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Junior High School Entrance Examination

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English: Reading & Writing (60 minutes)

Please write your name and number below. When instructed, please turn the page and answer the questions. You have **60 minutes** to answer all questions **in English only**. **Please answer on the provided answer sheet.**

Full Name: _____

Number: _____

1. Choose and write a word from the box that best completes each item below. (*You may have to change the word's ending.*)

modify / exclaim / punctuate / associate / exhaust / opponent / devotion / victim

- (1) The strong boxer defeated each _____ and won the tournament.
- (2) After long hours of work, he returned home feeling extremely _____.
- (3) The color blue is often _____ with the sky and the sea.
- (4) The musician decided to _____ the song by adding another musical instrument.

2. Each sentence has one mistake. Find and correct them on the answer sheet.

e.g.) He ~~have~~ wanted to go to the Philippines.

has

- (1) Jane said that she was looking forward to go to Thailand someday.
- (2) This rock looks very heavy, but actually that one is heavy than this one.
- (3) She is the girl which is known for writing a very famous poem.
- (4) The weather was bad, but the plane flew very smooth.
- (5) No one never thought such a tragic accident would happen.

3. Choose the best completion for each sentence.

- (1) The jewel _____ by someone in this town yesterday.
a. stole b. has been stolen c. was stolen d. was stole
- (2) Any movie will do as _____ as it is interesting.
a. many b. much c. far d. long
- (3) There is a rumor _____ the president is going to visit our office.
a. how b. that c. when d. which
- (4) Death Valley is one of the _____ places in the world.
a. hotter b. hottest c. more hotter d. most hottest

4. Complete each sentence with an appropriate preposition.

- (1) Did you know that Miranda is married _____ Johnson?
- (2) It takes around 30 minutes to get to school from my house _____ foot.
- (3) Prices in Japan are going up little _____ little.

5. Write the most appropriate form of the verb in parentheses to correctly complete each sentence. The answer may be more than one word.

- (1) It is sunny today, and Tony is (lie) on the bench now.
- (2) Her hair was not neat and she looked as if she'd just (wake) up.
- (3) I am proud of my son having (choose) as one of the members of such a popular group.
- (4) Do you know the boy (run) over there?

6. Read the following extract from 'Refugee Boy' written by Benjamin Zephaniah, and answer the questions.

Chapter 1: Welcome to the Weather

'Welcome to England, Mr Kelo,' said the immigration officer as he handed back the passports to Alem's father.

Alem stared up at the tall officer; the officer looked down at Alem. 'Have a good holiday now.'

'Thank you,' said Alem's father. He took Alem's hand and began to head for the baggage-reclaim area.

Alem jerked his father's hand and stopped suddenly. 'Abbaye, yaw teguru tekatlowal,' he said, brimming with excitement.

His father turned to him and spoke as if he was trying to shout quietly. 'What did I tell you? From now on you must try to speak English, you must practise your English – all right, young man?'

Alem panicked. 'Ishi abbaye,' he said.

His father's response was swift. 'English, I said.'

'Yes, Father.'

'Now, what did you say?'

Alem looked back towards passport control. 'Father, that man who looked at the passports, what was wrong with him?'

'He looked all right to me.'

'I think something was wrong with his hair, he looked burned. Did you see his hair? It was red, red like sunset, he looked hot, he looked burned.'

His father shook his head and they continued to walk. 'No, nothing is wrong with him. This type of hair is called ginger. In England you will see many people with this colour hair — and you must not say burned, you must say burnt – the word is "burnt".'

As they stood waiting for their luggage to appear on the carousel, Alem looked up at the high ceiling. He loved the large airport building, it reminded him of space stations that he had seen in science-fiction films. Everything seemed so busy but so organised; everything looked so large. He looked towards the next carousel, where people were waiting for their luggage after a flight from India. Many of the people were Sikhs; the men were wearing turbans. They looked familiar. 'Father, are they all priests?' Alem asked.

'They are from India,' his father replied, 'they are called Sikhs. Just like our priests they wear turbans, and they are also religious, but I have never seen any in Ethiopia.'

They collected their luggage and headed towards the exit. Alem was looking around frantically, trying to take in the big building and all the different people while trying to avoid bumping into anyone, which he inevitably did a couple of times before reaching the customs hall.

The customs hall had an eerie atmosphere about it; customs officers stood silently observing as the passengers passed through in a rather nervous silence. The silence was broken by a large bearded officer leaning over his counter in the direction of Alem and his father. 'Excuse me, sir, could I have a word with you, please?'

‘Certainly,’ replied Alem’s father as politely as he could.

‘Could you put your luggage on the table, please, sir?’

As the officer spoke, he was looking behind and in front of the couple. ‘Just the two of you travelling, sir?’

‘Yes,’ Alem’s father replied, looking behind to make sure they had not attracted any followers.

‘Now this is just a routine check, sir. I just need to ask you a few questions and provided everything is all right, you should be on your way soon. Right, sir, where have you arrived from?’

‘Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.’

‘Did you pack your suitcases yourself?’

‘Yes.’

‘What is the purpose of your visit?’

‘We are having a holiday.’

‘I take it this is your son?’

‘Yes.’

‘Could you tell me why you only have two pieces of luggage? It does seem odd,’ said the customs officer as he looked around their feet for other pieces.

‘Well, we only have one each because we are only going to be staying for a short time and we were planning to buy many things here in London, in the famous Oxford Road and Piccadilly Circle,’ Alem’s father replied, trying to put on the best upper-class accent that he could, but sounding rather clumsy.

‘I think you mean Oxford Street and Piccadilly Circus. Could I see your passports, please?’

The man spent a good two minutes checking the passports before he put them down on the table next to the suitcases. Alem could sense that the words the customs officer was speaking were well rehearsed, he could sense that he was trying to be well-mannered and inoffensive, but at the same time, there was something dangerous about him. It was as if he were an animal of prey waiting for a chance to pounce.

‘So you are having a short holiday, sir? I would have thought that after coming all this way you would want to stay with us a little bit longer. Do you mind if I have a look in the cases, sir?’

‘No, not at all. You should do what you have to do.’

The officer spent the next five minutes searching through the luggage. Alem wanted to tell him to be careful when he started to search his case but he was very self-conscious of the fact that his English wasn’t great. In fact, Alem’s English was quite good but he had never spoken English to an English person before. So he just watched in silence as the officer looked inside his schoolbooks and his toiletry bag, he even checked his underpants and looked in his socks. The officer then made an attempt to pack everything back as he had found it but it wasn’t happening. Alem’s father ended up helping him to push everything into the cases as best they could before the officer gave them permission to continue.

‘That will be all, sir. I’m sorry for keeping you and I thank you for your co-operation.’

By now Alem’s father was so annoyed that he didn’t respond, he just picked up the suitcases and the passports and they continued towards the exit.

After changing some traveller's cheques, they headed outside for a taxi. It was a damp and chilly October day, and the sky over Heathrow was grey.

'It will rain, Father,' said Alem as he pointed to the sky.

His father smiled. 'You haven't been here for one hour yet but you have become English already; the English always talk about the weather. No, young man, that is not rain clouds, that is just English clouds. You will get used to them, they come with the territory.'

They approached a waiting taxi and Alem's father handed a card to the driver. 'Is that where you wanna go, mate?' he asked, holding the card away from himself to compensate for his long-sightedness.

Alem's father nodded. 'Yes, please.'

'The Palace Hotel, High Street, Datchet, Berkshire. That's just up the road. I don't go there often – good job too, I'd never earn a living. OK, hop in.'

They did and they were on their way.

Zephaniah, Benjamin. *Refugee Boy*. 1st ed., Bloomsbury Publishing, 2001.

(1) Select **four true statements** that match the content of the story.

- a. Alem's father shouted at Alem because he didn't speak English.
- b. Alem's father had never seen people wearing turbans.
- c. Alem's father couldn't speak like an upper-class native speaker.
- d. According to Alem and his father, they didn't have much luggage because they weren't going to stay long in London.
- e. Alem's father was hesitant to have their luggage inspected.
- f. Alem thought that the officer was kind.
- g. The officer knew Alem's English was not great, so Alem didn't speak when his luggage was checked.
- h. Alem and his father helped the officer pack everything back.
- i. Alem's father was so irritated that he said nothing when the officer let them leave.
- j. It was raining when Alem and his father went outside the airport.
- k. Alem's father was happy to hear Alem talk about the weather.
- l. The taxi driver held the card away because he had good eyesight.

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

- (2) Why did Alem's father tell Alem that he had to try to speak and practice his English?
- (3) Why did Alem think that there was something wrong with the officer who had ginger hair?
- (4) Find the sentence where the author describes the danger Alem felt about the officer.

7. Answer the following questions regarding an excerpt from *National Geographic Society (2023)*.

LIGHT POLLUTION

National Geographic Society (2023)

Human inventions like cars and plastic changed the world. While some of the effects are positive, there are also risks and drawbacks. Today, automobile emissions contribute to the heating of the Earth's climate, and plastics fill our oceans, creating health risks for marine animals.

① What about the electric light bulb? ② This is thought to be one of the greatest inventions of all time and it helps us in many ways. (A), like carbon dioxide emissions and plastic, too much of a good thing has started negatively affecting the environment. ③ Light pollution is the excessive or inappropriate use of outdoor artificial light. ④

Confusing the Body's Internal Clock

Constant exposure to artificial light can change natural body rhythms in humans and animals. Usually, light guides day and night activities and affects body processes. Excessive nighttime light interrupts sleep and confuses the circadian rhythm, which is the body's internal clock. One of these processes is the production of a hormone called melatonin. Hormones are natural chemicals that bodies produce to help organs and tissue work.

Melatonin promotes sleep. It is usually released at night because daytime light prevents melatonin release. Increased nighttime light lowers melatonin production, which causes sleep deprivation, fatigue, headaches, stress, anxiety and other health problems.

Blue light in particular reduces levels of melatonin in humans. It comes from cell phones and other computer devices. It also comes from light-emitting diodes (LEDs), which are light bulbs that have become popular due to their low cost and energy efficiency.

Light Disturbs Travels of Many Species

⑤ Science studies show that light pollution affects animals, too. ⑥ Sea turtles travel by moonlight during migration but get confused by light pollution and lose their way. ⑦ Artificial light draws in large numbers of insects that are instantly killed upon contact with light sources. ⑧ Many cities have adopted a "Lights Out" program to turn off building lights during bird migration.

Even animals living under the sea may be affected by underwater artificial lighting. Researchers in the United Kingdom studied the effects of submerged lights on marine creatures. They found that fewer filter feeders make their homes near these lights. Filter feeders are marine animals that feed on small particles by sifting water through their bodies, such as mussels or oysters. This could mean that the light from oil rigs, passing ships and harbors alters marine ecosystems.

Light pollution even affects places meant to provide protected natural habitats for wildlife. The National Park Service has been monitoring night sky brightness in about 100 parks. Nearly every park has shown at least some light pollution.

More High-Efficiency Light Sources Needed

There are several organizations working to reduce light pollution. The International Dark Sky Association (IDA) educates the public and certifies dark sky reserves as places that have reduced their light pollution. In 2017, the IDA approved the first U.S. dark sky reserve in Idaho. (B), many states adopted laws to control outdoor lighting. Even manufacturers started designing high-efficiency light sources that save energy and reduce light pollution.

National Geographic Society. "Light Pollution." National Geographic Education, <https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/light-pollution/7th-grade/>. Accessed 12 April 2023.

(1) Choose the best word or phrase to fill in (A) in the second paragraph and (B) in the last paragraph from the box below.

Although / In addition / However / Otherwise / Despite / In other words / On the whole / Whereas
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(2) Choose the most appropriate place from ① to ④ in the second paragraph to put the following sentence.

▪ It affects human health, wildlife behavior, and our ability to observe the night sky.

(3) Choose the most appropriate place from ⑤ to ⑧ in the sixth paragraph to put the following sentence.

▪ Birds are also attracted to light.

(4) The first two paragraphs of this article...

- a. introduce how human inventions can affect the environment.
- b. introduce how the light bulb was invented.
- c. describe problems caused by the Earth's heating.
- d. explain the importance of human inventions, most especially, the light bulb.

(5) Which of these statements is NOT TRUE about melatonin?

- a. It is a hormone; a natural chemical produced by the body.
- b. It causes sleep deprivation, fatigue, headaches, stress, anxiety, and other health problems.
- c. It promotes sleep.
- d. It helps organs and tissue work effectively.

(6) The "Light Out Program" started in order to...

- a. save electricity.
- b. draw in large numbers of insects and kill them instantly.
- c. help sea turtles travel and migrate with ease.
- d. help birds during their migration.

(7) IDA is an acronym for...

- a. International Defense Association
- b. Idaho Darkness Association
- c. International Dark Sky Association
- d. Idaho Defense Association

(8) The main purpose of this text is to...

- a. inform the reader about the effects of light pollution.
- b. address how harmful light pollution is to humans.
- c. argue for and against light pollution.
- d. persuade the reader to reduce light pollution.

(9) Choose a statement which matches the content of the text.

- a. Human inventions are beneficial to humans and animals.
- b. Moonlight helps turtles with their migration.
- c. Submerged lights attract filter fibers and increase their population.
- d. All of the parks surveyed by the National Park Service have been affected by light pollution.

8. [Writing]

It is true that technology has dramatically increased our standard of living. On the other hand, it has also caused new risks and challenges, as mentioned in the previous text.

Write an essay on “AI Technology.” Are you for or against it? You may refer to the notes below if necessary.

—Choose one from the three topics below.

—Include at least one advantage and disadvantage for your chosen topic.

—At the end of your essay, write a conclusion with your opinion clearly stated.

—Your essay must be long enough to go over the red line provided on the answer sheet.

Topics

- Self-driving cars
- Language translation
- Robots

Advantages

- Reducing human errors
- Assisting in simple jobs
- Doesn't get tired
- Faster and accurate decision making

Disadvantages

- High costs
- Making humans lazy
- Lacking creativity
- Job loss

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