SMARTWIZ

GRADE 9 ENGLISH EXAM

MARKS: 100	MARKS	
TIME: 2 hours		
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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 8 pages, excluding the cover page.

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SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)

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Young Entrepreneurs

Teenagers around the world are starting their own businesses. From creating eco-friendly soaps to designing mobile apps, young people are turning hobbies into income. Some schools now offer "Entrepreneur Clubs" to help students develop their ideas. These clubs teach skills like budgeting, communication, and creativity. One student, Amina, began selling hand-painted tote bags online. She says, "If you're passionate, you can turn anything into a business."

	Name two types of businesses mentioned in the passage.	
1.	Traine two types of businesses mentioned in the passage.	(2)
2.	What is the purpose of "Entrepreneur Clubs"?	
3.	What skills do these clubs help students develop? (List three)	(2)
4.	What does Amina sell, and where does she sell it?	(2)
5.	In your own words, explain the main idea of the passage.	
	(3)	
6.	Give a suitable title for the passage. (3)	(1)
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	Give a suitable title for the passage. True or False: a) Only adults can start a business	(1)
7.	Give a suitable title for the passage. True or False:	(1)



SECTION B: POETRY (15 MARKS)

Read the poem and answer the questions below:

Poem:

The Clock Tick tock, the hands move fast, Moments slipping from the past. Seconds whisper, hours fly, Time is gone before goodbye.

Clocks don't wait or ask you why, Dreams can fade if you don't try. So make each minute bold and bright, And chase your purpose with your might.



(2)

Questions:

1. What is the main theme of the poem? (2)2. Identify two poetic devices used in the poem. Provide examples. (4)What do the words "Time is gone before goodbye" suggest? (2)Why does the poet say "clocks don't wait or ask you why"? 5. What advice does the poet give in the final lines? 6. Suggest a different title for the poem.

■ SECTION C: VISUAL TEXT – ADVERTISEMENT (10 MARKS)

Study the advertisement and answer the questions that follow.

Ad Headline:



🔭 GREEN ENERGY FOR TOMORROW 😂

Tired of high electricity bills? SolarMax offers affordable solar panels with FREE installation and a 10year warranty!

Call now: 0800-SOLAR-4U Website: www.solarmax.co

Questions:

1.	What product is being advertised?	
2.	Name one benefit mentioned in the advertisement.	(1)
3.	What persuasive technique is used in "FREE installation"?	_(1)
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4.	Who is the target audience for this advertisement?	(2)
5.	What does the word "affordable" suggest?	、 /
6.	Would you consider using this service? Why or why not?	(2)
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	SECTION D: LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR ((25 MARKS)
1.	Rewrite the following sentences correctly: a) The team have win the match.	
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b) Its	going to be sunny today. (2)	
2.	Write the correct form of the verb: a) She (study) for her exams yesterday.	
3	b) They (be) at the mall now. (2) Change the following into reported speech:	
3.	He said, "I forgot my homework."	
4.	Fill in the blanks with the correct words: a) I left my book over (their / there / they're).	(2)
5.	b) (Who / Whom) did you call last night? (2) Give the plural form of the following: a) Leaf (2)	
6.	b) Ox — (2) Change to passive voice: a) The chef cooked the meal.	(2)
7.	Identify the part of speech: a) She danced gracefully .	(2)
8.	b) The bright moon shone above(2) Insert correct punctuation: a) wow what a beautiful sunset	

___(1)

b) yes i will come to the party	(1)
9. Choose the correct option:a) He did very (good / well) in the interview.	(1)
b) The dog wagged (it's / its) tail.	(1)



SECTION E: WRITING (15 MARKS)

Choose one of the following topics. Write a paragraph of 100–120 words.

Topic 1:

Describe your dream job and explain why you would love to do it.

Topic 2:

Write a diary entry about a surprising or unforgettable moment in your life.

TOTAL: 100

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■ SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)

- 1. Two businesses mentioned:
- Eco-friendly soaps ✓
- Mobile apps ✓
- 2. Purpose of Entrepreneur Clubs:
- To help students develop business ideas ✓
- 3. Three skills taught:
- Budgeting ✓
- Communication ✓
- Creativity ✓
- 4. What Amina sells and where:
- Hand-painted tote bags ✓
- Online ✓
- 5. Main idea:
- Teenagers are turning hobbies into businesses with help from schools ✓
 (Paraphrased ideas accepted)
- 6. Title:
- "Teen Business Stars" / "Young Bosses" / similar creative response 🗸
- 7. True or False:
 - a) False ✓
 - b) True ✓
- 8. Word meaning "money earned":
- Income ✓

SECTION B: POETRY (15 MARKS)

1. Main theme:

Value of time / using time wisely ✓

2. Poetic devices and examples:

- Alliteration: "bold and bright" ✓
- Personification: "seconds whisper", "clocks don't wait" ✓ (Other valid answers accepted)

3. "Time is gone before goodbye" suggests:

- Time passes quickly ✓
- You may miss chances if you wait too long ✓
- 4. Meaning of "clocks don't wait..."
- Time doesn't pause for anyone ✓

5. Advice in final lines:

- Use time wisely ✓
- Be bold and follow your goals ✓

6. New title:

• "Time Waits for No One" / "Use Every Second" ✓

■ SECTION C: ADVERTISEMENT (10 MARKS)

- 1. Product:
- Solar panels ✓
- 2. Benefit:
- Free installation / 10-year warranty / lower bills ✓

3. Persuasive technique:

- Use of "FREE" as an attention-grabber ✓
- Appeal to saving money ✓

4. Target audience:

Homeowners / people paying electricity bills ✓

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Low cost / budget-friendly ✓

Own opinion:

Awarded based on logical and clear reason ✓



▲ SECTION D: LANGUAGE (25 MARKS)

1.

- a) The team has won the match. ✓
- b) It's going to be sunny today. ✓

2.

- a) studied ✓
- b) are ✓

3.

He said that he had forgotten his homework. ✓

4.

- a) there ✓
- b) Whom **√**

5.

- a) Leaves ✓
- b) Oxen ✓

6.

The meal was cooked by the chef. \checkmark

7.

- a) Adverb ✓
- b) Adjective 🗸

8.

- a) Wow! What a beautiful sunset! ✓
- b) Yes, I will come to the party. ✓

9.

- a) well ✓
- b) its ✓



SECTION E: WRITING (15 MARKS)

Mark using the following criteria:

Relevance and content: 5 marks
Structure and coherence: 3 marks
Grammar and language: 5 marks
Spelling and punctuation: 2 marks

TOTAL: 100

