



Let the mind manage the body

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MAURITIUS EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE

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Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Check that this assessment booklet contains 9 questions printed on 16 pages numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.
2. Write your Index Number on the assessment booklet in the space provided above.
3. You should not use red, green or black ink in answering questions.
4. Write all your answers clearly in the assessment booklet.
5. Attempt all questions.

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ENGLISH
(Subject code No. P110)

Question 1 (5 marks)

Match the sentence on the left with the corresponding sentence on the right. The first one has been done for you.

Be careful! There is an extra sentence.

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| (i) There are broken pieces of glass on the floor. | ● | ● The plumber will fix it soon. |
| (ii) My brother's room is untidy. | ● | ● The teacher will be angry with her. |
| (iii) Rita did not do her homework. | ● | ● Make sure you wear warm clothes. |
| (iv) The tap is broken. | ● | ● Can you please turn the volume down? |
| (v) It's very cold today. | ● | ● Hurry up! I am late. |
| (vi) The radio is too loud. | ● | ● Be careful where you walk. |
| | | ● His clothes are lying everywhere. |
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Question 2 (10 marks)

For each item, circle the letter which shows the correct answer.

Example:

Last Sunday, we to the seaside.

A go

C are going

B will go

D went

1. She a new school next year.

A join

C will join

B has joined

D joining

2. Hanna goes to work foot.

A at

C by

B in

D on

3. My grandmother is a good cook. always makes delicious cakes for us.

A They

C He

B She

D We

4. Mount Everest is the mountain in the world.

A so high

C higher

B highest

D as high

5. The dress you gave me is beautiful.

A whose

C who

B whom

D which

6. There is too rice on my plate. Please take some back.

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|----------|------|----------|------|
| A | much | C | lots |
| B | many | D | few |

7. Every morning, Sam and Rita prepare their breakfast

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|----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| A | themselves | C | ourselves |
| B | himself | D | myself |

8. Some stories are very from start to finish.

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|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| A | excite | C | excited |
| B | exciting | D | excitement |

9. Should I my sports shoes tomorrow?

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|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| A | bringing | C | brings |
| B | brought | D | bring |

10. Samaira went out with her friends she was ill.

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|----------|------|----------|----------|
| A | even | C | although |
| B | nor | D | or |

Question 3A (5 marks)

Read the given descriptions. Then find a word to match each description.

Example:

A place where they sell vegetables.

m a r k e t

(i) You use it to protect yourself from the rain.

u _ _ _ _ _

(ii) This vehicle carries sick people to the hospital.

a _ _ _ _ _

(iii) You use it to clean your teeth.

t _ _ _ _ _

(iv) You use it to boil water.

k _ _ _ _

(v) This person flies aeroplanes.

p _ _ _ _

Question 3B (5 marks)

Look at the following different definitions for the word 'trunk' given in the dictionary.

Trunk

1. The main stem of a tree
2. The nose of an elephant
3. A large box used for storing things
4. The luggage compartment of a vehicle
5. Part of a person's body, apart from the head, arms and legs

Now, under each sentence, write down the correct definition from the list above which corresponds to the word "trunk".

- (a) Tom opened the trunk of his car and removed his bag.

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- (b) In the accident, he suffered many injuries to his trunk.

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- (c) The animal used its trunk to pick up its calf.

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- (d) My mother always keeps my toys in a beautiful blue trunk.

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- (e) The leopard climbed up the trunk and sat on a branch.

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Question 4A (10 marks)**Read the text below.****ANTS**

Ants are very common insects. But what do we know about these creatures?

They are very small but very intelligent. Among the various kinds of ants, the most common ones are the black and red ones.

To 'talk' to other ants, an ant uses its antennae, passing messages through them.

Ants live in homes called anthills. Each anthill has hundreds of little rooms and passages. Some rooms, called nurseries, are used to keep the young ones.

There are different categories of ants and they are very organised. The Queen ant's only role is to lay eggs. Worker ants spend most of their time looking for food. They use some of their rooms as storehouses to keep that food. Soldier ants protect the anthills from attack. They have separate rooms in the anthill.

Ants lead a busy but peaceful life. Each ant does its share of work and never fights with other members of the group.

(Adapted from *Easy Science for Kids*)

Now complete the following.**Example:**

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|--|---|-------------|
| Name of insect | : | Ants |
| 1. The two most common types of ants | : | (i) _____ |
| | | (ii) _____ |
| 2. Ants communicate by using their | : | _____ |
| 3. The name given to ants' homes | : | _____ |
| 4. Name of the rooms where young ants are kept | : | _____ |
| 5. The ant which lays eggs is the | : | _____ |
| 6. Function of (i) the worker ants | : | _____ |
| (ii) the soldier ants | : | _____ |
| 7. Two words that describe the life of ants | : | (i) _____ |
| | | (ii) _____ |

Question 4B (15 marks)**Read the text below.**

Long ago, there lived a family of seven sisters in a small village. The eldest sister was often wicked to her younger sisters. Viola, the youngest sister, was sent to the forest each day to gather wood for the kitchen fire.

In the forest there was a cave and in that cave there was a small lake. It was a beautiful spot and Viola often rested there on her way back home.

One morning as Viola was running along the grassy path that led to the cave, she saw a little fish in a stream. The fish was as colourful as the rainbow. "I am going to keep the fish as a pet," said the girl to herself. "I will call it Rainbow." So, she caught the pretty fish and put it into the small lake in the cave.

The next day Viola went to the forest for wood. She carried some pieces of bread which she had saved from her breakfast. Rainbow was waiting for her. It came to the edge of the lake and she fed it the bread. How delighted the girl was! She had been so lonely and now she had a friend to play with. Every morning, instead of eating the bread which her sister gave her, Viola would save it for her pet. After feeding it, she would sing to the fish. Soon, Viola began to grow thin and her sisters wondered what the matter could be.

One day, the eldest sister followed her to the cave out of curiosity and saw her giving pieces of her bread to Rainbow. While Viola was away in the forest, the eldest sister caught Rainbow and killed it.

The following morning, Viola went to the cave as usual but Rainbow was nowhere to be seen. She sang her little song but Rainbow still did not turn up. She was heart-broken.

That night in her sleep, she dreamt of Rainbow and she said to the fish: "Rainbow, Rainbow, hear my cry, please come back. If you can't come back to me, I pray that you become a tree!"

When Viola woke up the following morning, she was surprised to see a beautiful tree next to her window. That tree was different from the other trees - it was of the bright colours of the rainbow.

(Adapted from *The Fairy Tree* by Wendy L. Schmidt)

1. Indicate whether the following statements are True or False by ticking the appropriate box.

	True	False
(i) The seven sisters lived in the forest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ii) The path going to the cave was rocky.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iii) Viola's eldest sister killed Rainbow.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Circle the correct answer.

2. **At first**, Viola went to the forest every day because she

- A** had a pet to look after.
- B** liked to rest there.
- C** had to get wood to cook.
- D** liked to dream.

3. When Viola saw the beautiful fish, she decided to

- A** keep it as a pet.
- B** cook it for dinner.
- C** give it to her sister.
- D** take it home.

4. She called the fish 'Rainbow' because of its

- A** weight.
- B** length.
- C** size.
- D** colour.

5. Viola was very happy to have found Rainbow because
- A** she liked eating fish.
 - B** she loved singing.
 - C** she could swim in the lake.
 - D** she had found a friend.
6. “Viola began to grow thin.” This was because
- A** she was going to the forest every day.
 - B** she was giving pieces of her bread to Rainbow.
 - C** she was singing all the time.
 - D** her sisters were not feeding her.
7. She was ‘heart-broken’. This means that she was very
- A** tired.
 - B** angry.
 - C** excited.
 - D** sad.
8. A suitable title for this passage could be
- A** A Dream Come True.
 - B** A Haunted Cave.
 - C** A Peaceful Forest.
 - D** A Helpful Sister.

Complete the following:

9. Mention **two** things which show that Viola liked Rainbow.

(i)

(ii)

10. Circle **two** adjectives from the list below that best describe Viola's eldest sister.

cruel	stubborn	forgetful
	lazy	unkind

11. According to you, why was the tree colourful?

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Question 5 (10 marks)**Write sentences by:**

- (i) **removing the extra word.** [1]

Mary likes runs playing the piano.

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- (ii) **adding the required capital letters and full stops.** [2]

tomorrow is the last day of school i will then be on holidays

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- (iii) **transforming into the interrogative form.** [2]

He has gone to see his friend.

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- (iv) **putting the adverb 'kindly' in the right place.** [1]

The girl helped kindly the old lady to cross the road.

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- (v) **transforming into the negative form.** [2]

He eats an apple every day.

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- (vi) **using the given words.** [2]

bus - miss - late

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Question 6A (5 marks)

Complete the following text by choosing the suitable word from the list given.

The first one has been done for you.

lunch	passed	day	lived	shouting	clever	river
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There was once a donkey who lived alone on a hill. One ,
 as he was hungry, he went to eat some grass. Suddenly, a wolf by.
 “This donkey will be my ,” he thought to himself. On seeing the wolf, the
 donkey quickly thought of a plan. “Ouch, my foot!” he started

Question 6B (5 marks)

Now complete the text by writing one suitable word in each blank space.

“What’s the matter?” asked the wolf.

“A thorn is stuck in my foot. You won’t be able to me as the thorn will get
 stuck in your throat,” replied the donkey.

The wolf thought for a and realised that the donkey was right. So he
 decided to help him, thinking that he would eat afterwards. He bent
 towards the donkey’s foot to the thorn. The donkey
 kicked the wolf in the face and ran away.

Question 7A (5 marks)

Correct the mistakes underlined in the text below.

The first one has been done for you.

There was once a king which (.....**who**.....) had twelve beautiful daughter (.....). They all slepped (.....) in one room. When they went to bed, the doors was (.....) locked. Every morning, however, there (.....) shoes looked like they had been used. Yet, nobody knew how it hapened (.....) or where they had been.

Question 7B (5 marks)

Fill in the spaces in the sentences below by using the correct form of the given words in brackets.

The Football World Cup

Here are some interesting facts about the Football World Cup.

- The World Cup is held in a (**differ**) country around the world every four years.
- The first (**win**) of the tournament was Uruguay, who beat Argentina in the 1930 final.
- The World Cup was first shown on TV in 1954, when the (**compete**) was held in Switzerland.
- The (**young**) player to take part in the World Cup was Norman Whiteside, who was only 17 years and 41 days when he represented Northern Ireland in 1982.
- Brazil is the most (**success**) World Cup team, having won it five times.

Question 8A (6 marks)

Write one sentence on each picture given below to make a short story.

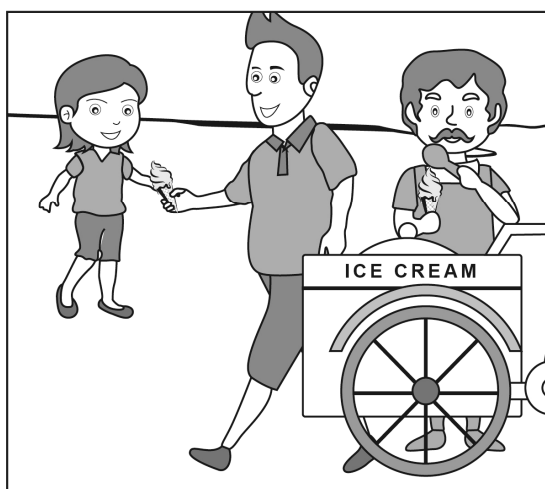
Use the words given to you.



Saturday - zoo



all of a sudden - monkey



in the end - ice-cream

Question 8B (4 marks)

Use the words in brackets to link the given sentences. Remember to make the necessary changes.

Example:

Samy and his Dad were going on a fishing trip. The fishing trip was an annual event. (which)

Samy and his Dad were going on a fishing trip which was an annual event.

1. On that day, Samy woke up early. He wanted to get everything ready. (as)

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2. Samy brought his fishing rod. He took a bucket as well. (and)

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3. He also dressed up warmly. It was always cold in the morning near the river. (because)

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4. Samy was excited about the fishing trip. His father was worried about the cold wind. (although)

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Question 9 (10 marks)

You were at the beach when you noticed a crowd near the water.

Write a story of about 120 words to say what happened on that day.

The following may help you:

- What were you doing on the beach?
- What did you see?
- How did you react?
- Why was there a crowd?
- What happened in the end?

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