

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: POETRY ANALYSIS (20 MARKS)

Read the poem below and answer the questions.

Poem:

“The River’s Journey”

The river flows, so wild and free,
From mountain high to deep blue sea.
It sings a song, a soothing sound,
Of life and dreams the earth has found.



1.1 What natural feature is described in the poem?

(2)

1.2 What two things does the river symbolize in the poem?

(4)

1.3 Find a line that shows the river is alive or active.

(2)

1.4 Explain the meaning of the phrase “soothing sound” in your own words.

(2)

1.5 Write a short paragraph (5 sentences) describing your favourite natural place and why it is special to you.

(10)

SECTION B: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY (20 MARKS)

2.1 Identify the noun in the following sentence:

The children played near the river.

(2)

2.2 Change the following sentence into a question:

She is reading a book.

(2)

2.3 Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb in brackets:

They _____ (go) to the park every Sunday.

(2)

2.4 Write the antonym (opposite) of the following words:

(a) wild

(b) deep

(2)

2.5 Correct the error in this sentence:

He don't like swimming in cold water.

(2)

2.6 Use the following words in sentences of your own (2 marks each):

(a) soothe

(b) journey

(4)

2.7 Identify the adverb in the sentence:

The river flows quietly through the valley.

(2)

SECTION C: SUMMARY WRITING (10 MARKS)

Read the passage below and write a summary in your own words. Write about 5 sentences.

Passage:

“Every year, thousands of people visit national parks to enjoy nature and wildlife. These parks protect endangered animals and plants, providing a safe home for them. Visitors can hike, camp, and learn about conservation efforts. It is important to respect the environment to keep the parks beautiful for future generations.”



(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 journey you would like to take.

OR

4.2 Write a story that begins with: *“It was a dark and stormy night when suddenly...”*



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SECTION A: POETRY ANALYSIS (20 MARKS)

- 1.1 The river (or natural water feature) (2)
- 1.2 The river symbolizes life and dreams (or freedom and nature) (4)
- 1.3 “*The river flows, so wild and free*” (2)
- 1.4 “Soothing sound” means a calm, peaceful, and comforting noise (2)
- 1.5 Paragraph should describe a natural place and explain why it is special (10)

- Content relevance: 6 marks
- Language and expression: 4 marks

SECTION B: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY (20 MARKS)

- 2.1 Noun: children, river (accept either) (2)
- 2.2 Question: Is she reading a book? / What is she reading? (2)
- 2.3 Correct verb form: go / goes (context) – “They go to the park every Sunday.” (2)
- 2.4
- (a) tame / calm / domestic (any suitable antonym for wild) (1)
- (b) shallow / superficial (any suitable antonym for deep) (1)
- 2.5 Corrected sentence: He doesn’t like swimming in cold water. (2)
- 2.6
- (a) Sentence with soothe showing calming or comforting meaning (2)
- (b) Sentence with journey showing travel or experience meaning (2)
- 2.7 Adverb: quietly (2)

SECTION C: SUMMARY WRITING (10 MARKS)

- Content includes main points about national parks, protecting wildlife, visitor activities, and respect for the environment. (6)
- Clarity and own words used (4)

SECTION D: CREATIVE WRITING (30 MARKS)

Marking criteria:

- Content relevance and creativity: 12 marks
- Language and grammar: 8 marks
- Structure and coherence: 5 marks
- Spelling and punctuation: 5 marks

TOTAL: 80 MARKS

