

English Mock Exam (Grade: 12 General & 11 Advanced) (2025/26/Term 1)

(According to the new exam specifications -2025/26)

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PART 1A – VOCABULARY (14 marks)

Read the text and choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

Nowadays, many young entrepreneurs are _____ (1) to start their own businesses instead of working for large companies. They believe that having a strong sense of purpose and a clear _____ (2) for the future will help them overcome challenges. In many cases, they begin their projects _____ (3), **without much support from others**, which teaches them to be responsible and confident.

However, starting a business is not easy. New entrepreneurs must often _____ (4) money from banks or investors in order to develop their ideas. This process can be stressful, especially when they need to _____ (5) the right people to join their team. It is also important for them to _____ (6) what makes their product different from others in the market so they can attract customers.

Despite these difficulties, many entrepreneurs continue working hard and feel a great sense of _____ (7) when they achieve their goals. Their success shows that dedication and courage can lead to meaningful results.

Choose the correct word(s):

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| 1. A) surprising | B) determined | C) remarkable |
| 2. A) pride | B) quantity | C) vision |
| 3. A) independently | B) successfully | C) primarily |
| 4. A) reward | B) raise capital | C) take risks |
| 5. A) found | B) identify | C) hire |
| 6. A) motivate | B) identify | C) take risks |
| 7. A) pride | B) vision | C) quantity |

PART 1B – GRAMMAR (14 marks)

Read the text and choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentences.

Nowadays, many employees are trying to find a job that offers both success and personal growth. A clear _____ (1) can help them plan their future more effectively. However, some **people** feel _____ (2) when they are asked to stay in an office all day doing repetitive tasks. In contrast, having an _____ (3) **job** can make work more enjoyable and motivating.

To achieve long-term success, workers need to develop _____ (4) **skills** such as communication and problem-solving. In addition, they should maintain a healthy _____ (5) balance so they do not become exhausted or stressed. In many cases, employers prefer _____ (6) **employees** who are responsible and willing to learn new things.

Finally, searching for the right job can be a _____ (7) **experience**, but it also helps people understand their strengths and goals more clearly.

Choose the correct answer:

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| 1. A) career decision | B) career path | C) career time |
| 2. A) bored | B) boring | C) bore |
| 3. A) interested | B) interest | C) interesting |

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| 4. A) motivated-highly | B) interest-motivated | C) highly-motivating |
| 5. A) work-life | B) worked-life | C) life-worked |
| 6. A) worked-hard | B) hard-working | C) working-hard |
| 7. A) frighten | B) frightened | C) frightening |

PART 2 – READING (16 marks)

Read the text. Then answer Questions 1–8. (Approx. 315 words)

Does Money Really Talk?

For many years, people have debated whether money truly leads to happiness. While it is true that having financial security can reduce stress and provide access to better healthcare, education and leisure, research suggests that money does not always produce long-term satisfaction. In fact, psychologists have discovered that after basic needs are met, the connection between money and happiness becomes weaker. So why do people still choose to consume more than they actually need?

One reason is that the human brain is highly motivated by rewards. When we buy something new, our brain releases dopamine, a chemical linked to pleasure and excitement. However, this feeling does not last long, which causes many consumers to look for the next purchase in order to repeat the experience. Companies understand this cycle very well. Through advertising, they design products to appear essential, even when they are not. In many cases, consumers are not just buying an item—they are buying the idea of success, popularity or confidence.

Furthermore, society often measures accomplishment through material possessions. Owning expensive clothes, gadgets or cars can make individuals feel as if they have a higher social status. As a result, people sometimes fall into the trap of consumerism, constantly spending money in search of acceptance. Ironically, this behaviour can lead to debt, anxiety and even a loss of personal freedom.

On the other hand, studies show that people who spend money on experiences—such as travel, learning new skills or helping others—often report higher levels of happiness. Experiences create memories, strengthen relationships and provide a sense of purpose. Therefore, money itself may not talk, but the way we use it certainly does. In the end, the real question is not “How much money do we have?” but “How wisely are we using it?”

1. What is the main idea of the text?

- A) Money can reduce stress and provide comfort
- B) The way we use money affects our happiness
- C) People often consume more than they need

2. According to the text, dopamine is released when people:

- A) feel stressed about money
- B) see advertisements
- C) buy something new

3. What do companies do to influence consumers?

- A) Understand the reward cycle in the brain
- B) Make products appear essential
- C) Sell products at low quality

4. The word “accomplishment” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to:

- A) success
- B) higher social status
- C) personal freedom

5. What is the writer’s tone towards consumerism?

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- A) indifferent
- B) Completely supportive

C) Critical

6. What negative effect of consumerism is mentioned?

A) loss of personal freedom

B) strong motivation

C) stronger relationships

7. According to the text, which kind of spending increases happiness?

A) buying material possessions

B) spending on experiences

C) searching for acceptance

8. What is the overall message of the text?

A) Money can make life easier but not fulfilling

B) People should stop consuming completely

C) Happiness depends on how wisely we use money

PART 3 – READING (16 marks)

Read the text. Then answer Questions 1–8. (Approx. 310 words)

Creating a Vision for Your Career

In today's competitive world, many people believe that choosing a career is simply about finding a job that pays well. However, experts argue that having a long-term vision is far more important than focusing only on immediate income. A clear career vision helps individuals understand not just what they want to do, but why they want to do it. This sense of purpose can guide their decisions, motivate them during difficult times and help them remain focused when faced with distractions.

Creating a vision, however, is not always easy. Some people feel pressured by family expectations or cultural norms, while others worry about making the wrong choice. In some cases, students are encouraged to select a career path before they fully understand their strengths, interests or values. As a result, many individuals change careers several times throughout their lives. While this may seem like failure, it can actually be a sign of growth. Exploring different options allows people to discover what truly suits them.

Nonetheless, having a vision does not mean having a perfect plan. Instead, it involves setting flexible goals and being willing to adapt as circumstances change. The modern job market evolves quickly, and new industries appear every year. Therefore, successful professionals are those who continue learning, developing new skills and evaluating their progress regularly.

Ultimately, a strong career vision combines passion with practicality. It encourages people to dream, but also to prepare. Money, job titles and social status may provide short-term satisfaction, but they rarely lead to long-term fulfilment on their own. A meaningful career is built when individuals align their goals with their values—and take consistent steps towards becoming the best version of themselves.

Choose the correct answer.

1. What is the main idea of the text?

A) A clear, flexible career vision leads to long-term success

B) Choosing a career only for money can limit long-term fulfilment

C) Changing careers always leads to failure

2. According to the text, why is having a vision helpful?

A) It gives people a sense of purpose

B) It helps guide decisions and motivation

C) It makes distractions disappear

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3. What problem do some students face?

- A) They feel pressured by family expectations
- B) They choose careers without knowing themselves well
- C) They worry about making the wrong choice

4. What is the writer's attitude towards changing careers?

- A) It is considered failure
- B) It always results in success
- C) It can be growth if used to learn

5. What does the text suggest about the job market?

- A) It changes quickly
- B) It never changes
- C) It teaches professionals new skills

6. What is the tone of the writer in paragraph 3?

- A) Concerned but hopeful
- B) Completely negative
- C) Encouraging and realistic

7. What is implied about money and status?

- A) They may provide comfort but not meaning
- B) They only provide short-term happiness
- C) They never affect career choice

8. According to the writer, a meaningful career is one that:

- A) allows people to dream about the future
- B) gives short-term satisfaction
- C) aligns goals with personal values

PART 4 – WRITING (40 marks)

Part 4.1 – Short Response (Writer's Opinion) (15 marks)

Read the text. Then answer the question. (Approx. 180 words)

Choosing a dream job is one of the most important decisions a person can make. Some people believe that the best dream job is the one that brings the highest salary. However, I strongly believe that an ideal career should match a person's passion, values, and long-term goals, even if it does not immediately offer the highest income. When we truly enjoy what we do, we are more motivated to improve our skills, overcome challenges and stay committed during difficult times. In many cases, people who focus only on money end up feeling stressed or unfulfilled because the job does not reflect who they are as individuals.

Of course, financial stability is still important, and we cannot ignore our responsibilities. That is why I believe the best meaningful job is a balance between passion and practicality. It should give us purpose, but also allow us to grow professionally and support ourselves in the long run. In addition, a fulfilling profession can have a positive influence on our confidence and relationships with others. If we plan carefully and work step by step, we can turn our dream job into reality and build a successful and meaningful life.

Question (4.1):

What was the writer's opinion in the text, and do you agree with it? Give ONE reason for your answer. (Write your answer in 4-5 sentences.)

Model Answer:

Based on the text, / As far as I can understand the text, / As clearly shown in the text, As obviously highlighted in the text, the writer/author believes that the ideal/best career should be well-balanced. In other words, the job we choose should match our passion, support our personal and professional growth, align with long-term goals and provide financial stability. Personally, I completely agree with the author because a balanced career will

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help us succeed, build healthy relationships with others, and meet our needs. Finally, it is very important to choose a job that matches our passion, values and interests. For example, I would like to be a doctor which can help me achieve this balance.

PART 4.2 – Main Writing Task (40 marks)

Write an essay about “Your dream job and how you plan to get there”

Write at least 200 words.

Use the following prompts to help you write your essay:

- What is your dream job and why?
- What skills or qualities are needed for this job?
- What steps will you take to achieve it?

Write your essay below:

Nowadays, choosing a career is becoming more challenging because the job market is constantly changing. My dream job is to become a teacher. This essay will explain the reasons for my choice, the required skills, and my action plan to achieve this.

To begin with, teaching is meaningful because it helps students grow both academically and personally. In addition, teachers usually inspire learners by encouraging them to think critically and creatively. Finally, teachers can also build strong relationships with students, which makes the job more rewarding.

However, a good teacher needs several important skills and qualities. For example, patience is necessary to handle different learning styles, and communication skills are essential to explain ideas clearly. Furthermore, a teacher should be organized, responsible, and willing to keep learning new things.

To turn this dream into reality, I will study education at university and take part in teacher training programmes. I also plan to gain experience by volunteering in schools and observing professional teachers. If I stay motivated and work step by step, I am confident I can succeed.

To sum up, becoming a teacher requires passion, skills, and preparation. This career can allow me to help others and grow professionally, while making a positive impact on society. In my opinion, with dedication and hard work, I will achieve my long-term goals.



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