

SMARTWIZ

GRADE 7 ENGLISH EXAM

MARKS: 100

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TIME: 1 hour 30 minutes

SCHOOL _____

CLASS (e.g. 4A) _____

SURNAME _____

NAME _____

Instructions for Students:

- > Read all instructions carefully before beginning the exam.
- > Write your name and student ID clearly on the answer sheet/booklet.
- > Answer all questions unless otherwise stated.
- > Show all your work/calculations where applicable.
- > Write clearly and legibly.
- > Use blue or black ink only. * Do not use correction fluid/tape.
- > No electronic devices (calculators, phones, etc.) are allowed unless explicitly permitted.
- > Raise your hand if you have any questions.
- > Do not talk to other students during the exam.
- > Any form of cheating will result in disqualification.

This test consists of 5 pages, excluding the cover page.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

– FICTION (30 MARKS)



Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Lost Map

Tariq and his cousin Zara were exploring the attic of their grandmother's house when they found a rolled-up scroll hidden in an old trunk. As they unrolled it, a faded map appeared, showing unfamiliar hills, lakes, and the symbol of a tree with crossed swords.

Zara, who loved puzzles, studied it closely. "This must be the park near the mountain," she whispered. Tariq's eyes lit up. Could it be real? The map's corner had the words: *To the brave go the roots of truth.*

The next morning, they followed the map's path through muddy trails and thorny bushes. Just as they were about to give up, they spotted a carved stone beneath an oak tree—the same symbol as on the map. Underneath was a metal box with letters addressed to their grandmother, written decades ago during a war.

It wasn't treasure, but history—and it belonged to their family.

1. What object did Tariq and Zara find in the attic? (2)

2. What did the symbol on the map look like? (2)

3. Who seemed more interested in solving the mystery, and how do you know? (2)

4. What was written in the corner of the map? (2)

5. Describe the journey the cousins took to reach the tree. (3)

6. What did they find beneath the oak tree? (2)

7. Why do you think the letters were important to the family? (3)

8. Give one reason the title *The Lost Map* is suitable. (2)

9. What is the tone of the story? Choose one:

☐ Exciting ☐ Sad ☐ Humorous (1)

✓ Your choice: _____

10. Would you like to go on a real-life mystery adventure like this? Why or why not? (3)

SECTION B: POETRY (15 MARKS)

The Night Train

Through silent hills and starlit skies,
The night train hums and softly sighs.
Its glowing windows drift along,
A steady pulse, a humming song.

It carries dreams from town to town,
While sleepers doze in dressing gown.
It whistles past the fields and trees,
Like whispers on a midnight breeze.



1. What is the poem about? (1)

2. Identify the rhyme pattern in stanza one. (1)

3. What does “a steady pulse” suggest about the train? (2)

4. Give one example of personification in the poem. (2)

5. What mood does the poet create? Provide two words or phrases from the poem to support your answer. (3)

6. Why do you think the poem is set at night? (2)

7. What does the line “It carries dreams from town to town” mean? (2)

8. What poetic device is used in the phrase “like whispers on a midnight breeze”? (2)

SECTION C: VISUAL TEXT – ADVERTISEMENT (10 MARKS)

Advert: SMILEMAX TOOTHPASTE

Brighten your day with a brighter smile!
Now with triple mint power and enamel guard.
 ✓ Fresh breath that lasts all day
 ✓ Fights cavities
 ✓ Gentle on gums
 Available at all major supermarkets!
 Try it now and get a free mini toothbrush!



1. What product is being advertised? (1)

2. What three benefits are mentioned? (3)

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3. Who is the target audience for this advertisement? (1)

4. What does the phrase “brighten your day” suggest about the product? (2)

5. Would this advert convince you to buy the product? Give one reason. (3)

SECTION D: LANGUAGE AND STRUCTURE (20 MARKS)

1. Change to reported speech:

Zara said, "This must be the park near the mountain." (2)

2. Change the sentence to future tense:

They discovered an old scroll in the attic. (2)

3. Rewrite with correct punctuation:

yes uncle i have brushed my teeth today (2)

4. Fill in the correct form of the adjective:

This toothpaste is _____ (strong) than the old one. (1)

5. Choose the correct word: (3)

- a) We took a (quiet / quite) long walk.
- b) They read the map very (careful / carefully).
- c) The sound of the train was (hear / heard) in the distance.

6. Join the sentences with a suitable conjunction:

The scroll was hidden. It was not forgotten. (2)

7. Write the plural of: (3)

- a) mystery → _____
- b) box → _____
- c) tooth → _____

8. Identify the part of speech:

The box was heavy. → _____
 He opened it slowly. → _____ (2)

1. Narrative:

Write a story about a strange item you found in your backyard and what happened next.

2. Descriptive:

Describe the sound and feeling of riding a train at night.

3. Transactional:

Write a letter to your local supermarket requesting they reduce plastic packaging and support recycling efforts.

MYST PATHWORKS

TOTAL: 100 MARKS

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SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (30 MARKS)

1. **A rolled-up scroll (a map) – (2)**
2. **A tree with crossed swords – (2)**
3. **Zara; she loved puzzles / she studied it closely – (2)**
4. **“To the brave go the roots of truth.” – (2)**
5. **They walked muddy trails, went through thorny bushes, and found the tree. – (3)**
6. **A carved stone and a metal box with old letters – (2)**
7. **They were written during a war / they revealed family history. – (3)**
8. **Because the map had been hidden/lost and was found again. – (2)**
9. **✓ Exciting – (1)**
10. *Accept any reasonable answer, e.g.: “Yes, it sounds fun to explore and discover hidden things.” – (3)*

SECTION B: POETRY (15 MARKS)

1. **A train moving at night – (1)**
2. **AABB – (1)**
3. **The train moves regularly or smoothly / heartbeat-like motion – (2)**
4. **The night train hums and softly sighs – (2)**
5. **Peaceful, calm – “silent hills”, “whispers on a midnight breeze” – (3)**
6. **To show quietness, mystery, or peaceful travel – (2)**
7. **It carries people while they dream / imagines transporting dreams – (2)**
8. **Simile – (2)**

SECTION C: VISUAL TEXT – ADVERTISEMENT (10 MARKS)

1. **SmileMax Toothpaste – (1)**
2.
 - **Fresh breath**
 - **Fights cavities**
 - **Gentle on gums – (3)**
3. **General public / people who care about dental health – (1)**
4. **It makes you feel good and confident / links clean teeth to feeling positive – (2)**
5. *Any valid reason, e.g.: “Yes, it offers a free gift” or “No, I prefer another brand.” – (3)*

SECTION D: LANGUAGE & STRUCTURE (20 MARKS)

1. **Zara said that it must be the park near the mountain. – (2)**

2. **They will discover an old scroll in the attic.** – (2)
3. **Yes, Uncle, I have brushed my teeth today.** – (2)
4. **stronger** – (1)
5. a) **quite**
b) **carefully**
c) **heard** – (3)
6. **The scroll was hidden but it was not forgotten.** – (2)
7. a) **mysteries**
b) **boxes**
c) **teeth** – (3)
8.
 - o **heavy** – adjective
 - o **slowly** – adverb – (2)

SECTION E: WRITING (25 MARKS)

Mark according to the following criteria:

Criteria	Marks
Content (relevance, ideas)	/10
Structure (organisation, flow)	/5
Language (grammar, vocabulary)	/5
Spelling and punctuation	/5
Total	/25

- ☒ Accept **any one** of the three writing tasks. Writing must meet length, structure, and topic requirements.

TOTAL: 100 MARKS