

# 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: COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

*“The cold wind howled through the tall trees, and the last golden leaves clung to their branches. As Amanda walked down the path, she hugged her coat closer to her body. She was searching for something—something she couldn’t quite name. It wasn’t until she reached the clearing that she saw it: a silver pendant glinting in the grass.”*

1.1 Where was Amanda walking? (2)

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1.2 What season is suggested in the passage? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

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1.3 How do we know Amanda was feeling cold? (1)

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1.4 What do you think the pendant symbolizes in the story? Give a reason for your answer. (3)

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1.5 Identify and explain one figure of speech used in the passage. (2)

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1.6 What is the tone of the passage? Provide evidence from the text. (2)

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1.7 Write a short paragraph explaining what you think will happen next. (8)

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## SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS (20 MARKS)

2.1 Rewrite the following sentence in the passive voice:

*The storm destroyed the bridge.* (2)

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2.2 Correct the errors in the sentence:

*He don't know where the library are.* (2)

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2.3 Choose the correct word: (write only the answer)

The cat licked \_\_\_\_ (its/it's) paw. (1)

2.4 Identify the part of speech of the underlined word:

*He ran **quickly** to the station.* (1)

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2.5 Punctuate the following sentence correctly:

my friend thabo said i will arrive on monday (2)

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2.6 Change the following sentence into reported speech:

"I love this poem," said Linda. (2)

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2.7 Use a suitable conjunction to join these two sentences:

The sky turned dark. We went inside. (1)

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2.8 Give the comparative and superlative forms of the adjective: *happy* (2)

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2.9 Rewrite the sentence in the future tense:

*They travel to Durban every year.* (2)

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2.10 Write a sentence using a homonym of the word "right." (3)

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## SECTION C: VISUAL LITERACY (10 MARKS)

Study the advertisement below and answer the questions.

### TAKKIES:

"GET 30% OFF ALL NEW SNEAKERS

– This Weekend Only!"]



3.1 What product is being advertised? (1)

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3.2 What persuasive language technique is used in the ad? (1)

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3.3 Why do you think the ad includes “This Weekend Only”? (2)

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3.4 Who is the target audience for this advert? (2)

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3.5 Do you think the ad is effective? Give a reason for your answer. (4)

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#### SECTION D: WRITING (30 MARKS)

Choose ONE of the following topics and write an essay of 180–200 words.

4.1 **Narrative Essay:** Write a story that begins with the sentence: “*I never expected the day to turn out like this.*”

4.2 **Descriptive Essay:** Describe your favourite place in detail. Include sights, sounds, smells, and how it makes you feel.

4.3 **Discursive Essay:** Do you think cellphones should be allowed at school? Discuss both sides of the argument.

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### **SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)**

- 1.1 Amanda was walking down a path in a forest or wooded area. (2)
  - 1.2 The season suggested is autumn/fall because of the cold wind and golden leaves falling. (2)
  - 1.3 Amanda hugged her coat closer, showing she was feeling cold. (1)
  - 1.4 The pendant may symbolize hope, a memory, or something valuable she is searching for. (3)
  - 1.5 Figure of speech: “The cold wind howled” is personification because the wind is given human qualities. (2)
  - 1.6 The tone is mysterious or suspenseful, shown by words like “searching” and “glinting.” (2)
  - 1.7 Sample paragraph: Amanda may pick up the pendant and discover a secret or begin an adventure. She might meet someone or find out why she was drawn to this place. (8)
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### **SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS (20 MARKS)**

- 2.1 Passive voice: The bridge was destroyed by the storm. (2)
  - 2.2 Corrected sentence: He doesn’t know where the library is. (2)
  - 2.3 Correct word: its (1)
  - 2.4 Part of speech of “quickly” is an adverb. (1)
  - 2.5 Correct punctuation: My friend Thabo said, “I will arrive on Monday.” (2)
  - 2.6 Reported speech: Linda said that she loved this poem. (2)
  - 2.7 Suitable conjunction: The sky turned dark, so we went inside. (1)
  - 2.8 Comparative: happier, Superlative: happiest. (2)
  - 2.9 Future tense: They will travel to Durban every year. (2)
  - 2.10 Sentence with homonym: I turned right at the corner to get to the shop. (3)
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### **SECTION C: VISUAL LITERACY (10 MARKS)**

- 3.1 Product advertised: Sneakers/shoes. (1)
  - 3.2 Persuasive technique: Discount offer (30% off). (1)
  - 3.3 “This Weekend Only” creates urgency to encourage quick buying. (2)
  - 3.4 Target audience: Young people or sports enthusiasts. (2)
  - 3.5 Effectiveness: Yes, because the bright colors and discount attract attention and offer savings. (4)
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### **SECTION D: WRITING (30 MARKS)**

Marking criteria:

- Content relevance and creativity (12)
- Language and grammar (8)

- Structure and coherence (5)
  - Spelling and punctuation (5)
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