



آغا خان یونیورسٹی ایگزامینیشن بورڈ
AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION BOARD

Middle School Assessment Framework

Progress Test

Sample Questions and Test Format

To monitor students' progress from Grade VI through VIII, AKU-EB will make available progress tests in three subjects: General Science, Mathematics and English. These tests will be based on student learning outcomes (SLOs) specified in the Schemes of Work for Middle School and tailored to the syllabus coverage in individual schools. Schools can order tests twice a year: in September and/or in January, in one or more of the three subjects, for any of the three grades. However, the request for a test must reach AKU-EB one month before the test date. It is important to remember that:

- Mathematics and General Science tests will be topic-based and will include 6-9 topics from the Schemes of Work. A school requesting for a test in General Science or Mathematics will be required to identify at least 6 topics from the Schemes that have been covered in the school. AKU-EB will add one or more topics to test the core subject skills.
- English test will be skill-based and the school will choose one or more skill/s (Reading, Writing or Listening) to be tested. AKU-EB may add one or more skills to test the core subject skills.
- Mathematics and General Science tests will consist of multiple choice questions (MCQs), framed according to grade specific SLOs and pitched at three difficulty levels:
 - The grade level for which the test has been requested
 - One grade level above
 - Two grades level below
- The English test may consist of different question formats depending on the skill being tested. This means that listening test will only have multiple choice questions (MCQs) and writing test only extended response questions (ERQs), whereas reading may be tested through MCQs, CRQs (Constructed response questions) and ERQs. However, these questions will be framed according to grade specific SLOs and pitched at the three difficulty levels mentioned above.

The following pages of the document provide examples of test format and sample questions in all the three subjects. Please note that the document provides only sample questions, not the complete test papers.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRESS TEST

CLASS VI

English Paper I

Time: 40 minutes Marks: 30

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read each question carefully.
2. Answer the questions on the separate answer sheet provided. DO NOT write your answers on the question paper.
3. There are 100 answer numbers on the answer sheet. Use answer numbers 1 to 30 only.
4. In each question there are four choices A, B, C, D. Choose ONE. On the answer grid, shade the circle of your choice with a pencil as shown below.

Correct Way				Incorrect Ways			
1	(A)	(B)	(C)	1	(A)	(B)	(C)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	2	(A)	(B)	(C)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	3	(A)	(B)	(C)
	(A)	(B)	(C)	4	(A)	(B)	(C)

Candidate's Signature

5. If you want to change your answer, ERASE the first answer completely before shading a new circle.
6. DO NOT write anything in the answer grid. The computer only records what is in the circles.

Listening Comprehension Section

This section is 25 minutes long. In this section you will hear two recordings. Each one will be played twice.

Listen carefully to the first recording then read the 10 questions. You will have 2 minutes' reading time.

The recording will then be replayed. You can make notes on your question paper.

When the recording has finished, enter your answer on your separate answer sheet. You will have four minutes to pencil in your answers.

Follow the instructions on the front page of paper 1 to show which of the options A, B, C, or D you have selected for each question.

Listening Passage 1

This passage is a part of a story about a lost pet dog.

Now listen to the recording.

Vicky had a month-old pet dog called Pintoo. His uncle Salman had given him this lovely puppy on his birthday. Since Pintoo was a little puppy, Vicky had to take very good care of him. He fed him thrice a day and took him out regularly. Vicky enjoyed the company of his little friend. It was so cute that everyone in the family took interest in it.

One pleasant evening, Vicky took Pintoo to his friend's house by bus. After getting off the bus Vicky suddenly remembered that he had forgotten to take Pintoo off as well. He tried to catch the bus but it was gone and he could not follow it. He was very disappointed and disheartened.

After returning home, he tearfully told his parents about what had happened. In the next day's papers his father, Amjad, gave an advertisement promising a reward of 2000 rupees to the person who would bring Pintoo back home.

Meanwhile, when the man who was sitting beside Vicky in the bus saw the dog without its owner, took pity on him and took it home. When he got to know about the reward of 2000 rupees, he was very happy and decided to return the pet to its owner.

He took a taxi, put Pintoo in the back seat and proceeded towards Vicky's home. On the way, to his utter surprise, he found that the dog was missing. He was very sad to lose two thousand rupees.

(Excerpt from an article by Mohammad Irfan published in *Young World*, the daily Dawn, Karachi, dated August 23, 2003)

1. Vicky needed to take special care of Pintoo because he was very
 - A. young.
 - B. cute.
 - C. weak.
 - D. interesting.

2. Pintoo used to eat
 - A. two times a day.
 - B. four times a day.
 - C. three times a day.
 - D. many times a day.

3. Vicky left Pintoo
 - A. in the street.
 - B. on a bus.
 - C. at his friend's home.
 - D. in a cradle.

4. Vicky's father announced a reward for bringing Pintoo home. The announcement was made through a
 - A. TV advertisement.
 - B. masjid's loudspeaker.
 - C. radio announcement.
 - D. newspaper advertisement.

5. Vicky's father announced a reward of
 - A. 3,000 rupees.
 - B. 2,000 rupees.
 - C. 5,000 rupees.
 - D. 6,000 rupees.

6. The man who found Pintoo was
 - A. passing by in a car.
 - B. sitting in the bus.
 - C. walking through the street.
 - D. riding a bike.

Note: There will be 10 questions in all from one listening / reading passage.

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CLASS VI

English Paper II

Time: 50 minutes Marks: 30

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following instructions carefully.

1. Check your name and school information. Sign if it is correct.

**I agree that this is my name and school.
Candidate's signature**

2. There are **THREE** questions. Question 1 is a Cloze Passage. Write the missing words in the spaces provided. Question 2 and Question 3 are writing tasks. Write as much as you can but do **NOT** go outside the lined space.
3. When answering the questions:

Read each question carefully.
Use a black pencil for diagrams. **DO NOT** use coloured pencils.
DO NOT use staples, paper clips, glue, correcting fluid or ink erasers.
Complete your answers in the allocated space only. **DO NOT** write outside the answer box.
4. Total marks for each question are shown in brackets ().

Q.1.

Fill in each of the given blanks with ONE suitable word.

Seven-year-old Sana Ahmed caught a robber yesterday-with her skipping rope. Our reporter talked to her.

At about 10.45, a man 1. _____ out of the bank on Queens Road. Three men came out of the post office and chased him, but he was too 2. _____ for them. The robber passed the post office and a baker's shop. He 3. _____ the road at the traffic lights. Then, he 4. _____ left into High Street, passing Hope High School 5. _____ his left. He crossed High Street and ran 6. _____ the Plaza Shopping Mall.

All the time, Sana was standing outside the shopping mall. She was 7. _____ she had new skipping rope. Her mother was 8. _____ some peaches from a fruit stall and Sana saw everything. When the robber ran past Sana, she threw her skipping rope 9. _____ his legs. The robber went flying! The three men caught him and Sana's mother phoned the police. Sana was very cool about her catch. 'Did you feel 10. _____?', asked our reporter. 'No', said Sana. 'But I felt worried. I thought the burglar might take my skipping rope.'

(Adapted from *Oxford Progressive English* by Eleanor Watts, p. 92)

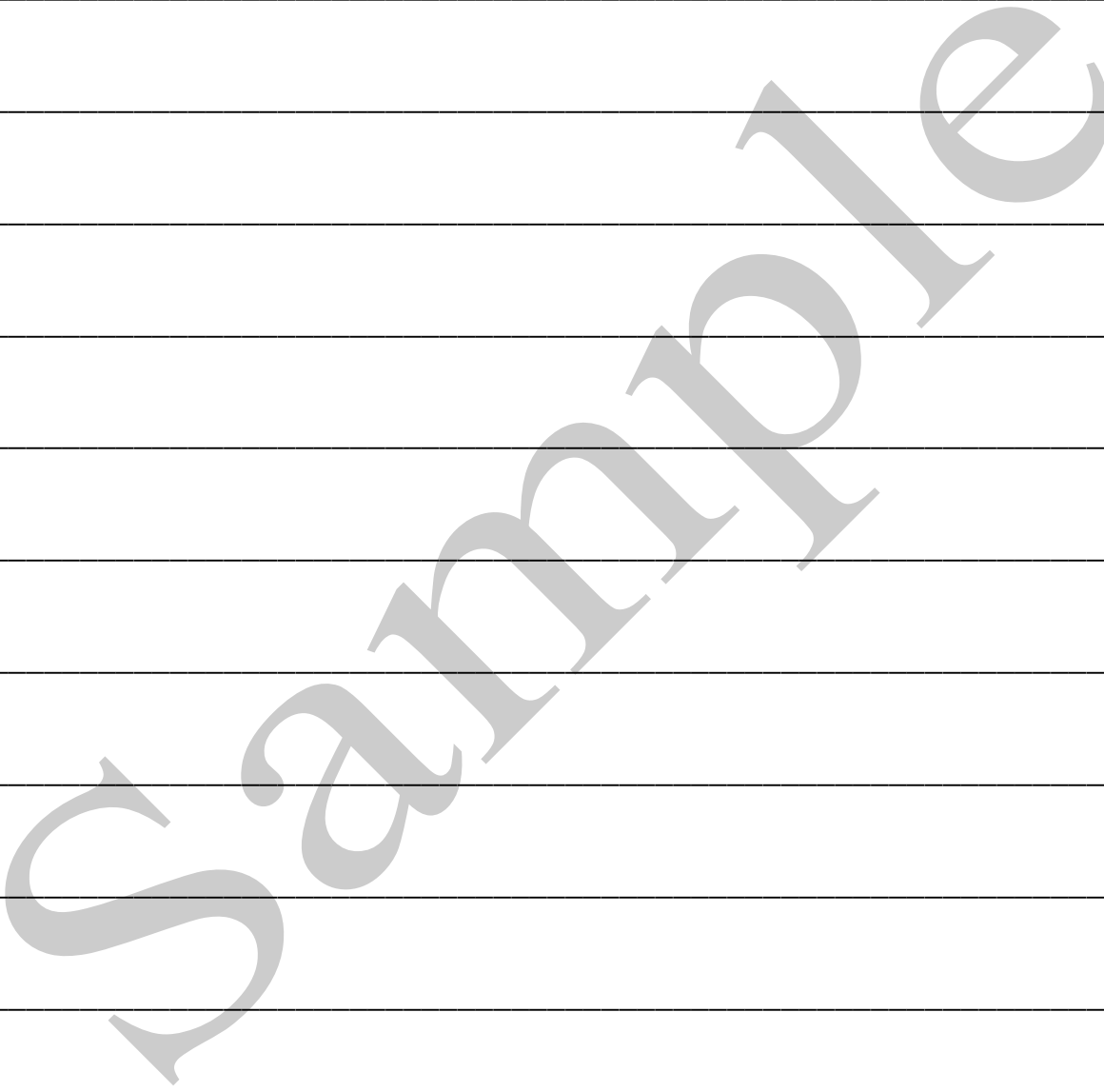
Q.2

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Compose an email of around 150 words on the following theme:

Every person in this world has good and bad habits. Think about one good habit of yours and one bad habit. Write an email to a distant e-pal of yours. Describe the good habit that you have chosen and convince your friend to adopt that habit. For the bad habit, convince your friend with supportive points, as to why he / she should not follow that habit.

Lined writing area for the answer.



Sample

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRESS TEST

CLASS VII

General Science

Time: 90 minutes Marks: 60

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read each question carefully.
2. Answer the questions on the separate answer sheet provided. DO NOT write your answers on the question paper.
3. There are 100 answer numbers on the answer sheet. Use answer numbers 1 to 60 only.
4. In each question there are four choices A, B, C, D. Choose ONE. On the answer grid, shade the circle of your choice with a pencil as shown below.

Correct Way				Incorrect Ways				
1	(A)	(B)	● (D)	1	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
				2	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
				3	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
				4	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

Candidate's Signature

5. If you want to change your answer, ERASE the first answer completely before shading a new circle.
6. DO NOT write anything on the answer grid. The computer only records what is in the circles.

1. Blood appears red in colour due to the presence of
 - A. plasma.
 - B. platelets.
 - C. haemoglobin.
 - D. white blood cells.
2. Which of the following materials allows heat to move through it very quickly?



A



B



C

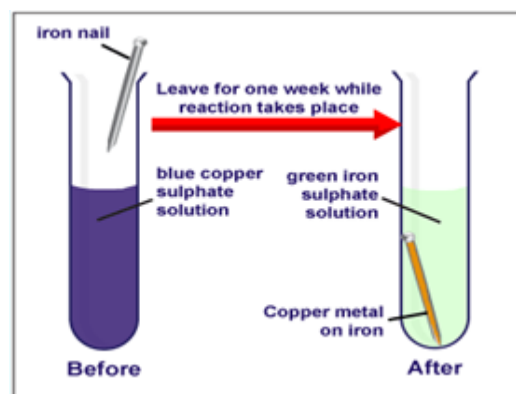


D

3. A grasshopper lives in a garden where it finds its food, and gets shelter from its enemies. This garden is the grasshopper's
 - A. population.
 - B. community.
 - C. habitat.
 - D. biosphere.
4. Which of these will cause water to change to ice?
 - A. Removing heat from it
 - B. Putting it in the sunlight
 - C. Adding salt into it
 - D. Stirring it
5. All of the following statements about the structure of an atom are true EXCEPT that
 - A. the centre of an atom is called nucleus.
 - B. the nucleus of an atom possesses a positive charge.
 - C. electrons are negatively charged particles that revolve around the nucleus.
 - D. an atom is packed with very tiny particles with no empty space within.

6. Which of the following reactions is shown in the given figure?

- A. Addition
- B. Combustion
- C. Displacement
- D. Decomposition



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MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRESS TEST

CLASS VIII

Mathematics

Time: 90 minutes Marks: 60

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read each question carefully.
2. Answer the questions on the separate answer sheet provided. DO NOT write your answers on the question paper.
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4. In each question there are four choices A, B, C, D. Choose ONE. On the answer grid, shade the circle of your choice with a pencil as shown below.

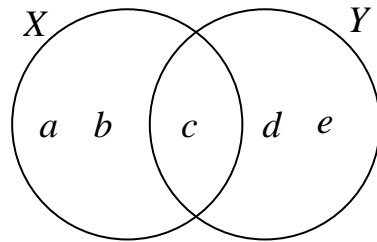
Correct Way				Incorrect Ways					
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					2	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
					3	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
					4	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

Candidate's Signature

5. If you want to change your answer, ERASE the first answer completely before shading a new circle.
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1. In the given Venn diagram, the set X is

- A. $\{c\}$
- B. $\{a, b\}$
- C. $\{a, b, c\}$
- D. $\{a, b, d, e\}$



2. On subtracting $r^3 - r$ from $9r^3 - 7r^2$, we get

- A. $8r^3 - 6r^2$
- B. $8r^3 - 7r^2 - r$
- C. $-8r^3 + 7r^2 - r$
- D. $8r^3 - 7r^2 + r$

3. On complete factorization of $2x^2 - 2$, we get

- A. $2(x^2 + 1)$
- B. $2(x^2 - 1)$
- C. $2(1 + x)(1 + x)$
- D. $2(x + 1)(x - 1)$

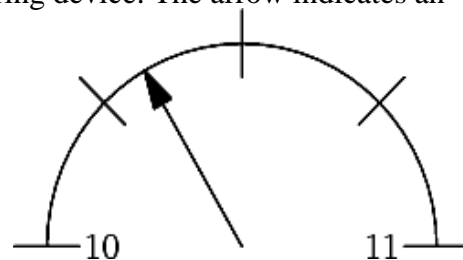
4. If one angle of a triangle measures 60° , then the measure of remaining two angles may be

- I. 60° and 60°
- II. 30° and 60°
- III. 30° and 90°

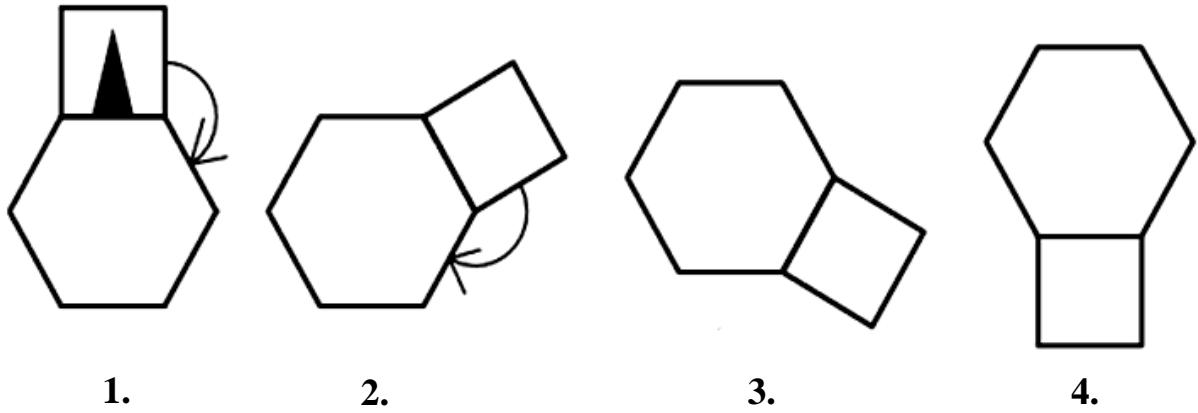
- A. I only
- B. II only
- C. I and III only
- D. II and III only

5. The diagram shows a part of the scale of a measuring device. The arrow indicates an approximate reading of

- A. 10.05
- B. 10.15
- C. 10.25
- D. 10.3



6.



The square in the first diagram "rolls" clockwise around the fixed regular hexagon until it reaches the bottom. In which position will the solid triangle be in diagram 4?



Answer Keys and Mark Schemes

ENGLISH: CLASS VI

PAPER I

Listening Comprehension

Answer Key

Q. NO.	S.L.O NO.	Cognitive Level	Key
1	1.1.2	K	A
2	1.1.2	K	C
3	1.1.2	K	B
4	1.1.3	K	D
5	1.1.2	K	B
6	1.1.3	K	B

PAPER II

Q.1. Fill in each of the given blanks with ONE suitable word.

Possible Answer

- | | | | | |
|---------|------------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1. ran | 2. fast | 3. crossed | 4. turned | 5. on |
| 6. past | 7. pleased | 8. buying | 9. around | 10. frightened |

Q.2. Every person in this world has good and bad habits. Think about one good habit of yours and one bad habit. Write an email to a distant e-pal of yours. Describe the good habit that you have chosen and convince your friend to adopt that habit. For the bad habit, convince your friend with supportive points, as to why he / she should not follow that habit. (10 Marks)

Marking Scheme

Content Relevance (4 Marks)

Description of the good habit (1 Mark)

Convincing the friend to adapt that habit (1 Mark)

Description of a bad habit (why that habit is harmful) (1 Mark)

Convincing the friend that he / she should not follow that habit (1 Mark)

Structure (4 Marks)

Format of an email: Date, address, subject line, salutation, complimentary close (2 Marks)

Appropriate use of tenses (less than TWO errors) (1 Mark)

Appropriate use of subject-verb agreement (less than TWO errors) (1 Mark)

Vocabulary (2 Marks)

Appropriate use of adjectives and adverbs (2 Marks)

GENERAL SCIENCE: CLASS VII

Q. NO.	S.L.O NO.	Cognitive Level	Key
1	3.2.5	K	C
2	3.2.2	U	B
3	5.1.1	K	C
4	6.1.1	U	A
Problem-solving			
5		A	D
6		A	C

MATH: Class VIII

Q. NO.	S.L.O NO.	Cognitive Level	Key
1	1.3.1	U	C
2	7.2.2	A	D
3	8.1.1	A	D
4	9.2.6	U	C
Problem-solving			
5		A	D
6		A	C