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GRADE 9

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DURATION: 2 HOURS



ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

MID-TERM TEST

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This question paper consists of 7 pages including the cover page.

INSTRUCTIONS

- This paper consists of 4 Sections :

Section A: Comprehension (25)

Section B: Visual Literacy (15)

Section C: Summary (10)

Section D: Language (20)

- Answer all the questions.
- Use the numbering system used in this question paper.
- Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A – READING COMPREHENSION

QUESTION 1

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The Best Teacher Ever

There's a story from many years ago of a primary school teacher. Her name was Mrs. Thompson and as she stood in front of her fifth grade class on the very first day of school, she told the children a lie. Like most teachers, she looked at her students and said she loved them all the same.

But that was impossible, because there in the front row, slumped in his seat, was a little boy named Teddy Stoddard.

Mrs. Thompson had watched Teddy the year before and noticed he didn't play well with the other children, his clothes were messy and he constantly needed a bath. Teddy could be quite unpleasant.

It got to the point where Mrs. Thompson would actually take delight in marking his papers with a broad red pen, making bold Xs and then putting a big "F" at the top of his papers. At the school where Mrs. Thompson taught, she was required to review each child's past records and she put Teddy's off until last.

However, when she reviewed his file, she was in for a surprise. Teddy's first grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is a bright child with a ready laugh. He does his work neatly and has good manners. He is a joy to be around."

His second grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is an excellent student, well-liked by his classmates, but he is troubled because his mother has a terminal illness and life at home must be a struggle."

Teddy's fourth grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is withdrawn and doesn't show much interest in school. He doesn't have many friends and sometimes sleeps in class."

By now, Mrs. Thompson realized the problem and she was ashamed of herself. She felt even worse when her students brought her Christmas presents, wrapped in beautiful paper and tied with pretty ribbons, except for Teddy's. His present was clumsily wrapped in the heavy, brown paper he got from a grocery bag.

Mrs. Thompson took pains to open it in the middle of the other presents. Some of the children started to laugh when she found a rhinestone bracelet with some of the stones missing, and a bottle that was one quarter full of perfume. But she stifled the children's laughter when she

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exclaimed how pretty the bracelet was, putting it on, and dabbing some of the perfume on her wrist. Teddy Stoddard stayed after school that day just long enough to say, "Mrs. Thompson, today you smelled just like my mom used to."

After the children left, she cried for at least an hour. On that very day, she quit teaching reading, writing and arithmetic. Instead she began to teach children.

Mrs. Thompson paid particular attention to Teddy. As she worked with him, his mind seemed to come alive. The more she encouraged him, the faster he responded. By the end of the year, Teddy had become one of the smartest children in the class, and despite her lie that she would love all the children the same, Teddy became one of her "teacher's pets."

Eight years passed and Mrs Thompson received a letter from Teddy. This time, he explained that after he got his Bachelor degree, he decided to go a little further. The letter explained that she was still the best and favorite teacher he ever had. But now, his name was a little longer. The letter was signed, Theodore F. Stoddard, MD.

- 1.1 Where is Mrs Thompson a school teacher and what grade is she teaching? (2)
 - 1.2 What lie did she tell the children of her class? (1)
 - 1.3 Quote four consecutive words from paragraph 2 which shows Teddy did not feel very positive about school. (1)
 - 1.4 Which mark did Mrs Thompson like to give Teddy and what does that mark represent?(2)
 - 1.5 In your words say why you think Mrs Thomson decide to read Teddy's report on his progress last? (2)
 - 1.6 If you look at the comments on his report cards, which major event changed Teddy's life? (1)
 - 1.7 Why do you think there no comment for Teddy's third grade? (2)
 - 1.8 Why do you think does Teddy sometimes sleep in class in the fourth grade? (1)
 - 1.9 Why do you think did some of the children laugh at the gifts Teddy gave his teacher? (1)
 - 1.10 Why were the gifts important to Teddy? Comment on each gift. (2)
 - 1.11 Quote a sentence that could suggest Teddy's mother passed away. (2)
 - 1.12 Why was it not wrong, in this case, that Teddy became the "teacher's pet"? (2)
 - 1.13 What does the abbreviation MD stand for? (1)
 - 1.14 What do you think Mrs Thompson learnt from Teddy? Mention only one thing. (1)
- [20]

SECTION B – VISUAL LITERACY

QUESTION 2: CARTOON

Study the cartoon below and answer the questions that follow. The white woman in the cartoon is Madam.



- 2.1 What is the relationship between the woman and the man in the cartoon? Give a reason for your answer. (2)
- 2.2 What emotion does the woman show in frame 2? (1)
- 2.3 How do you know she is very angry in frame 3? (2)

QUESTION 3: ADVERTISEMENT

Study the advertisement below and answer the questions that follow:





MUCH MORE THAN JUST REACH REACH ABSOLUTELY SAFE


**ambassador
GRAND**

TEST DRIVE
TODAY

Ambassador Grand, let it be an Ambassador of your life. It protects you unlike any other contemporary cars and you don't have to spend a treasure for this but, an affordable price. Think of those who wait at home and it's your mantra of safe driving. An Ambassador always try to protect you from all other aggressive road riders.

Ambassador Grand 15 DSL 55



Features:



Moulded door pads



Diamond cut Tail Lamp



Power Steering



Mobile Charge Station

Annamalais Agencies Pvt. Ltd.

252, Mettupalayam Road, Coimbatore - 641 043

Ph: 0422 - 2452534, 2435555

E-mail: aaambasaler@rediffmail.com

3.1 What is the name of the car that is being advertised? (1)

3.2 Which word used in the advertisement inspires confidence in this car:

A. protect

B. affordable

C. ambassador

(1)

3.3 Write down the catch phrase of the advertisement. (1)

3.4 Which group of people is targeted by this advert? (1)

3.5 What desire is created by the advertisement? (2)

3.6 Mention TWO features of the car. (2)

3.7 Is this a modern or an old advertisement? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

[15 Marks]

SECTION D: SUMMARY

Question 4

Read the following article entitled “If You Are the Victim of a Cyberbully, What Can Be Done Now?” List seven ways in which you can act against a cyberbully.

- Use your own words as far as possible.
- Do not use more than 70 words.
- Write one point per line.
- Number your points 1 to 7.
- Indicate the number of words used at the end of your summary.

[10]

If You Are The Victim of a Cyberbully, What Can Be Done Now?

Don't reply to messages from cyberbullies -even though you may really want to, this is exactly what cyberbullies want. They want to know that they've got you worried and upset. They are trying to mess with your mind and control you, to put fear into you. Don't give them that pleasure. Do not keep this to yourself!

You are NOT alone and you did NOT do anything to deserve this! Tell an adult you know and trust! Inform your Internet Service Provider (ISP) or cell phone/pager service provider Inform your local police.

Do not erase or delete messages from cyberbullies -You don't have to read it, but keep it, it is your evidence. You may unfortunately get similar messages again, perhaps from other accounts. The police and your ISP, and/or your telephone company can use these messages to help you. You might notice certain words or phrases that are also used by people you know. These messages may reveal certain clues as to who is doing this to you, but don't try and solve this on your own, remember, tell an adult you know and trust.

GET HELP! Protect yourself -Never arrange to meet with someone you met online unless your parents go with you. If you are meeting them make sure it is in a public place. You may need to delete your current e-mail accounts, cell phone/pager accounts and set up new ones. I am working with the Canadian Telecommunications Service Providers to support you in making such changes at no cost to you.

If your cyberbullying problems persist, I would recommend that you do this as soon as possible, unless you are working with the police and your Telecommunications Provider to keep the account(s) active to try and catch the cyber bully.

If you are more technically inclined, you can do a little cyber-sleuthing of your own to provide the police and your Telecommunications Provider with more information, but NEVER try and meet someone personally who you suspect might be the cyber-bully This is best left in the hands of the legal authorities.

SECTION D: Language in context

QUESTION 5

Refer to the passage that follows to answer the language questions

1. For every minute that passes in real time, 60 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube.

2. You can turn that number over in your mind as much as you want; at no point will it stop being incredible.
3. 60 hours every minute.
4. That's five months of video every hour.
5. That's 10 years of video every day.
6. More video can be downloaded from YouTube every month than has been broadcast by the three big TV networks in the past 60 years.
7. And the pace is (5.7.1 accelerate): last year the rate (5.7.2 be) only 48 hours per minute.
8. William Blake once wrote something about seeing a world in a grain of sand and holding eternity in an our.
9. YouTube hasn't reached that point yet, but it's well on its way.
10. YouTube creates opportunities for everybody.

- 5.1 Find the spelling mistake in sentence 1 and write down the correction. (1)
- 5.2 Identify the parts of speech from the underlined word.
YouTube is an incredible website owned by Google. (1)
- 5.3 Sentence 3 has no verb in it. Rewrite the sentence so that it contains a verb. (2)
- 5.4 In sentence 4 you find the word "That's". Write the word "That's" in full. (1)
- 5.5 Change sentence 4 into a question. (1)
- 5.6 Look at sentence 6. Write the number '60', as a word. (1)
- 5.7 Write down the full word for TV. (1)
- 5.8 Look at sentence 7. Fill in the correct form of the words at
5.8.1
5.8.2 (2)
- 5.9 In sentence 8 a word is used incorrectly. Write down the correct word. (1)
- 5.10. Complete the following sentences with a tag question.
5.10.1 You can turn that number over,..... (1)
5.10.2 YouTube hasn't reached that point yet,..... (1)
- 5.11 Rewrite the following sentence in reported speech (indirect)
5.11.1 He said, " William Blake is writing something about it." (2)
- 5.12 Rewrite the following sentence in the passive voice.
William Blake wrote something during his life time. (2)
- 5.13 Change the sentence below into the negative form.
YouTube creates opportunities for everybody (1)
- 5.14 Find a synonym of 'gigantic' in sentence 6. (1)
- 5.15 Give the correct form of the word in brackets.
Blake's father suffered a heart attack, but (incredible) he didn't die. (1)

GRAND TOTAL: 70 Marks

