

SMARTWIZ

GRADE 12 ENGLISH EXAM

MARKS: 230

TIME: 3 HOURS

SCHOOL _____

CLASS (eg. 4A) _____

SURNAME _____

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Instructions for Learners:

- Read all instructions carefully before you begin the exam.
- Write your full name and student number clearly on the answer sheet/book.
- Answer all questions unless otherwise instructed.
- Show all your work/calculations where necessary.
- Write neatly and clearly.
- Use only a blue or black pen. Do not use correction fluid or tape.
- Electronic devices (calculators, cell phones, etc.) are not allowed unless explicitly permitted.
- Raise your hand if you have any questions.
- Do not talk to other learners during the exam.
- Any form of dishonesty will result in immediate disqualification from the exam.

This exam consists of Five pages, including the cover page.



SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (40 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.

Passage:

In a small town nestled between mountains, a young girl named Lila discovered a hidden garden that changed her life. The garden was filled with exotic plants and flowers, some that glowed softly in the moonlight. It was a place of peace and wonder, away from the noise of everyday life. One day, while exploring, Lila found an old, dusty book lying beneath an ancient oak tree. The book spoke of magical creatures that once lived in the garden and promised that those who believed in magic could unlock its secrets.

Questions:

1. What is the setting of the story?

2. Describe the garden in your own words.

3. What did Lila find in the garden, and why was it important?

4. What do you think the phrase "those who believed in magic could unlock its secrets" means?

5. Identify one theme from the passage and explain it briefly.

SECTION B: LANGUAGE AND STRUCTURE (60 marks)

1. Vocabulary

Use the correct form of the word in brackets to complete the sentence.

- a) The garden was _____ (beautiful) beyond anything Lila had seen.

b) Lila felt a deep _____ (peace) whenever she was there.

c) The book was _____ (dust) and old.

2. Sentence types

Identify the type of sentence (declarative, interrogative, imperative, or exclamatory).

a) "What secrets does the garden hold?"

b) "Close the book carefully."

c) "The garden glowed softly at night."

d) "How magical this place is!"

3. Punctuation

Insert commas where necessary in the following sentences.

a) Lila who loved adventure found a secret garden.

b) The flowers which glowed in the dark were amazing.

SECTION C: SUMMARY WRITING (30 marks)

Read the passage below and write a summary in your own words of no more than 70 words.

Lila's discovery of the garden changed her life. She found peace and wonder among its glowing flowers and exotic plants. The old book hinted at magical creatures and secrets that only believers in magic could uncover.

Summary:

SECTION D: ESSAY WRITING (100 marks)

Choose ONE topic and write a well-structured essay of approximately 350-400 words.

1. Write a descriptive essay about a place that has special meaning to you.

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2. Discuss the impact of social media on teenagers today. Include positive and negative effects.

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3. Write an argumentative essay on whether schools should have uniforms. Provide reasons to support your opinion.
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END OF EXAM

TOTAL : 230

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SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (40 marks)

1. Setting of the story

- A small town between mountains
- A hidden garden within the town

2. Description of the garden

- Filled with exotic plants and flowers
- Some flowers glow softly in moonlight
- Peaceful and full of wonder
- Away from everyday noise

3. What Lila found and its importance

- An old, dusty book beneath an ancient oak tree
- The book spoke of magical creatures and secrets
- It promises that believers in magic can unlock these secrets
- Important because it connects to the garden's magic

4. Meaning of “those who believed in magic could unlock its secrets”

- Belief or faith in magic allows access to hidden knowledge or powers
- Suggests that the magic is real but only accessible to true believers

5. One theme from the passage

- Magic and wonder
- Discovery and curiosity
- Escape from reality or finding peace
- Example: The garden represents a magical escape from everyday life

SECTION B: LANGUAGE AND STRUCTURE (60 marks)

1. Vocabulary

- a) beautiful
- b) peace
- c) dusty

2. Sentence types

- a) Interrogative (question)
- b) Imperative (command)

- c) Declarative (statement)
- d) Exclamatory (exclamation)

3. Punctuation

- a) Lila, who loved adventure, found a secret garden.
- b) The flowers, which glowed in the dark, were amazing.

SECTION C: SUMMARY WRITING (30 marks)

- Lila discovered a magical garden full of glowing plants.
- She found peace and wonder there.
- An old book revealed secrets about magical creatures.
- Only believers can unlock the garden's magic.
- (Summary should be concise, capture main ideas, and be within 70 words.)

SECTION D: ESSAY WRITING (100 marks)

Marking based on:

- Clear introduction, body, conclusion
- Relevant content and development of ideas
- Language use (grammar, vocabulary, sentence structure)
- Coherence and flow
- Creativity and originality (especially in descriptive essay)
- Balanced arguments (for argumentative essay)
- Examples and explanations

Example grading guide:

- Introduction: 10 marks
- Development of ideas: 40 marks
- Language accuracy: 30 marks
- Conclusion: 20 marks

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