



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 9 Practice Questions

Turn to page 7 of *Perspectives* and answer question P1.

P1

The title of the passage on page 7 is

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- ☐ Reading.
- ☐ The Murray.
- ☐ Volunteering.
- ☐ Bacteria Talk.

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

P2

Where is the best place to put a question mark (?) in the following passage?

It's a lovely day ☐ Do you want to go swimming ☐ I think it will be great fun ☐

P3

Which of the underlined words should end with an 's'?

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

My uncle's hous is near the park.

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You have 45 minutes to complete this test.

Turn to pages 2 and 3 of *Perspectives*. Read 'Unearth facts to build a story that will last' and answer questions 1 to 5.

1

What change in attitude to the demolition of city buildings occurred during the 1970s?

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- ☐ People lost interest in the work of the wrecking business.
- ☐ People liked the new buildings that were being constructed.
- ☐ People became concerned about the loss of historic buildings.
- ☐ People thought it was a good idea to recycle building materials.

2

Why did Whelan the Wrecker signs appear all over Melbourne in the 1960s and 1970s?

- ☐ It was a period of rebuilding in the city of Melbourne.
- ☐ Melbourne at this time had become old and run-down.
- ☐ The firm was the only demolition business in Melbourne.
- ☐ Opponents of the business had placed signs all over Melbourne.

3

According to the passage, Whelan the Wrecker was often featured in the news because

- ☐ they advertised the work of the business.
- ☐ they reported when they found something interesting.
- ☐ the community thought they were doing a very good job.
- ☐ the community wanted to stop them demolishing more buildings.

4

What made the work of Whelan the Wrecker similar to archaeology?

- ☐ They demolished old city buildings.
- ☐ They sold old materials and wreckage.
- ☐ They collected and displayed old relics.
- ☐ They built new skyscrapers all over the city.

5

'... which story am I going to tell?'

Why is this likely to be a dilemma for Robyn Annear?

- ☐ Robyn knows that some parts of the story will not be interesting to readers.
- ☐ Robyn has many different possibilities from which to choose.
- ☐ Robyn's research has uncovered more interesting subjects.
- ☐ Robyn has not collected enough material.

Turn to pages 4 and 5 of *Perspectives*. Read 'Jaz and Gi-Gi' and answer questions 6 to 11.

6

Why did Jaz stop reading?

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- ☐ She found it too difficult to continue.
- ☐ She wanted to ask Gi-Gi some questions.
- ☐ She couldn't understand the events described.
- ☐ She couldn't relate to the author's point of view.

7

Gi-Gi says, 'I was waiting for the right time to show it to you'.

This implies that

- ☐ Jaz is now old enough to appreciate it.
- ☐ the diary is becoming too faded to read.
- ☐ Gi-Gi wants them to read through it together.
- ☐ many years have passed since Gi-Gi has seen Jaz.

8

Gi-Gi is Jaz's

- ☐ grandmother.
- ☐ great-grandmother.
- ☐ great-great-grandmother.
- ☐ great-great-great-grandmother.

9

Gi-Gi 'chuckled ruefully' when talking about Maggie as an old woman because

- ☐ Gi-Gi was often afraid of Maggie.
- ☐ Maggie told such amusing stories.
- ☐ Maggie was a really formidable character.
- ☐ Gi-Gi is now an even older woman herself.

10

When Jaz hears the voice of Maggie reaching across 130 years, it means that

- ☐ the writing was vivid and engaging.
- ☐ the author of the diary had a hard life.
- ☐ the handwriting was tiny and old fashioned.
- ☐ the author of the diary was a really old lady.

11

Here are some of Gi-Gi's descriptions of Maggie.

Which one supports the impression of Maggie given in the diary?

- ☐ 'She was quite an old lady by then.'
- ☐ 'We used to be rather frightened of her.'
- ☐ 'Hair severely controlled in a tight bun.'
- ☐ 'She would tell us the most wicked stories of her childhood.'

Turn to page 6 of *Perspectives*. Read 'Bacteria Talk' and answer questions 12 to 16.

12

According to some scientists, bacteria talk to each other by using

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- ☐ movement.
- ☐ chemicals.
- ☐ microns.
- ☐ slime.

13

In the third and fourth paragraphs, some bacteria are represented as

- ☐ living together in groups.
- ☐ showing hostility to humans.
- ☐ being controlled by antibiotics.
- ☐ working individually to find food.

14

The main reason Karl von Frisch is referred to in the passage is to show that

- ☐ he deserved to get a Nobel Prize.
- ☐ no-one believes that animals can talk.
- ☐ new ideas can take a long time to be accepted.
- ☐ science was not very advanced in the last century.

15

How does paragraph 3 relate to paragraph 2?

- ☐ Paragraph 3 introduces a different theme from that in paragraph 2.
- ☐ Paragraph 3 challenges the argument presented in paragraph 2.
- ☐ Paragraph 3 sets the ideas of paragraph 2 in a broader context.
- ☐ Paragraph 3 develops an idea introduced in paragraph 2.

16

A major idea in the passage is that bacteria

- ☐ threaten human survival.
- ☐ have a wonderful friendship with humans.
- ☐ have ways of communicating with antibiotics.
- ☐ can achieve more in groups than they can alone.

Turn to page 7 of *Perspectives*. Read 'Volunteering' and answer questions 17 to 21.

17

Who is this passage written for?

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- ☐ school teachers
- ☐ unemployed people
- ☐ secondary school students
- ☐ people who do voluntary work

18

Which saying has the same idea as the first sentence in paragraph 2?

('Time away from school work ...')

- ☐ Always give it your best shot.
- ☐ Bad workers blame their tools.
- ☐ A change is as good as a holiday.
- ☐ If you want something done, do it yourself.

19

The passage says that doing voluntary work is likely to improve your employability because it

- ☐ proves your persistence.
- ☐ shows you have practical experience.
- ☐ suggests you are a person of principle.
- ☐ shows you are interested in other people.

20

The writer says 'I detested the work' to support the claim about

- ☐ why people choose not to be involved.
- ☐ how voluntary work can be too demanding.
- ☐ why people need to believe in voluntary work.
- ☐ how important it is to choose the right kind of work.

21

What is the main purpose of the passage?

- ☐ to present arguments both for and against volunteering
- ☐ to describe the writer's experience of volunteering
- ☐ to describe different kinds of voluntary work
- ☐ to persuade readers to do voluntary work

Turn to pages 8 and 9 of *Perspectives*. Read 'Online Forum: Road Safety' and answer questions 22 to 26.

22

Albert supports his argument by

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- ☐ criticising politicians.
- ☐ advocating more driver training.
- ☐ describing personal experiences.
- ☐ requesting improved road maintenance.

23

When Cork says that people need to be 'empathetic' on the roads he means they should

- ☐ always drive at the speed limit.
- ☐ not get caught on speed cameras.
- ☐ not believe in speed limits as such.
- ☐ drive appropriately for the conditions.

24

Which two contributors would most likely support additional training and testing of drivers?

- ☐ Mac and Cork
- ☐ Albert and Mac
- ☐ Albert and Cork
- ☐ Quiet One and Albert

25

The main point of 'Quiet One's' argument is that

- ☐ new laws should be created to reduce accidents.
- ☐ politicians need to take action to reduce accidents.
- ☐ reducing current speed limits will reduce accidents.
- ☐ enforcing current speed limits will reduce accidents.

26

According to the forum, on which of the following points do all the contributors agree?

- ☐ Improving police powers will improve road safety.
- ☐ Road safety is the responsibility of the individual driver.
- ☐ Maintaining the condition of country roads will improve road safety.
- ☐ Road safety will be improved by reducing the speed limit in certain circumstances.

Turn to page 10 of *Perspectives*. Read the poem 'Reading' and answer questions 27 to 30.

27

The words '—just knew—' reinforce the idea of

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- ☐ an approaching danger.
- ☐ the ability to read minds.
- ☐ an unexplained certainty.
- ☐ a minimal level of knowledge.

28

'in all
the bright world'

What do these lines suggest?

- ☐ clever planning
- ☐ a feeling of importance
- ☐ the challenge of the hunt
- ☐ a sense of space and wonder

29

Which of the following lines introduces a major shift in the focus of the poem?

- ☐ 'reading'
- ☐ 'at one'
- ☐ 'the way'
- ☐ 'exactly'

30

The poem suggests that both reading and hunting are

- ☐ primitive arts.
- ☐ complicated skills.
- ☐ acts that seem instinctive.
- ☐ behaviours the brain finds hard to accept.

Turn to page 11 of *Perspectives*. Read 'The Murray' and answer questions 31 to 34.

31

The 'shawl's fraying hem' refers to

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- ☐ the cold river.
- ☐ the melting snow.
- ☐ the shape of the mountain.
- ☐ the plants growing on the mountain.

32

In the final sentence, the word 'already' suggests that

- ☐ the water is very sweet.
- ☐ the writer has travelled quickly.
- ☐ the flow of water has grown rapidly.
- ☐ the writer has drunk a large amount of water.

33

When he first sees the Murray, the writer is

- ☐ relieved.
- ☐ mystified.
- ☐ not impressed.
- ☐ deeply moved.

34

This passage mainly describes

- ☐ being at the source of a river.
- ☐ climbing an Australian mountain.
- ☐ planning an exciting river journey.
- ☐ seeing the first snowfall of the season.

For questions 35 to 43 you DO NOT need *Perspectives*.

The spelling errors in these sentences have been circled.
Write the words correctly in the spaces provided.

Write one word
in each box

35 Despite the patrols, Andrew passed
unnoticed across the border.

36 They genrally eat dinner at six o'clock.

37 I opened my presents quickly because
I was impatiant to see what they were.

38 Her dream of going overseas was not
fullfilled.

39 I appreceated all the help he had
given me.

40 The band we saw last night played some
fabulose music.

41 Winning the race was a great
acheivement.

42 The teacher complemented the
student on her creativity.

43 I realised I had inadvertantly left my
umbrella on the train.

Which word in each of questions 44 to 48 is spelled incorrectly?

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44

- ☐ obliged
- ☐ signiture
- ☐ persuade
- ☐ ravenous

45

- ☐ tedious
- ☐ ferocity
- ☐ courteous
- ☐ continually

46

The judges explained the criteria they would use during the compitition.

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☐

☐

47

The audiance burst into spontaneous applause at the end of the performance.

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48

The soldiers used camouflage to disguise their appearence.

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☐

☐

Which words should be used to complete this sentence?

49

I wish I _____ Natalie before she became famous.

- ☐ can know
- ☐ had known
- ☐ would know
- ☐ would have known

50

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ "Oh yeah! Well you try standing up on a surfboard" she shouted "It's not as easy as it looks."
- ☐ "Oh yeah! well you try standing up on a surfboard," she shouted, "It's not as easy as it looks"
- ☐ "Oh yeah! Well you try standing up on a surfboard," she shouted. "It's not as easy as it looks."
- ☐ "Oh yeah!" "Well you try standing up on a surfboard," she shouted "It's not as easy as it looks."

Which word should be used to complete this sentence?

51

The counsellor was asked to _____ between the disagreeing parties.

- ☐ median
- ☐ mediate
- ☐ medium
- ☐ immediate

52

‘Service is our business, so why not allow us to treat you to a little luxury?’

This sentence is best described as

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- ☐ a persuasive text.
- ☐ a personal opinion.
- ☐ a statement of fact.
- ☐ a direct instruction.

53

Which of the following is written correctly?

- ☐ Her project should of included a list of the references she used.
- ☐ Is Diana and Larry planning to attend the opening night of the play?
- ☐ Most of the customers thought that extended trading hours were necessary.
- ☐ The diagrams in the last section of the book was colourful and informative.

54

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

Jeff was interviewed for the job recently but he was not successful.



55

Which of the following is most likely to be the heading for a set of instructions for children?

- ☐ The history of food is full of fascinating stories.
- ☐ A tiger’s roar can be heard for over three kilometres.
- ☐ “Where would you like to go today Fred?” asked Mum.
- ☐ Would you like to find out how to make an aeroplane fly?

56

Which of the following is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ It has been empty for years, the house is now considered unsafe.
- ☐ Paul didn’t believe their stories, although I’m sure he now wishes he had.
- ☐ Moving house is difficult, but people make friends, they get on with their lives.
- ☐ Janet’s family moved to a town called Coral Bay, this was a small fishing town.

57

Where is the best place to break this passage into two paragraphs?

The movie begins with scenes from some of the most beautiful rainforests imaginable. ☐ These magnificent images set the scene for a classic tale of human endeavour. ☐ The story is told through the eyes of Jai, who dreams of finding his missing grandfather. ☐ Despite opposition from his family, Jai continues on his quest. ☐ His daily struggles, and eventual success are sure to bring a smile to even the most jaded of movie-goers.