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Language Arts

LANGUAGE ARTS PAPER 1

INSTRUCTIONS

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ATTEMPTING THE TEST.

1. THIS PAPER CONTAINS **SIXTY (60)** ITEMS.
2. YOU HAVE **NINETY (90) MINUTES** TO COMPLETE THIS PAPER.
3. FOR EACH ITEM, **SHADE** THE LETTER ON THE ANSWER SHEET THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE ANSWER YOU HAVE CHOSEN.
4. USE A PENCIL TO SHADE IN THE CORRECT ANSWER.
5. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER A QUESTION, LEAVE IT AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT QUESTION. YOU WILL RETURN TO IT LATER IF THERE IS AVAILABLE TIME.

EXAMPLE:

1. Which of the following is a noun?

- A. Alvin
- B. Jump
- C. Because
- D. Under

The correct answer is Alvin, letter A. On your answer sheet you shade

 B C D

If there is a need to change your answer, erase then shade your new answer.

USAGE/GRAMMAR

FOR ITEMS 1-5, CHOOSE THE WORD THAT BEST COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

1. I'm looking at the photograph _____ you sent me with your letter.
 - A. what
 - B. which
 - C. who
 - D. whom

2. The candy store found _____ under increased media attention after the fire destroyed part of the property.
 - A. ourselves
 - B. himself
 - C. itself
 - D. themselves

3. The cricketer _____ the bat and ran as fast as he could to the other end.
 - A. swang
 - B. swunged
 - C. swung
 - D. swing

4. Drawing pictures of my pets _____ me relax after a long day.
- A. help
 - B. helps
 - C. helping
 - D. are helping
5. My sister enjoys classical music _____ I prefer jazz.
- A. because
 - B. so
 - C. moreover
 - D. whereas

FOR ITEMS 6-8, CHOOSE THE LETTER WHICH REPRESENTS THE CORRECT ANSWER.

6. Which sentence uses the semi-colon correctly?
- A. On the table we found; five oranges, two mangoes and a large pear.
 - B. The weather was perfect; we decided to have the party outside.
 - C. The story started with a dog called Toby; eating a juicy bone.
 - D. Jessie went to look for her brother; who was lost.
7. The answer is '**I am listening to music**'. What is the question?
- A. What do you do?
 - B. What do you do to relax?
 - C. What are you doing?
 - D. What do you like doing?

FOR ITEM 12, CHOOSE THE LETTER FOR THE UNDERLINED PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT CONTAINS A WORD THAT NEEDS A CAPITAL LETTER.

12. It was grandma's birthday, so our aunts and cousins went to her house and had
A B C
a lovely dinner party.
D

SPELLING

FOR ITEM 13, SELECT THE CORRECTLY SPELT WORD.

13. Which word is spelt correctly?

- A. refrigeratur
- B. refrigerator
- C. refrigerater
- D. refridgerator

FOR ITEMS 14 to 16, SELECT THE CORRECTLY SPELT WORD TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.

14. After a long day of hiking, I felt completely _____ and ready for a good night's sleep.

- A. exhasted
- B. exhaustid
- C. exhausted
- D. exausted

19. A new campaign to raise awareness of environmental conservation was
 A B C
lunched by the community.

D

20. The attractive furnitures, crafted from elegant fabrics, transformed the
 A B C
atmosphere of the entire room.

D

VOCABULARY

FOR ITEMS 21 to 22, SELECT THE ANSWER CLOSEST IN MEANING TO THE UNDERLINED WORD OR WORDS.

21. The library has an extensive collection of books covering various subjects.

- A. a limited
- B. a widespread
- C. a narrow
- D. a long

22. The crowd looking at the game, applauded every time the player scored a six.

- A. commentators
- B. spectators
- C. team
- D. choir

FOR ITEM 23, SELECT THE LETTER WITH THE CLOSEST MEANING TO THE UNDERLINED SENTENCE.

23. Sally made a reservation at the hotel. This means that Sally:

- A. got a job at the hotel
- B. had dinner at the hotel
- C. booked a room at the hotel
- D. checked out of the hotel

FOR ITEMS, 24 to 26, SELECT THE MOST SUITABLE WORD TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

24. Jane is always _____ about how many languages she can speak.

- A. complaining
- B. boasting
- C. confessing
- D. grumbling

25. My father is a(n) _____; he specializes in treating cancer.

- A. oncologist
- B. ophthalmologist
- C. gynecologist
- D. anesthetist

26. A _____ of ship sailed the Caribbean this morning.

- A. set
- B. school
- C. fleet
- D. flock

FOR ITEM 27, CHOOSE THE WORD SIMILAR IN MEANING TO THE UNDERLINED WORDS.

27. The policeman changed his appearance by dressing himself as a beggar.

- A. deceived
- B. demoted
- C. disguised
- D. downgraded

FOR ITEMS 28 & 29, CHOOSE THE WORD OPPOSITE IN MEANING TO THE UNDERLINED WORD.

28. The old-fashioned vase on the shelf caught everyone's attention.

- A. elegant
- B. antique
- C. modern
- D. pretty

29. After finishing the project, she decided to discard the old drafts that were no longer useful.
- A. abandon
 - B. fold
 - C. retain
 - D. assemble

FOR ITEM 30, CHOOSE THE LETTER NEXT TO THE CORRECT ANSWER.

30. Which **prefix** can be added to the word ‘**cord**’ to create a word that means ‘conflict’?
- A. re
 - B. de
 - C. un
 - D. dis

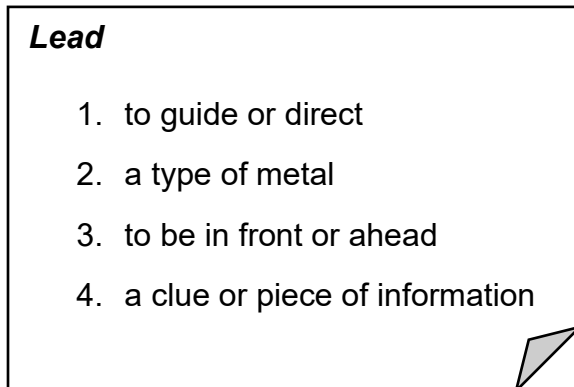
STUDY SKILLS

FOR ITEM 31, CHOOSE THE LETTER NEXT TO THE CORRECT ANSWER.

31. If the guide words on a dictionary page are "**apple**" and "**banana**," which word can you expect to find on that page?
- A. almond
 - B. berry
 - C. apricot
 - D. blueberry

FOR ITEM 32, USE THE DICTIONARY ENTRY TO ANSWER THE QUESTION.

Dictionary entry



Look carefully at the four definitions of the word '**lead**'. Which definition of '**lead**' is used in the sentence below?

32. We found a lead in the investigation that helped us solve the case.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

USE THE TABLE TO RESPOND TO ITEMS 33 – 34.
CHOOSE THE LETTER NEXT TO THE CORRECT ANSWER.

Sample Table of Contents

CHAPTER	page
1. The Mountain	2
2. Animal Wild	7
3. The World of Birds	13
4. Make a Bird Book	17
5. Destruction of the Forest	20
6. Preserving the Forest	28

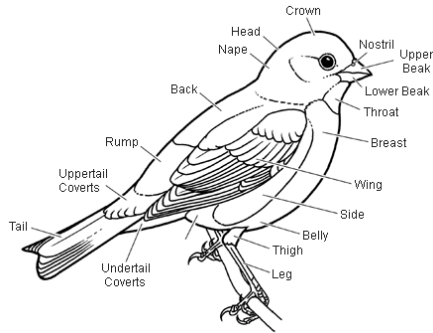
33. Chapter ____ will **MOST LIKELY** give information on Morne Diablotin.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 6

34. How many pages are there in chapter 2?

- A. 3 pages
- B. 4 pages
- C. 5 pages
- D. 6 pages

FOR ITEMS 35 - 36, CHOOSE THE LETTER NEXT TO THE CORRECT ANSWER.



35. This picture above is an example of a

- A. graph
- B. diagram
- C. heading
- D. table

36. A _____ is a sentence or phrase that explains a picture.

- A. glossary
- B. blurb
- C. visual aid
- D. caption



READING COMPREHENSION

- 1. THIS SECTION HAS 4 PASSAGES/TEXTS FOLLOWED BY 6 ITEMS EACH.**
- 2. READ EACH PASSAGE/ TEXT CAREFULLY, THEN RESPOND TO THE ITEMS WHICH FOLLOW.**
- 3. FOR EACH ITEM, SELECT THE LETTER THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE ANSWER YOU HAVE CHOSEN.**

READ THE STORY THEN CHOOSE THE LETTER THAT REPRESENTS THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR ITEMS 37 - 42.



It was midnight when I got the call on my cell phone, which I always leave positioned at my bedside. The ring jolted me out of bed. Grabbing and removing my cover, I answered the phone. It was my neighbour, Mrs. Hooper; she was hysterical. I could barely make out what she was saying.

“Well, Mrs. Hooper, you better speak up. It’s already an odd hour of the night to be calling.” I rubbed the sleep out of my ears and listened harder.

“My dog’s missing!” She repeated. “You must find him immediately. I will pay you \$100.”

Money appeals to my sympathetic side—so I threw a grey coat over my pajamas and headed out the door. I was at Mrs. Hooper’s house in 1.4 minutes.

“Where did you last see the canine?” I inquired, already **canvassing** the room for clues.

“Snuggles was next to me on the pillow when I fell asleep at exactly 11:47. There was a loud sawing noise and I awoke with a start—I noticed Snuggles was gone. I was terrified. I panicked. That’s when I called you at precisely midnight.”

“Hmm,” I thought, “Time is important here...not much passed between the time she fell asleep and then awoke and called me. On top of that, we need to consider the loud sawing noise. Dogs have sensitive ears.”

I summoned up the courage to ask a pivotal question. “Mrs. Hooper, don’t take this the wrong way, but do you snore?” She blushed. “I thought so. Let’s have a look in your closet.”

As I suspected, there was Snuggles under a pile of dirty laundry—his paws tightly covering his ears. They reconnected quickly and I was back in bed within the hour, \$100 bill firmly clenched in my hand. Sweet dreams followed.

37. What was Mrs. Hooper's mood when she called the narrator?
- A. excited
 - B. calm
 - C. frantic
 - D. relaxed
38. What key detail does the narrator note about the timing of events?
- A. Mrs. Hooper fell asleep at midnight.
 - B. The dog was gone for a few hours.
 - C. The call was made soon after the loud noise.
 - D. Mrs. Hooper slept for a few hours.
39. What can be inferred about the time it took for the narrator to reach Mrs. Hooper's house?
- A. The narrator lived very close to Mrs. Hooper.
 - B. The narrator was familiar with the neighborhood.
 - C. The narrator drove very quickly.
 - D. The night was very bright.
40. "*I inquired, already **canvassing** the room for clues*". The word "**canvassing**" in the sentence means to
- A. ask questions.
 - B. examine carefully.
 - C. complain about.
 - D. discuss casually.

41. The narrator was eager to respond to Mrs. Hooper's call because he/she
- A. lived close to Mrs. Hooper.
 - B. felt a sense of responsibility.
 - C. always helped Mrs. Hooper.
 - D. wanted to earn extra money.
42. Which of the following is the **MOST** appropriate title for the story?
- A. The dangers of the midnight hour
 - B. How to make a lot of money
 - C. The reunion of a pet and its owner
 - D. Friendship between neighbours

READ THE POEM THEN CHOOSE THE LETTER THAT REPRESENTS THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR ITEMS 43 – 48.

From Trees to Fences



- 1 With murderous saws they have killed our trees,
- 2 With cruel hands they have stripped their trunks and boughs
- 3 And left them bare and leafless.
- 4 No more will they feel the wind and rain
- 5 No more will they shade and nest the birds.

- 6 These lovely trees, our shelter and our company
- 7 Our friendly trees, to young and old,
- 8 With outstretched hands did they keep us company
- 9 And shielded us from sometimes harsher winds
- 10 And gave a warmth and love to all.

- 11 With unfriendly hands they have cut and hacked away
- 12 And stained their cruel hands,
- 13 And now they tell you boldly our trees will make good fences
- 14 To fence your yard and keep the creatures out.
- 15 But do we need such fences?

43. According to the poem, which of these do the trees provide?
- A. protection from predators
 - B. shade and a place for birds to nest
 - C. food for the community
 - D. houses for people
44. What emotion does the speaker generally express regarding the loss of trees?
- A. happiness
 - B. fear
 - C. sadness
 - D. anger
45. What figurative language is used in line 8 “*With outstretched hands did they keep us company*”?
- A. simile
 - B. metaphor
 - C. personification
 - D. onomatopoeia
46. What tone does the speaker convey when referring to the trees as “*our lovely trees, our shelter and our company*”?
- A. sarcastic
 - B. affection
 - C. hostility
 - D. excitement

47. **Line 11** "*With unfriendly hands they have cut and hacked*" implies that those responsible for cutting the trees
- A. are skilled workers.
 - B. have a personal connection to the trees.
 - C. are doing it for necessity.
 - D. act with cruelty and disregard for nature.
48. Read lines **13 to 15**. One can infer that the speaker believes that fences
- A. are not really necessary.
 - B. are necessary for protection.
 - C. help keep animals out.
 - D. should be made from other materials.

READ THE PASSAGE THEN CHOOSE THE LETTER THAT REPRESENTS THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR ITEMS 49 – 54.



Water is essential to life. It is part of every living thing and is the most abundant and widely distributed natural resource on earth. It is used in the home for a variety of purposes and at the community level it is used in agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, health and recreation. Fresh water is obtained from rainfall, streams, rivers, lakes, springs, wells and dams.

Some countries, Dominica for example, obtain their supply of fresh water from surface drainage such as lakes and rivers. Others, such as Barbados and The Bahamas, get their supply mainly from underground sources and have to dig wells. In Curacao and St. Thomas, fresh water is obtained mainly from sea water. Factories called purification plants remove the salt to make the water drinkable.

The main problem in many Caribbean countries is a shortage of water. During certain months of the year, low rainfall can seriously reduce the water supply. Poor water distribution is another factor. A further problem affecting the water supply is pollution. This is caused by harmful chemicals and bacteria entering the water supply through the improper **disposal** of household and industrial waste. Another problem is wastage by consumers.

Most Caribbean countries have a Central Water Authority which is responsible for the water supply to all communities. The authority maintains and seeks to improve the water catchment areas, and also the collection, storage, treatment and delivery of water. In order to provide this service, the authority employs many trained persons for field and office work. It costs a lot of money to bring water to all sections of the community.

49. The main purpose of purification plants mentioned in the passage is to
- A. convert saltwater into drinkable water.
 - B. store and distribute water to communities.
 - C. extract water from underground sources.
 - D. filter out harmful chemicals from groundwater.
50. Based on the passage, which country would need a purification plant?
- A. Dominica
 - B. St Thomas
 - C. Barbados
 - D. Bahamas
51. What is another word for “**disposal**” as used in the passage?
- A. dumping
 - B. cleaning
 - C. collecting
 - D. gathering
52. The Central Water Authority attempts to address water supply challenges by
- A. reducing the number of workers employed.
 - B. focusing solely on water purification.
 - C. maintaining and improving water catchment areas.
 - D. training only field workers.

53. What can be inferred about the water supply issues in Caribbean countries?
- A. The water supply is consistently sufficient throughout the year.
 - B. Water supply problems are solely due to natural disasters.
 - C. Natural and human activities contribute to water supply problems.
 - D. Pollution has no significant impact on water supply.
54. What is the **BEST** advice you would give to a country experiencing very little rainfall to prevent water supply shortages?
- A. Keep the rivers clean
 - B. Dig wells
 - C. Purify the water
 - D. Collect buckets of water

STUDY THE POSTER THEN CHOOSE THE LETTER NEXT TO THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR ITEMS 55 – 60.

Tiny Tots Child Care Centre

Up to 7 years old

We provide

Why choose us:

- Experienced and trained staff
- Weekly progress update for parents
- Healthy meals and snacks provided
- Cheap rates

Day care

Full time child care
7am - 8pm

Before and after school care

Limited space available

To register – call, email or visit us at our location on Old Street Roseau.

#767-499-5897 email: tinytot.com

55. The purpose of this poster is to
- A. inform children about a child care center.
 - B. get parents to register their children for after school care.
 - C. give information about a care center for children.
 - D. describe a day care center for the community .
56. What age group of children will **MOST LIKELY** be registered at the center?
- A. 6 to 8 year olds
 - B. 2 to 6 year olds
 - C. 7 to 12 year olds
 - D. All ages
57. Based on the poster, the child care centre
- A. is opened in the evening.
 - B. is free of charge.
 - C. is closed after school.
 - D. offers summer day camp.
58. What does it mean that there is “**limited space**” available?
- A. Many more children can be enrolled.
 - B. There are no spaces left.
 - C. Only a few more children can be enrolled.
 - D. The center is closed due to low enrollment.

59. Based on the poster, parents should choose Tiny Tots Child Care Center because
- A. it has a playground.
 - B. it offers transportation.
 - C. there are free toys.
 - D. of experienced and trained staff.
60. Which of these statements is an **opinion** about the child care centre?
- A. Caters to children up to 7 yrs
 - B. Provides high quality child care
 - C. Open from 7 am to 8pm
 - D. Located on Old Street

END OF EXAMS