

SMARTWIZ

GRADE 8 ENGLISH EXAM

MARKS: 80

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TIME: 2 hours

SCHOOL _____

CLASS (e.g. 4A) _____

SURNAME _____

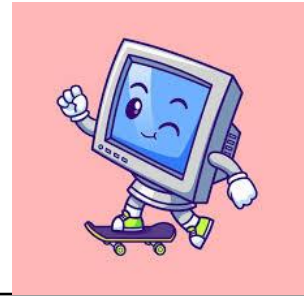
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Instructions for Students:

- > 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: READING COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)

Read the passage below and answer the questions.

Passage:

"Technology in Our Lives"

Technology is everywhere, from the phones we use to the computers in schools and offices. It helps us communicate faster and access information easily. However, too much use of technology can cause problems such as less physical activity and eye strain. It is important to use technology wisely and balance screen time with other activities.

1.1 What are two benefits of technology mentioned in the passage?

(4)

1.2 Name two problems caused by using too much technology.

(4)

1.3 Why is it important to balance screen time with other activities?

(4)

1.4 In your own words, explain how technology has changed the way we communicate.

(4)

1.5 Write a few sentences about how you use technology in your daily life.

(4)

SECTION B: LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

2.1 Identify the verbs in this sentence:
People use computers to learn and share information.

(3)

2.2 Rewrite the sentence in the present continuous tense:
He plays basketball every afternoon.

(2)

2.3 Fill in the blank with the correct article:
She bought ____ new laptop yesterday.

(2)

2.4 Write the superlative form of these adjectives:
(a) fast

(b) interesting

(2)

2.5 Correct the error in this sentence:
There is many devices on the table.

(2)

2.6 Use the word “balance” in a sentence.

(2)

2.7 Combine these two sentences using “because”:
I like watching videos. It helps me learn new things.

(3)

2.8 Write the plural form of the following nouns:
(a) device

(b) activity

(2)

SECTION C: SUMMARY WRITING (10 MARKS)

Read the passage and write a summary in your own words (5 sentences):

Passage:

“Healthy eating helps keep the body strong and prevents illness. Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables provides important vitamins. Drinking plenty of water and limiting sugary drinks is also good for health. Avoiding too much fast food can reduce the risk of diseases. Healthy habits start at a young age and should continue throughout life.”



(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 your ideal school and what makes it special.

OR

4.2 Write a story beginning with: *“As the sun set, I discovered a secret hidden in the garden.”*

END OF EXAM

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SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)

1.1 Benefits of technology (any two of the following):

- Helps us communicate faster (2)
 - Access information easily (2)
- (4 marks)**

1.2 Problems caused by too much technology:

- Less physical activity (2)
 - Eye strain (2)
- (4 marks)**

1.3 It is important to balance screen time to stay healthy and avoid overuse of technology. (Clear explanation = 4 marks)

1.4 Learners must show understanding of how communication has become faster and easier through phones, messaging apps, social media, etc. (4 marks)

1.5 Sentences should mention how the learner uses technology (e.g., schoolwork, communication, entertainment)
(Relevance and structure = 4 marks)

SECTION B: LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

2.1 Verbs: use, learn, share (3 marks)

2.2 Present continuous:

He is playing basketball every afternoon. (2 marks)

2.3 Correct article: *a* (2 marks)

2.4 Superlative adjectives:

(a) fastest (1)

(b) most interesting (1)

2.5 Corrected sentence:

There are many devices on the table. (2 marks)

2.6 Example sentence using “balance” correctly (e.g., *I try to balance my time between studying and playing.*) (2 marks)

2.7 Combined sentence:

I like watching videos because it helps me learn new things. (3 marks)

2.8 Plural forms:

(a) devices (1)

(b) activities (1)

SECTION C: SUMMARY WRITING (10 MARKS)

Criteria:

- Key ideas: healthy eating, fruits/vegetables, water, less sugar, avoid fast food (6 marks)
- Clear and own wording: (4 marks)

SECTION D: CREATIVE WRITING (30 MARKS)

Marking criteria:

- Content and creativity: 12 marks
- Language and grammar: 8 marks
- Structure and coherence: 5 marks
- Vocabulary and spelling: 5 marks

✓ **TOTAL: 80 MARKS**