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7**

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

Practice Questions

Turn to page 3 of *Horizons* and answer question P1.

P1

The title of the passage on page 3 is

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- ☐ The Signal.
- ☐ The Bogong Moth.
- ☐ Mind your manners.
- ☐ China's Clay Warriors.

For practice questions P2 to P5 you do NOT need *Horizons*.

P2

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

How many of your friend are coming tonight?

☐ ☐ ☐

P3

Which word should be used to complete this sentence?

What is the _____ book you have ever read?

- ☐ so
- ☐ my
- ☐ best

P4

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 ☐

P5

Write the circled word correctly in the space provided.

Write one word
in the box

My uncle's hous is near the park.

You have 45 minutes to complete this test.

Reading

Turn to page 2 of *Horizons*.

Read 'The Signal' and answer questions 1 to 5.

1

Lucy and Matthew are going to meet Gary at the

- ☐ dam.
- ☐ windmill.
- ☐ farmhouse.
- ☐ home paddock.

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2

'Depends on Gary.'

This sentence from the passage refers to

- ☐ when the signal goes up.
- ☐ where the group will meet.
- ☐ who has to climb the ladder.
- ☐ what the group is going to do.

3

The way that Lucy and Matthew react when they see the signal suggests that they are

- ☐ eager to meet their friend.
- ☐ excited about going home.
- ☐ confused about where to find Gary.
- ☐ unsure about what the signal means.

4

Gary's response to the idea of using smoke signals suggests that he is

- ☐ boring.
- ☐ carefree.
- ☐ sensible.
- ☐ reckless.

5

The 'game' that Lucy and Matthew are playing is about

- ☐ tricking Gary.
- ☐ living in the past.
- ☐ making smoke signals.
- ☐ exploring the countryside.

Turn to page 3 of *Horizons*.

Read 'The Bogong Moth' and answer questions 6 to 10.

6

What attracts Bogong Moths to city buildings?

- ☐ They look like mountains.
- ☐ They provide warmth and shelter.
- ☐ They are a source of bright lights.
- ☐ They provide effective camouflage.

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Without access to a source of sugar in the autumn, Bogong Moths are unable to

- ☐ hatch.
- ☐ breed.
- ☐ find their way home.
- ☐ camouflage themselves.

8

According to the passage, Bogong Moths migrate to the mountains in order to

- ☐ find food.
- ☐ escape the heat.
- ☐ become mature.
- ☐ survive the winter.

9

According to the passage, Bogong Moths are different from most other moths because they

- ☐ have camouflage on their wings.
- ☐ migrate to their breeding ground.
- ☐ have a wingspan of exactly 4 cm.
- ☐ complete a round trip of migration.

10

Which of these statements about the migration of the Bogong Moth is true?

- ☐ Moth experts have no idea why it occurs.
- ☐ Very little is known about when it occurs.
- ☐ It can have a negative impact on urban areas.
- ☐ It is noticed only by people interested in moths.

Turn to page 4 of *Horizons*.

Read 'China's Clay Warriors' and answer questions 11 to 15.

11

Emperor Qin designed his tomb so that people would

- ☐ think that he was still alive.
- ☐ remember him after his death.
- ☐ not be able to find it after he had died.
- ☐ remember what his soldiers looked like.

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The officers in Emperor Qin's army were recognisable because they

- ☐ rode horses.
- ☐ wore armour.
- ☐ wore helmets.
- ☐ rode in chariots.

13

The passage suggests that Emperor Qin was

- ☐ weak but fair.
- ☐ tough but effective.
- ☐ intelligent but moody.
- ☐ misunderstood but loved.

14

Each soldier in the clay army was designed to look like

- ☐ Emperor Qin.
- ☐ an individual.
- ☐ a 2000-year-old soldier.
- ☐ a tiny copy of a real soldier.

15

The information in the first paragraph suggests that

- ☐ China still has a large army.
- ☐ Emperor Qin's tomb was built in 1974.
- ☐ the soldiers in the terracotta army all lived in Xi'an.
- ☐ Emperor Qin's tomb had not been seen for many years.

Turn to page 5 of *Horizons*. Read 'The Collector' and answer questions 16 to 21.

16

Which of the following words best describe Danny?

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- ☐ suspicious and hostile
- ☐ anxious and withdrawn
- ☐ forceful and demanding
- ☐ impulsive and enthusiastic

17

Danny's first interest in cacti

- ☐ began by chance.
- ☐ was influenced by his work.
- ☐ was encouraged by his mother.
- ☐ developed out of his love of stamps.

18

The way the cacti were displayed for sale suggests a sense of

- ☐ fun.
- ☐ order.
- ☐ secrecy.
- ☐ adventure.

19

Why did Danny think that his mother was being polite?

- ☐ She hurried in to see the cactus.
- ☐ He knew she was proud of him.
- ☐ He knew she didn't really like cacti.
- ☐ She asked him if the cactus was for her.

20

'It seemed a good idea when I started.'

This implies that

- ☐ things usually improve over time.
- ☐ Danny usually didn't trust his instincts.
- ☐ Danny didn't realise his mother disliked cacti.
- ☐ things didn't turn out the way Danny had hoped.

21

Personification is when things that are NOT human are given human characteristics.

Which of the following quotes from the passage is an example of personification?

- ☐ 'Before that, I'd been collecting stamps ...'
- ☐ '... a few real show-offs wave pink flowers ...'
- ☐ 'She gazed at it, as if she wished it *was* a rock ...'
- ☐ '... I hopped off my bicycle and joined the queue.'

Turn to page 6 of *Horizons*.

Read 'The can opener' and answer questions 22 to 26.

22

The development of can openers is a good example of how

- ☐ inventions never work at first.
- ☐ inventors try to hide their mistakes.
- ☐ inventions can be improved over time.
- ☐ inventors always solve problems in the same way.

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What was Peter Durand's 'oversight'?

- ☐ He made cans that were very heavy.
- ☐ He didn't provide instructions for opening his cans.
- ☐ He forgot to put food into the cans before he sealed them.
- ☐ He didn't design a simple way to open the cans he had invented.

24

Can openers were first invented in

- ☐ 1813.
- ☐ the 1860s.
- ☐ the 1870s.
- ☐ 1931.

25

In the third paragraph we learn that E. Warner's can openers

- ☐ were difficult to use.
- ☐ were shaped like cans.
- ☐ could open any type of can.
- ☐ could only be bought in grocery stores.

26

Which of the following questions is NOT answered in the passage?

- ☐ How do modern can openers work?
- ☐ For whom was canned food invented?
- ☐ When was the modern can opener invented?
- ☐ Where was the electric can opener invented?

Turn to page 7 of *Horizons*.

Read 'Mind your manners' and answer questions 27 to 30.

27

The word 'uncommon' in David Flowers' letter helps to show that he thinks young people

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- ☐ seldom do the right thing.
- ☐ rarely receive enough respect.
- ☐ are too interested in their peers.
- ☐ are aware of the consequences of their actions.

28

The purpose of the information in brackets () in Beverly Petrovski's letter is to

- ☐ show that her letter is a reply to a previous letter.
- ☐ help refute some of the points raised by David Flowers.
- ☐ indicate that her views are based on legitimate arguments.
- ☐ suggest that she has properly researched the points she makes.

29

Beverly Petrovski concludes her letter by suggesting that

- ☐ Mr Flowers has poor manners.
- ☐ people with poor manners have always existed.
- ☐ complaining about something without a strategy to fix it is pointless.
- ☐ the problem of bad manners is so widespread that there is now no easy solution.

30

What aspect of David Flowers' argument does Beverly Petrovski challenge?

- ☐ Only young people have poor manners.
- ☐ The decline in manners is a recent event.
- ☐ Bad manners have been encouraged by television.
- ☐ Everyone needs to take responsibility for the way we live together.

Language Conventions

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
- ☐ unique
 - ☐ usefull
 - ☐ unnatural
 - ☐ unnecessary

- 32
- ☐ delicious
 - ☐ definition
 - ☐ expedition
 - ☐ extraordinary

- 33
- A spokesperson from the government reported that progress was satisfactory.
- ☐ ☐ ☐

- 34
- Cyclists who ride aggressively are often involved in collisions.
- ☐ ☐ ☐

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

- 35
- I have never been involved in any crashes or accidents in my car.

- 36
- I coloured my drawing with the litest shade of blue I could find.

- 37
- "Is that aceptible to you?" asked Lorelle.

- 38
- The wind mermured gently through the swaying palm trees.

- 39
- To satisfy my curiosity, I decided to check everything again.

- 40
- Dinosaurs have not excisted for many thousands of years.

- 41
- I believe that further resurch into the cause of the problem is required.

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Which word should be used to complete this sentence?

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There _____ been many visitors to the sanctuary since last year.

- ☐ didn't
- ☐ won't
- ☐ haven't
- ☐ couldn't

43

What type of word is underlined in the following sentence?

The weary tiger rested its majestic head on its paws.

- ☐ verb
- ☐ noun
- ☐ adverb
- ☐ adjective

44

The apostrophe (') in the word **wasn't** is used to show that

- ☐ a letter has been left out.
- ☐ someone is saying something.
- ☐ the word is spelled incorrectly.
- ☐ something belongs to someone.

45

Which sentence is most likely to be part of a **weather report**?

- ☐ I generally prefer to stay indoors on cold and rainy days.
- ☐ It will be cloudy, with the possibility of light rain in the morning.
- ☐ Skiing is a very popular activity, both in Canada and New Zealand.
- ☐ Cathy always puts on a hat and sunscreen before going outside in the sun.

46

Which of the following is written correctly?

- ☐ Having fall badly, the runner retired from the competition.
- ☐ Having fallen badly, the runner retired from the competition.
- ☐ Having falling badly, the runner retired from the competition.
- ☐ Having been fell badly, the runner retired from the competition.

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'It was the most amazing sculpture I had ever seen.'

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This sentence is best described as

- ☐ an instruction.
- ☐ an explanation.
- ☐ a persuasive text.
- ☐ a personal opinion.

48

Which of the following is written correctly?

- ☐ Everybody were rolling on the floor with laughter.
- ☐ Everybody are quite happy to be going to see the exhibition.
- ☐ Everybody was ready to leave for home by the end of the day.
- ☐ Everybody have been asked to give their version of what happened.

49

Which of the following is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ It was never really considered, as being a sensible or worthwhile idea.
- ☐ Reba and her family lived in Holiston River, this was a small country town.
- ☐ Andrew wasn't sure if he knew the answer, although I think he probably did.
- ☐ Life in Africa can be difficult, but also rewarding, there is much wildlife to see.

50

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

There it sat, outlined against the light of the setting sun, dangerous and menacing, crouched on a rock above him. ☐ A large, golden cat. A cougar! Its tail was twitching, its eyes burned green, burned yellow, burned bright. ☐ Its ears were flattened against its head. ☐ Tom's feet stopped and his breathing became faster and his heart thumped in his chest. ☐ His blood turned into ice and for a moment the whole world seemed to disappear behind a white wall of fear.



