



# AIM 2006

*Achievement Improvement Monitor*

Year  
**7**

## STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT

# ENGLISH TEST

## STUDENT DETAILS

## TEST INSTRUCTIONS

1. You must do your own work.
2. Do not speak to other students during the test.
3. Raise your hand if you need to speak to the teacher.
4. Follow all directions given to you by the teacher.
5. All questions must be answered using the pencil you have been given. If you need to change an answer, carefully erase it and write another answer.
6. To confirm you have the correct booklet, print your name below.

Print your name here:

***YOU HAVE 45 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THIS TEST.***

## Year 7 Practice Questions

Turn to page 4 of *Horizons* and answer question P1.

**P1**

The title of the passage on page 4 is

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- ☐ 'The Flute'.
- ☐ 'Kangaroos'.
- ☐ 'The New Teacher'.
- ☐ 'The Shopping Trolley'.

For questions P2 to P4 you do NOT need *Horizons*.

**P2**

Shade **two** bubbles to show where the full stops ( . ) should go in this passage.

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bubbles

We are having a class party today It will be great fun

**P3**

Which underlined word should end with an 's'?

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How many of your friend were at the concert?

**P4**

Write the circled word correctly in the space provided.

Write one word  
in the box

Dani is the quickest runner in our class.

## Year 7 English

You have 45 minutes to complete this test.

Turn to page 2 of *Horizons*.

Read 'Competitive Walking' and answer questions 1 to 5.

1

Race walking is known as 'heel-and-toe' racing because

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- ☐ both legs must be kept straight at all times.
- ☐ the heel and toe of both feet must always be kept flat.
- ☐ both feet must remain in contact with the ground at all times.
- ☐ the front foot must touch the ground before the rear foot leaves it.

2

The words, 'competitors raced around the clock' refer to walking races that

- ☐ lasted for exactly 24 hours.
- ☐ started and finished at the same time.
- ☐ always went in a clockwise direction.
- ☐ continued through both day and night.

3

To win a professional walking race in New York City in the 1880s, competitors had to

- ☐ walk the fastest over an 11 km course.
- ☐ complete the race in less than six days.
- ☐ walk further than any of their competitors.
- ☐ complete an indoor course in the fastest time.

4

How long was the first Olympic walking event for women?

- ☐ 3.5 km
- ☐ 10 km
- ☐ 11 km
- ☐ 20 km

5

The main purpose of the information in the last paragraph is to

- ☐ match names and years for some previous Olympic cities.
- ☐ give the distance of the first men's walking race in the Olympics.
- ☐ describe the history of competitive walking in the Olympic Games.
- ☐ list the year in which women's walking races first began in the Olympics.

Turn to page 3 of *Horizons*.

Read 'The Shopping Trolley' and answer questions 6 to 10.

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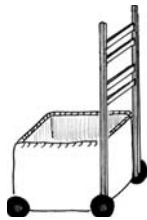
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The main reason that Sylvan Goldman introduced the shopping trolley was to

- ☐ help people carry their goods to their cars.
- ☐ demonstrate that he was a clever inventor.
- ☐ make working in his store more enjoyable.
- ☐ encourage people to buy more of his products.

7

Which of the following pictures best shows what Sylvan Goldman's first trolley looked like?



☐



☐



☐



☐

8

At first, people did not use Sylvan Goldman's trolleys because they

- ☐ hadn't heard of them before.
- ☐ thought they didn't need them.
- ☐ were nervous about using them.
- ☐ didn't think they would hold enough.

9

Sylvan Goldman hired people to

- ☐ force customers into his shop.
- ☐ help his customers load their trolleys.
- ☐ help his customers push their trolleys.
- ☐ show his customers that trolleys were safe.

10

Which of the following best describes Sylvan Goldman?

- ☐ disorganised
- ☐ determined
- ☐ suspicious
- ☐ generous

Turn to page 4 of *Horizons*.

Read 'The New Teacher' and answer questions 11 to 15.

11

After living in Jinderoo for more than a year, how does Ellen feel?

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- ☐ She has settled into the lifestyle.
- ☐ She is eager to return to the city.
- ☐ She still feels like a stranger in the town.
- ☐ She would be happier with her own friends.

12

What does Ellen do 'just to please' the widow?

- ☐ She gets up early.
- ☐ She wears stout boots.
- ☐ She saves her washing water.
- ☐ She eats more than she wants to.

13

The relationship between the widow and Ellen can best be described as

- ☐ tense.
- ☐ caring.
- ☐ joyful.
- ☐ distant.

14

The children call Ellen 'sir' because they

- ☐ are trying to be funny.
- ☐ want to be rude to her.
- ☐ want Mr Greg to come back.
- ☐ are used to having a male teacher.

15

Which reason is most likely to have helped Ellen decide to move to Jinderoo?

- ☐ She liked a new challenge.
- ☐ She was tired of living in the city.
- ☐ She needed to live a more healthy life.
- ☐ She wanted to learn more about the country.

Turn to page 5 of *Horizons*.

Read 'The Flute' and answer questions 16 to 20.

16

At the start of the passage, Paul is confused because he

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- ☐ did not expect Mr Riggs to be kind.
- ☐ thought Mr Riggs was annoyed for no reason.
- ☐ did not know how to explain himself to Mr Riggs.
- ☐ thought Mr Riggs was going to take the new flute away.

17

What had happened to Paul's unfinished flute?

- ☐ He broke it.
- ☐ He threw it away.
- ☐ It was hidden in his bag.
- ☐ It was taken away from him.

18

'We stand there, feeling awkward.'

Why does Paul feel awkward?

- ☐ He knows that he should not trust Mr Riggs.
- ☐ He thinks that Mr Riggs wants to punish him.
- ☐ He is not used to talking with Mr Riggs like this.
- ☐ He is worried that Mr Riggs will take his other flute.

19

Why did Mr Riggs say that Paul should play the flute on Monday?

- ☐ He knew Paul needed to practise his playing.
- ☐ He wanted Paul to hurry up and leave the room.
- ☐ He wasn't really interested in hearing Paul play.
- ☐ He didn't realise Paul had a finished flute with him.

20

The words, 'my fingers fluttery' in the passage suggest that Paul is

- ☐ feeling quite nervous.
- ☐ unsure of what to play.
- ☐ warming up his fingers.
- ☐ regretting his offer to play.

Turn to page 6 of *Horizons*. Read 'Have your say on sports funding' and answer questions 21 to 26.

21

Which of the following statements would Alison most likely support?

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- ☐ Parents should not make sacrifices just for the sake of sport.
- ☐ Parents deserve community support to share training expenses.
- ☐ Parents are only interested in sport if their children get to be famous.
- ☐ Parents should not push their children into sport unless they have talent.

22

Why does Alison believe it is fair for sports stars to earn high fees?

- ☐ They need to pay back their parents.
- ☐ They all have a chance to achieve their dreams.
- ☐ They have only a short time to earn money from sport.
- ☐ They have to spend a lot of money on food and equipment.

23

What kind of work does Jeff suggest deserves higher payment?

- ☐ every kind of work
- ☐ work for advertising sponsors
- ☐ work of value for the community
- ☐ any work that achieves excellence

24

Jeff's main concern about the payment of sports stars is that

- ☐ sports stars are paid by advertising sponsors.
- ☐ governments are not funding excellence in sports.
- ☐ sports training is heavily supported by the parents.
- ☐ sports stars are overpaid compared with other achievers.

25

What does Kerry believe is an important contribution of sports stars?

- ☐ providing an example of achievement to young people
- ☐ rewarding their supporters by competing with others
- ☐ helping to make interesting news bulletins
- ☐ assisting advertisers to sell products

26

Why is Kerry in favour of paying high fees to sports stars?

- ☐ They no longer have their privacy.
- ☐ They cannot wear their own clothing.
- ☐ They compete for the love of the game.
- ☐ They often become commentators or coaches.

Turn to page 7 of *Horizons*.

Read 'Kangaroos' and answer questions 27 to 30.

27

At the start of the poem the kangaroo is

- ☐ sinking out of sight.
- ☐ standing in full view.
- ☐ lifting its head to peer around.
- ☐ hidden from view and unable to see.

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28

What are the 'lines that intersect'?

- ☐ walls of a crazy maze
- ☐ criss-crossing roads built by humans
- ☐ different paths that the kangaroos are taking
- ☐ tracks left by fleas in the fur of the kangaroos

29

The word 'deliberate' in the last line of the poem suggests a way of

- ☐ hiding.
- ☐ moving.
- ☐ thinking.
- ☐ attacking.

30

A theme of the poem is the idea that animals

- ☐ are one with the landscape.
- ☐ need our help and protection.
- ☐ depend on each other for survival.
- ☐ are sometimes beautiful and sometimes not.



For questions 31 to 50 you do NOT need *Horizons*.

Which word in each of questions 31 to 34 is spelled incorrectly?

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31

- ☐ certificate
- ☐ exhaustion
- ☐ agreemeant
- ☐ transportation

32

- ☐ centrally
- ☐ resourseful
- ☐ unfortunately
- ☐ inventiveness

33

The manager said he was dissappointed with the reaction to the new product.



34

There was a tremendous amount of excitment about the opening ceremony.



The spelling errors in these sentences have been circled.

Write the words correctly in the space provided.

35

Do you know who bilt the big house near the park?

36

The water was very carm when we went to the beach.

37

"Please put the plates in the cupberd before you go to bed," said Dad.

38

The notice asked for voluntears to help clean up the park.

39

A full discription of the missing person was given on the news last night.

40

My dog was very disobediant when I took him for a walk.

41

I was totally exhorsted after our long bushwalk.

42

Shade **two** bubbles to show where speech marks ( “ ” ) are needed.

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Are you ready yet, Bobby? We need to leave soon, said Mum.

43

Shade **two** bubbles to show which underlined words should start with a capital letter.

My father bought our new television from a shop on thompson street.

44

Which sentence gives an opinion about winter?

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- ☐ July is a winter month.
- ☐ Winter is the best time of year.
- ☐ It sometimes snows in the winter.
- ☐ It is colder in winter than it is in summer.

45

Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ You must remember however that the competition is meant to be taken seriously.
- ☐ You must remember, however that the competition, is meant to be taken seriously.
- ☐ You must remember, however, that the competition is meant to be taken seriously.
- ☐ You must remember, however, that the competition is meant to be taken, seriously.

46

Which of the following words would best connect these two sentences?

I like the blue shirt. My mum wants me to get the red one.

- ☐ indeed
- ☐ instead
- ☐ although
- ☐ otherwise

47

Where should the apostrophe ( ' ) go in this sentence.

Shade one bubble

Yesterday, James accidentally picked up someone else's books.

48

Which word should be used to complete this sentence?

Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ house that is?

- ☐ who
- ☐ who's
- ☐ whose

49

Which of the underlined words is an **adverb**?

Billy answered every question in the test correctly.

50

Which of the following is most likely to be found in a formal letter?

- ☐ Next week will be fantastic thank you.
- ☐ I look forward to our meeting on Tuesday.
- ☐ Have you got a spare half hour next week?
- ☐ I will see you after Ron's party on Tuesday.

