SMARTWIZ

GRADE 5 ENGLISH EXAM

MARKS: 100	MARKS	
TIME: 1 hour 30 Minutes		
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/bo	oklet.	
> 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.		

> 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.

> No electronic devices (calculators, phones, etc.) are allowed unless explicitly permitted.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

(25 Marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Magical Library



Thando didn't like books—at least, that's what she thought. One rainy Saturday, she followed her brother into the old town library. She had never been there before. As she stepped inside, something strange happened. The smell of old pages filled her nose, and suddenly a book on the shelf sparkled.

Curious, she pulled it out. The pages flipped on their own, and she was pulled into the story—literally! She landed in a land of talking animals, floating trees, and flying books. After an incredible adventure, she found herself back in the library. From that day on, Thando became the library's most loyal visitor.

Questions:

What type of day was it when Thando went to the library? (1)
Who did Thando go to the library with? (1)
What happened when she touched the book? (2)

Describe what Thando saw in the magical world. Name two things. (2)

Why do you think the book sparkled? (Give your own opinion.) (2)
What is the main idea of the story? (3)
Find a word in the passage that means the same as "strange" (1)
Would you like to go to a magical library? Explain your answer. (3)
What lesson can you learn from Thando's experience? (3)
Write down two adjectives used in the passage. (2)
Fill in the missing word: "Thando became the library's most visitor." (1) Was Thando interested in books before this experience? (1)
SECTION B: LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR (30 Marks)
Rewrite this sentence correctly using punctuation and capital letters: thando said i dont want to go to the library today (2)

Underline the verbs in the following sentence:

She opened the book and jumped into the story. (2)

Complete the sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets:

Thando _____ (run) towards the sparkling book. (1)

Change to past tense:

They are reading a magical story. \rightarrow _____(2)

Fill in the correct degrees of comparison:

This book is _____ than the last one. (interesting)

That book was the _____ of all. (good) (2)

Choose the correct homophone:

We saw a (bare / bear) in the forest. (1)

Match the antonyms: (Draw lines)

Word	Opposite
loud	kind
mean	quiet
always	never

(3)

Rewrite using a conjunction:

The book was exciting. I could not stop reading. (1)

SECTION C: VISUAL TEXT – POSTER

(15 Marks)

Study the poster below and answer the questions.

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Join our Saturday Reading Club!

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Free snacks and book prizes

Ages: 8-12

Location: Town Library

Call: 011 345 6789

What is the hame of the event: (1)
On what day is the club held? (1)
What is the age range allowed? (1)
What time does the event start? (1)
List two things children can get at the club. (2)
Would you like to attend? Why or why not? (2)

What does the poster try to encourage children to do? (2)
What is the location of the event? (1)
Write down the contact number. (1)
Is there a cost to join the club? (1)
Give one reason why posters are useful for announcements. (2)



SECTION D: CREATIVE WRITING

(30 Marks)

Write a short story (12–15 sentences) on the following topic:

"The Book That Changed My Life"



Your story should include:

- -A beginning, middle, and end
- -At least one character and setting
- --Dialogue (at least one sentence someone says)

Proper punctuation and paragraphing

-Descriptive language (adjectives, adverbs)

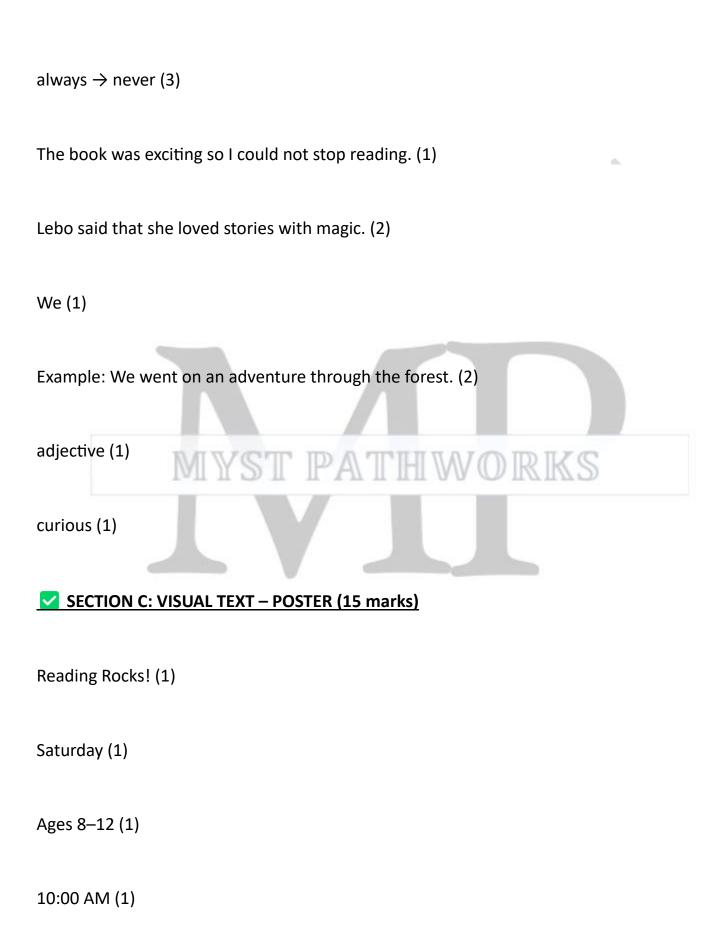


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SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (25 marks)

Rainy (1)
Her brother (1)
The pages flipped on their own, and she was pulled into the story. (2)
Talking animals and floating trees (accept any two from: talking animals, floating trees, flying books) (2)
Opinion-based, e.g., Because it was magical / it wanted to be chosen (Accept reasonable answer) (2)
Main idea: Thando discovered her love for books through a magical experience in a library. (3)
Strange (1)
Opinion with explanation. e.g., Yes, I love reading and would enjoy meeting magical creatures. (3)
Books can be exciting / You never know until you try something new. (3)
Adjectives: old, magical, curious, loyal, etc. (Any 2) (2)

loyal (1)
No (She didn't like books at first.) (1)
SECTION B: LANGUAGE & GRAMMAR (30 marks)
"Thando said, 'I don't want to go to the library today.'" (2)
opened, jumped (2)
ran (1) MYST PATHWORKS
They were reading a magical story. (2)
more interesting
best (2)
bear (1)
loud → quiet
mean → kind



Snacks, book prizes (any 2) (2)

Opinion-based. Accept reasonable answers with a reason. (2)

To encourage children to read/join a reading club (2)

Town Library (1)

011 345 6789 (1)

No (1) MYST PATHWORKS

Posters give quick, clear information and grab attention. (2)

✓ SECTION D: CREATIVE WRITING (30 marks)

Mark out of 30 using this rubric:

Criteria Marks

Clear beginning, middle, end /6

Descriptive language used/6

Correct punctuation & spelling /6

Sentence structure and grammar /6

Creativity and originality /6

NOTE: Deduct 1–2 marks for repeated grammar/spelling errors.

Full marks for imaginative stories with proper dialogue and structure.

TOTAL: 100

