

SMARTWIZ

GRADE 8 ENGLISH EXAM

MARKS: 80

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TIME: 2 hours

SCHOOL _____

CLASS (e.g. 4A) _____

SURNAME _____

NAME _____

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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 4 pages, excluding the cover page.

SECTION A: NON-FICTION READING (20 MARKS)

Read the passage below and answer the questions.



Passage:

“The Benefits of Reading”

Reading is one of the most valuable skills a person can have. It helps improve vocabulary, increases knowledge, and stimulates the imagination. People who read regularly tend to perform better in school and have stronger communication skills. Reading can also be a great way to relax and reduce stress. There are many different kinds of books to enjoy, such as fiction, non-fiction, biographies, and poetry.

1.1 According to the passage, name three benefits of reading.

(6)

1.2 Why do people who read regularly do better in school?

(3)

1.3 What kinds of books are mentioned in the passage?

(4)

1.4 In your own words, explain why reading can reduce stress.

(3)

1.5 Write a short paragraph (4–5 sentences) about your favourite book and why you recommend it.

(4)

SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS (20 MARKS)

2.1 Identify the adjectives in this sentence:

The interesting book was very popular among students.

(3)

2.2 Rewrite the sentence in the future tense:

She writes a story every week.

(2)

2.3 Fill in the blank with the correct pronoun:

Tom and I went to the library, and _____ borrowed some books.

(2)

2.4 Write the comparative form of these adjectives:

(a) good

(b) happy

(2)

2.5 Correct the error in this sentence:

Their going to the reading club tomorrow.

(2)

2.6 Use the word “imagination” in a sentence.

(2)

2.7 Combine these two sentences using a suitable conjunction:

I like reading books. I also enjoy writing stories.

(3)

2.8 Write the plural form of the following nouns:

(a) library

(b) story

(2)

SECTION C: SUMMARY WRITING (10 MARKS)

Read the passage and write a summary of about 5 sentences.

Passage:

“Exercise is important for a healthy life. It helps strengthen the heart, muscles, and bones. Exercise also improves mood and energy levels. People should try to exercise for at least 30 minutes a day. Activities like walking, cycling, and swimming are good options.”



(10)

SECTION D: CREATIVE WRITING (30 MARKS)

Choose ONE of the following topics and write a paragraph of about 100–120 words.

4.1 Write a descriptive paragraph about a place you enjoy visiting and why.

4.2 Write a story that starts with: “*The mysterious letter arrived early one morning.*”

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SECTION A: NON-FICTION READING (20 MARKS)

1.1 Three benefits of reading:

- Improves vocabulary (1)
 - Increases knowledge (1)
 - Stimulates imagination (1)
- (Any 3 correct = 6 marks)

1.2 People who read regularly do better because it improves their understanding and communication skills. (3 marks)

1.3 Kinds of books mentioned:

- Fiction (2)
 - Non-fiction (2)
 - Biographies (optional)
 - Poetry
- (Any 2 or 3 kinds = 4 marks)

1.4 Reading reduces stress because it helps people relax and focus on something enjoyable. (3 marks)

1.5 Paragraph about favourite book:

- Relevant content (2)
- Clear explanation why recommended (2)

SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS (20 MARKS)

2.1 Adjectives in sentence:

- interesting (1)
 - very (not adjective, it's an adverb)
 - popular (1)
- Total 3 marks for correct adjectives identified

2.2 Future tense:

She will write a story every week. (2 marks)

2.3 Pronoun:

We (2 marks)

2.4 Comparative forms:

(a) good → better (1)

(b) happy → happier (1)

2.5 Corrected sentence:

They're going to the reading club tomorrow. (2 marks)

2.6 Sentence with “imagination”:

Should show correct usage and meaning. (2 marks)

2.7 Combined sentence:

I like reading books, and I also enjoy writing stories. (3 marks)

2.8 Plural forms:

(a) libraries (1)

(b) stories (1)

SECTION C: SUMMARY WRITING (10 MARKS)

- Includes main points about exercise benefits (heart, muscles, mood, energy) (6 marks)
- Clear, concise, own words (4 marks)

SECTION D: CREATIVE WRITING (30 MARKS)

- Content relevance and creativity (12 marks)
- Language accuracy (grammar, spelling, punctuation) (8 marks)
- Structure and coherence (5 marks)
- Vocabulary use (5 marks)

TOTAL: 80 MARKS