garden and hid in the shed.

25 Close to midnight, Charlie bared his teeth and the fur on his back stood up straight like the needles on a porcupine. Something was coming through the bushes. It was big, dark and furry.

“I’ll get my camera,” Chen whispered. “Keep Charlie quiet. Don’t scare it away. We need pictures of it. Don’t turn on the flashlight yet.”

Charlie bolted out from the shed, dragging Akeem behind him. The flashlight went on. Chen sprinted after them, clicking the camera.

30 Blinded by the flashlight, the animal stared at them. It was a manicoou. Startled, it turned away from the food and disappeared into the bushes.

“Wow! That’s what Charlie’s been after. It’s enormous!” Akeem exclaimed.

“It’s out looking for food at night. That’s why nobody ever sees it. We’ve got evidence now that it wasn’t Charlie.” Chen commented.

35 With all the commotion, lights came on in all the surrounding houses.

“Do you two know what time it is?” Chen’s dad shouted.

“No sweat, Dad,” Chen replied, “I’m clearing an innocent client. Just like you would.”

<http://www.short-story-time.com/circumstantial-evidence.html>

Questions: Circumstantial Evidence

19. List **two** items mentioned in the story that the boys needed for their plan.

Item 1 _____

Item 2 _____

(2 marks)

20. Identify the figure of speech in the line, “the fur on his back stood up straight like the needles on a porcupine.” (lines 23–24)

(1 mark)

21. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage.

scowled (line 2)

evidence (lines 11, 34)

(2 marks)

22. What kind of person is Chen? Give **one** detail from the passage to support your answer.

Detail _____

_____ (2 marks)

23. How did Akeem feel about his pet? Give **one** detail from the passage to support your answer.

Detail _____

_____ (2 marks)

24. Of the two characters, Akeem and Chen, who do you admire more? Give a reason for your answer.

_____ (2 marks)

25. If you were Mrs. Walker in the story, what would you have done with Charlie? Give **one** reason for your answer.

_____ (2 marks)



TASK 5 – Poetry

Read the poem and answer questions 26 to 32.

- School is out, happy am I!
 It's Friday, time to play and unwind
 No homework, no note taking — just enjoyment
 Racing ideas of what's to be done
- 5 Should I read, should I spend time in the sun
- When Friday ends no sadness comes
 The dawn of a new-born Saturday is soon here
 Chirping birds, buzzing bees, whistling trees everywhere
 A myriad of activities for my eager soul to choose
- 10 Patience though, house chores first
- Chores done. I am as joyful as a flitting hummingbird
 Who has the world to behold
 A bicycle ride to the park on my to do list
 Race with friends, impossible to resist
- 15 Loser or winner still together we remain
- Saturday's door closes and Sunday makes her appearance
 Greeted with drowsy eyes and lazy smiles
 It is when the family recuperates, plans for Monday
 This brief respite is soon interrupted
- 20 Orders are given, "Time to awake. Things to do!"
- I am unfortunately reminded,
 The Weekend has ended.

Questions

26. List **two** activities from stanza one which the speaker does not have to do when "School is out".
- Activity 1 _____
- Activity 2 _____
- (2 marks)**
27. Give **one** word or phrase from stanza two that appeals to the sense of hearing.
- _____
- _____
- (1 mark)**
28. "Saturday's door closes and Sunday makes her appearance..." (line 16)
- Explain the meaning of this line.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- (2 marks)**

29. Give the meaning of the following words, as used in the poem.

unwind (line 2)

myriad (line 9)

(2 marks)

30. What kind of person is the speaker? Give **one** detail from the poem to support your answer.

(2 marks)

31. Suggest a suitable title for the poem. Give **one** reason to support your answer.

Title _____

Reason _____

(2 marks)

32. How is the mood at the beginning of the poem different from the mood at the end? Support your answer with details from the poem.

(2 marks)

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TASK 6 – Graphic

Read the advertisement on this page and answer questions 33 to 36.

GARAGE SALE

22nd January 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Clothing, furniture, toys, books and much more...

Family migrating soon!
Everything priced to go!
One day only!

Contact us at 123-0102
or at garagesale@hotmail.com

First 25 customers get 10% off

Questions: Advertisement

33. Which **two** images in the advertisement will encourage outdoor activities?

(2 marks)

34. Give **two** reasons why the words, "Garage Sale" are written in big, bold, capital letters.

(2 marks)

35. Give **two** reasons why a person might want to arrive early at the sale.

Reason 1 _____

Reason 2 _____

(2 marks)

36. Suggest two other images that can be used in the advertisement.

(2 marks)

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