

**Junior Lyceum Entrance Examination
into Form One**

2007

ENGLISH

A. The following sentences are about robots.
Complete the sentences by putting a tick (✓) to show the correct answer.

(10 marks)

Example: A robot is a clever



- a) machinery.
- b) machine.
- c) any machine.
- d) some machine.

a)
b) ✓
c)
d)

1. Robots come in many shapes and sizes, but few look like the



- a) those in films.
- b) ones in films.
- c) these in films.
- d) some in films.

a)
b)
c)
d)

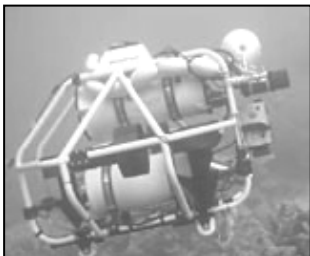


2. Many robots have computer brains. As computers get better and better,

- a) as will robots.
- b) but robots will.
- c) so will robots.
- d) since robots will.

a)
b)
c)
d)

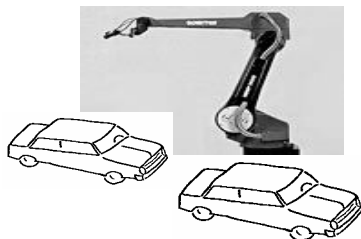
3. Mobots are robots that can move or be moved. Mobots work in factories and even



- a) into the sea.
- b) to sea.
- c) of the sea.
- d) under the sea.

a)
b)
c)
d)

4. Robots can do messy jobs, such as spray painting,



- a) succeed.
- b) successful.
- c) successfully.
- d) success.

a)
b)
c)
d)

5. In factories, robots do jobs no person can do, such as picking up

- a) hot metal.
- b) cools metal.
- c) hardens metal.
- d) form metal.

a)
b)
c)
d)

6. Robots can be made to put together a wide

- a) various products.
- b) variety of products.
- c) fewer products.
- d) different products.

a)
b)
c)
d)

7. Thirty years ago, robots were sent to space to gather up soil and

- a) do experiments on the planet Mars.
- b) doing experiments on the planet Mars.
- c) does experiments on the planet Mars.
- d) done experiments on the planet Mars.

a)
b)
c)
d)

8. The first robots were mostly toys for grown-ups. People enjoyed them, but they didn't take them too

- a) better.
- b) favourable.
- c) kind.
- d) seriously.

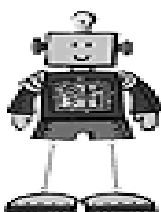
a)
b)
c)
d)

9. In the twenty-first century, scientists are working on machines that can make decisions and look after

- a) herself.
- b) themselves.
- c) himself.
- d) ourselves.

a)
b)
c)
d)

10. People who create robots try to make them look friendly like humans. However, a smiling robot still remains a machine



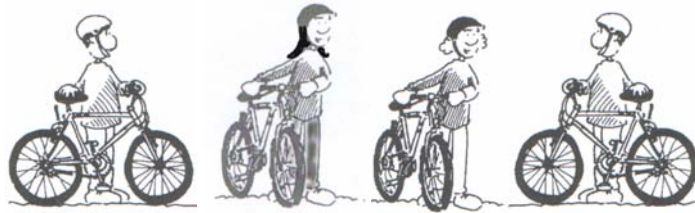
- a) that have no feelings.
- b) any feelings.
- c) without feelings.
- d) which have feelings.

a)
b)
c)
d)

**B. Read the passage carefully.
Use the given words to fill in the blanks.
Each word can be used ONCE.**

(10 marks)

warm	tight	smooth	breathtaking	bumpy
young	high	ready	tired	golden



The _____¹¹ cyclists were _____¹² for a bicycle ride. The sun was rising and the weather was _____¹³. They left the village and cycled speedily up the _____¹⁴ road.

When the cyclists reached the top of the hill, they were very _____¹⁵ and thirsty so they stopped and drank some water. The ride down the slope was _____¹⁶ as there were many potholes and they had to hold on _____¹⁷ to the handlebars to avoid falling off their bikes.

Then, they stopped to rest under the shade of some _____¹⁸, green trees. There they enjoyed the _____¹⁹ view of the _____²⁰ fields of wheat, before cycling leisurely back to the village.



C. Read Simon's letter.

Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition.

*** One preposition has been given as an example.**

(10 marks)

20, 'Country Lane',
Buskett Road,
Dingli.
10th April, 2007

Dear cousin Luke,

Thank you so much for the wooden elephant you sent me **from*** India. Your parcel arrived _____ a week ago. Now it is part _____ my collection of souvenirs. It is standing next _____ the camel and the monkey on the shelf above my desk.

Do you still intend to travel to Australia before visiting Malta? Could you please bring some toy koala bears with you? My sister and I have a collection of soft toys and we will share them _____ us.

I have just been informed that my display, *Wild Animals of the World*, has won first prize _____ our Local Council's *Young Collector of the Year* competition.

My prize, a book token _____ Lm50, will be presented to me _____ the mayor _____ a party the Local Council is giving for all prize-winners and their guests _____ the 25th June, two days after your arrival.

I have received a special invitation card for two and I'd like you to come _____ me. I know that you will be delighted to join the fun, so I'm looking forward to enjoying the party even more.

Your cousin,
Simon

D. Read the story.

Fill in the blanks with ONE suitable word to continue the story.

The first blank * has been filled in for you.

(10 marks)

Bicycle Thieves



Lisa was looking out of the second-floor window.

“**Bicycle** thieves!” she cried suddenly.

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Tom ran to join her, and she pointed _____ the road to the
basement of the house opposite.

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“I suppose we’d better _____ the police,” said Tom.

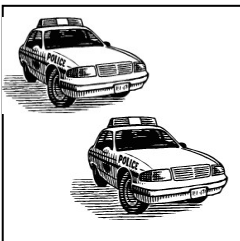
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So he quickly _____ the call. Then they ran downstairs and

33

anxiously _____ for the police.

34



The police arrived in a _____ minutes. One of them

35

_____ on the door, and _____ afterwards

36

37

an old man looked out.

“We’d like a word with you,” said the policeman.

_____ the basement they found several boxes full of bicycles _____ had

38

39

been dismantled.

They also found the two frightened bicycle thieves who were _____ under the bed.

40



E. Comprehension

Read the following story and answer questions 41 to 56.

The story is divided into three sections to help you.

(30 marks)

Something Alive in the Cupboard

Section One: The cupboard

After school the family met in the living room and Omri unwrapped the birthday presents. His parents and his eldest brother, Adiel, had given him a skateboard and a helmet.



Gillon, his other brother, could not buy him anything because he had no money. So Omri was very surprised when Gillon put a brown parcel before him.

“What is it?” asked Omri.

“Have a look. I found it in the alley,” said Gillon.

The alley was a narrow passage that ran along the bottom of the garden where the dustbins stood. The three boys used to play **there** sometimes and occasionally found treasures that their neighbours had thrown away. So Omri was quite excited as he tore off the brown paper.

Inside was a small, white, metal cupboard which was completely empty, except for a shelf. Omri was **delighted**. He loved cupboards because of the fun of keeping things in them.

Section Two: The key

“I do wish it locked,” Omri said.

“It’s got a keyhole,” said his mother. “And I’ve got a boxful of keys. Why don’t you try the smaller ones and see if any of them fit?”

The only key that fitted the keyhole was tiny and had a complicated lock-part and a fancy top. A red ribbon was looped through one of its curly openings. The key turned **smoothly** in the lock and the door would not open.

His mother came to have a look. “Oh, that was the key to my grandmother’s old jewel box. When it fell to bits she gave me the key. And now it’s your cupboard key!”

Omri put the cupboard on his bedside table, opened it and looked inside thoughtfully. What would he put in it?

“Why don’t you pop **this** in?” his mother suggested, and opened her hand. In it was the Red Indian which his friend, Patrick, had given him that morning during break. “I found this plastic toy in your pocket when I was putting your trousers in the washing machine.”

Omri carefully stood the Indian on the shelf.

“Are you going to shut the door?” asked his mother.

“Yes. And lock it,” he said.

Omri did this and then his mother turned the lights off and left. Just as he was dropping off to sleep his eyes snapped open. He thought he had heard a little noise... but no. All was quiet. His eyes closed again.

Turn
over

Section Three: The noise

The next morning there was no doubt about it. The noise had actually woken him.

He lay perfectly still in the dawn light staring at the cupboard, from which was now coming a most **extraordinary** series of sounds. A pattering; a tapping; a scrabbling; and a high-pitched noise like – well, almost like a tiny voice.

Omri was **petrified**. Undoubtedly, there was something alive in the cupboard. At last, he put out his hand and pulled the cupboard's door carefully. **It** was shut tight. But as he pulled, the cupboard moved slightly. The noise from inside the cupboard instantly stopped.

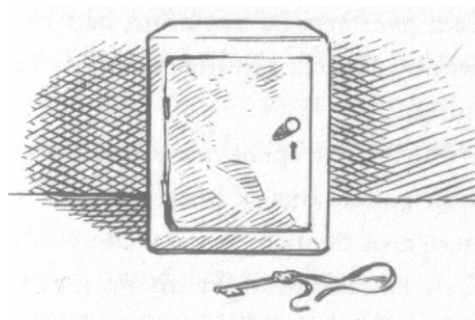
He lay still for a long time, wondering. Had he imagined it? The noise did not start again. At last he cautiously turned the key and opened the cupboard door.

The Indian was gone.

Omri sat up sharply in bed and peered into the dark corners of the cupboard. Suddenly, he saw him in the bottom of the cupboard. He was in the darkest corner. He was alive!

Omri knew that immediately. Not only was the Red Indian breathing heavily, but his bare shoulders were shiny with sweat.

(Adapted from *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks)



E. Comprehension Questions

In questions 41, 42, 43 and 44 put a tick (✓) in the box to show the correct answer.

41. When did Omri unwrap his birthday presents?

- a) He opened them before he went to school.
- b) He unwrapped them in the morning.
- c) He opened them after school.
- d) He unpacked them the following morning.

a)
b)
c)
d)

42. Why did the family meet?

- a) They gathered to celebrate Omri's birthday.
- b) They wanted to discuss Gillon's pocket money.
- c) They were going to open the mail.
- d) They were waiting for grandmother.

a)
b)
c)
d)

43. What was in the brown parcel?

- a) There was an old jewel box.
- b) There was a skateboard.
- c) There was a small, plastic toy.
- d) There was a small, white, metal cupboard.

a)
b)
c)
d)

44. Which key fitted the cupboard's keyhole?

- a) The largest key in the box fitted the cupboard's keyhole.
- b) The key with the red ribbon fitted the cupboard's keyhole.
- c) None of the small keys fitted the cupboard's keyhole.
- d) The key with the simple lock-part fitted the cupboard's keyhole.

a)
b)
c)
d)

(4 marks)

45. Put a tick (✓) to show if the sentence is **TRUE** or **FALSE**.

		TRUE	FALSE
Example: Patrick gave the helmet to Omri.			✓
a)	Adiel was younger than Gillon.		
b)	Gillon bought Omri an expensive present.		
c)	The alley was in their neighbourhood.		
d)	Omri enjoyed keeping his things in cupboards.		
e)	The neighbours left the key in the cupboard's keyhole.		
f)	Omri's mother kept keys in a box.		
g)	The cupboard's keyhole was small.		
h)	Omri's mother found a Red Indian in the pocket of his trousers.		
i)	The noise inside the cupboard woke Omri the next day.		
j)	Someone stole the Red Indian while Omri was asleep.		

(5 marks)

Use complete sentences to answer questions 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52.

46. What were the treasures the brothers found in the alley?

(2 marks)

47. Where was Omri when Patrick gave him the Red Indian?

(2 marks)

48. What did Omri do immediately before he was left alone in the dark?

(2 marks)

49. Why was Omri so scared?

(2 marks)

50. Why did the noise from inside the cupboard stop at one point?

(2 marks)

51. Why did Omri think the noise from inside the cupboard was part of his imagination?

(2 marks)

52. Write the TWO things which show how Omri could tell that the Red Indian was alive.

(2 marks)

53. The three boys used to play **there** sometimes... (*Section One*)

there refers to the _____ (1 mark)

54. "Why don't you pop **this** in?" (*Section Two*)

this refers to the _____ (1 mark)

55. **It** was shut tight. (*Section Three*)

It refers to the _____ (1 mark)

56. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage:

a)	delighted	(<i>Section One</i>)	
b)	smoothly	(<i>Section Two</i>)	
c)	extraordinary	(<i>Section Three</i>)	
d)	petrified	(<i>Section Three</i>)	

(4 marks)

F. Composition


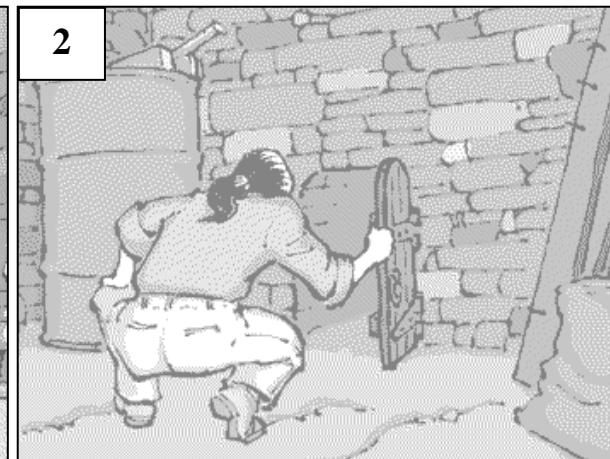
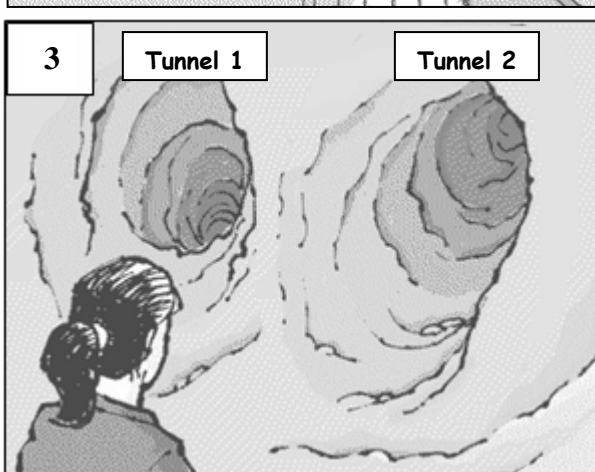
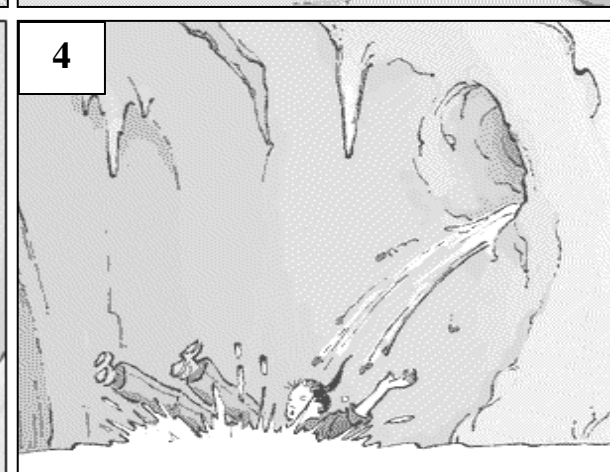
(30 marks)

In not less than 150 words write about ONE of the following:

57. Picture Composition

Write a story beginning with the following words:

*While dusting the furniture, Sara noticed the cat sneaking out of the room.
At once she followed him quietly down to the basement...*

<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> 
<p>3</p> <p>Tunnel 1</p> <p>Tunnel 2</p> 	<p>4</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>What happened next?</p>	

58. The Magic Hat

Someone left a box outside your front door with a note that read: *“Lost property – handle with the greatest care.”* Inside the box you found a black hat. **Write about what happened when you put it on.**

59. Imagine you are Lee. You have just returned home after spending the week of the feast at Aunt Jenny’s home with cousins Robert and Anne. You decide to write a letter to thank Aunt Jenny for the lovely time you had and to invite your cousins to come and spend a weekend with you. Your address is 1, Palm Street, Rabat RBT 43. **Write the letter.**

60. You have attended a special event during which you met someone famous.

Write about what happened during the special event and describe the famous person.

61. Write a story ending with the following words:

...and I will treasure the photograph forever.

Composition Title Number:

[illegible]

[illegible]

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