

وزارة التربية التوجيه الفني العام للغة الإنجليزية 2019/2018

# Samples of New Types of Questions Grade 8

## I. Reading

#### A) Vocabulary (Gap Filling)

Fill in the spaces with the most suitable words from the list:

Adj V V Adj V
(strict- houses - spoils - casual-provides)

Only 2 parts of speech

- 1. Many people prefer to wear **casual** and comfortable clothes for work.
- 2. The museum **houses** a big collection of antiquities from ancient cultures.
- 3. An online dictionary **provides** us with the correct spelling of new words.
- 4. Our school has a set of **strict** rules that should be followed by all the students.

#### Fill in the spaces with the most suitable words from the list:

N N V N V

(generations- obesity - achieve - schedule - reflect)

Only 2 parts of speech

- 1. A diet that is high in fat and sugar can lead to **obesity** and heart diseases.
- 2. With hope and strong determination, we can **achieve** our goals and dreams.
- 3. We can see ourselves in the mirror because mirrors **reflect** all the light rays.
- 4. Technology has changed the way the new **generations** communicate with the world.

#### **B.** Reading comprehension (1)

#### Read the following passage carefully then answer the questions below:

Once, there were two little mice. One of the mice was a very hard worker. Every morning she would go outside and fill her basket with beans and nuts. If she was feeling sick, she would still gather food.

The cousin of the hardworking mouse was the opposite. She slept half the day, played and ate her beans and nuts. Soon she <u>realized</u> and became aware of the fact that she would not have any food left for the long winter. She went to her hardworking cousin and asked for food. "Why don't you have any food," the hardworking mouse asked. "I've been busy playing and sleeping", the lazy mouse said. "Well, here's a basket, stop being lazy and gather some food for yourself," said the hardworking mouse.

While the lazy mouse was gathering food, she came across a grasshopper playing happily in the fields. "Hey mouse," said the grasshopper. "Come and play with me instead of wasting your time gathering food!""I only have a few days to collect food," said the lazy mouse. "You should be gathering **some** too." "Oh please," said the grasshopper. "I have **plenty** of grass, corn and leaves, I'd rather have fun. "The lazy mouse said goodbye and continued to gather her own food.

A few weeks later, the lazy mouse came across the grasshopper looking very weak and hungry. "You should have thought of winter," said the lazy mouse. Then she went on her way feeling proud and happy. (244 words)

## a) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:

5. Which of the following is **the title** for this story?

- a. Having Fun
- b. The Lazy Mice
- c. Gathering Food for Winter
- d. The Value of Hard Work

## **OR**

- 5. The **main idea** of the **4**<sup>th</sup> paragraph is:
  - a. How the two mice were so happy.
  - b. How the hard worker mouse advised the lazy one.
  - c. How the lazy mouse advised the grasshopper.
  - d. How the grasshopper have fun in winter.

**Best title** 

Main Idea

6. What is the <b>meaning</b> of the underlined word <b>'realized'</b> in	the 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph?	
a. went out		
b. <b>found out</b>	Synonym	
c. looked out	Synonym	
d. dropped out		
<u>OR</u>		
6. The <b>opposite</b> of the underlined word <b>'plenty'</b> in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> par	agraph is:	
a. a lot		
b. little	Antonym	
c. part of	Antonym	
d. enough		
7. The underlined word ' <b>some</b> ' in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> paragraph refers to:		
a. <b>food</b>		
b. days	Reference	
c. time		
d. fields		
8.According to the story, mice eat:		
a. corn	Explicit information	
b. grass	Expireit information	
c. beans		
d. leaves		
9.According to the story, all the following statements are <b>NO</b>	OT TRUE/ FALSE except	
<b>OR</b> : According to the story, which of the following statemen	nts is <b>TRUE</b> ?	
a. The grasshopper was hardworking and active.	Implicit information	
b. The grasshopper taught the mouse a good lesson.		
c. The lazy mouse listened to her cousin's advice.		

d. The hardworking mouse gave the lazy one some food.

- 10. What lesson did the grasshopper learn in this story?
  - a. Winter comes fast.
  - b. Don't eat or play in summer.
  - c. Keep today's work till tomorrow.
  - d. Plan ahead and prepare for days of need.

**Lesson learned** 

b) Answer the following questions:

**Explicit information** 

- 11. Why did the grasshopper look very weak?
- He didn't have food for winter.
- 12. What made the lazy mouse feel proud and happy at the end of the story?
- Because she gathered food for winter / Because she was prepared for winter / Because she didn't make the grasshopper's mistake.

  Implicit information

#### Reading comprehension (2)

#### Read the following text, then answer the questions below:

Have you ever heard the sound of a hummingbird? They make a buzzing noise when they fly. They make this noise because they beat their wings so fast. They fly in a **unique** way. They move their wings so fast that they can **hover** in the middle of the air, like a helicopter. Sometimes they hover upside down. They are the only birds that can fly backwards.

Hummingbirds are small. The bee hummingbird, which is a type of hummingbirds, is the smallest bird in the world. It is just a little bit bigger than a bee. Bee hummingbirds build tiny nests.

Hummingbirds move fast. It takes lots of energy to move as fast as they do. This means they need to eat a lot of food. They have to store enough food energy to survive through the night. Their favourite food is nectar, a sweet liquid found in some flowers. Hummingbirds don't use their long beaks for drinking nectar, they use their tongues. **Their** long tongues work like little pumps. They visit hundreds of flowers daily.

Hummingbirds help flowers too. They get pollen on their heads when they feed. Flowers use pollen to make seeds. Hummingbirds help pollen get from one flower to the next. This helps flowers make more seeds. More seeds means more flowers. More flowers means more food for hummingbirds. Isn't it nice how that works out? (230 words)

## a) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:

- 13. Which best describes the main idea of the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph?
  - a. Hummingbirds move faster than other birds.
  - b. Hummingbirds like to visit different flowers.

Main idea

- c. Hummingbirds need a lot of food to have energy.
- d. Hummingbirds like to eat nectar from different flowers.
- 14. What is the antonym of the underlined word 'unique in the 1st paragraph?
  - a. strange
  - b. special
  - c. common
  - d. different

Antonym

- 15. The underlined word 'hover' in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph means:
  - a. to move very fast

b. to fly upside down

Synonym

- c. to make a buzzing noise
- d. to stay in one place in the air
- 16. The underlined word 'Their' in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph refers to:
  - a. beaks
  - b. flowers
  - c. tongues
  - d. hummingbirds

Reference

- 17. Why do flowers need pollen?
  - a. Flowers eat pollen.
  - b. Humming bird seat pollen.

**Explicit information** 

- c. Flowers use pollen to make seeds.
- d. Pollen attracts bee hummingbirds.
- 18. All the following statements about hummingbirds are **TRUE except**:

**OR**: According to the passage, which of the following statements about hummingbirds is **NOT TRUE**?

- a. They can fly backwards.
- b. They eat the flower seeds.

**Implicit information** 

Purpose of the writer

- c. They grow larger than bees.
- d. They drink nectar using their tongues.
- 19. What is the author's purpose in writing this text?
  - a. to tell us about the world's biggest bird
  - b. to explain how birds drink nectar from flowers
  - c. to give information about a unique and helpful bird
  - d. to compare between the different types of hummingbirds

## b) Answer the following questions:

**Implicit information** 

- 20. Why do hummingbirds visit hundreds of flowers daily?
- To get enough nectar / Because they need to eat a lot of food to have energy.
- 21. When hummingbirds feed, they help flowers. How?
- Hummingbirds help pollen get from one flower to the next which helps flowers make more seeds.

**Explicit information** 

## II. Writing A. Grammar

## a) <u>Cloze test</u> <u>Choose the correct answer between brackets:</u>

22- Coffee has been a favourite drink (**for** – since – ago) hundreds of years. It (discovered – **was discovered** – is discovered) in the 11th Century. Many people enjoy (drink – drank– **drinking**) it in the morning. This is because it contains

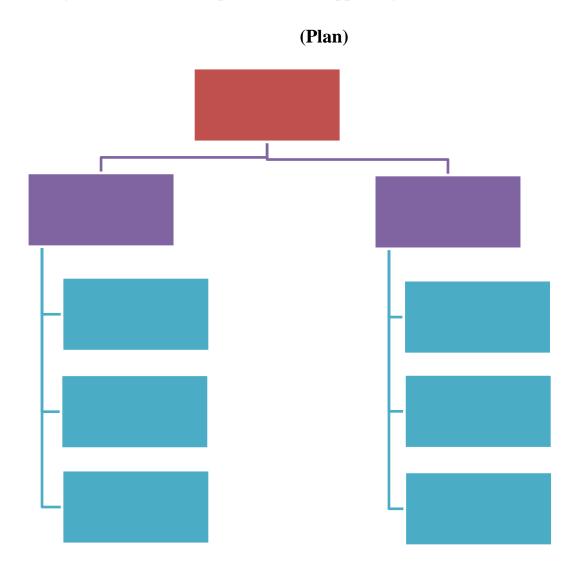
### B. Writing

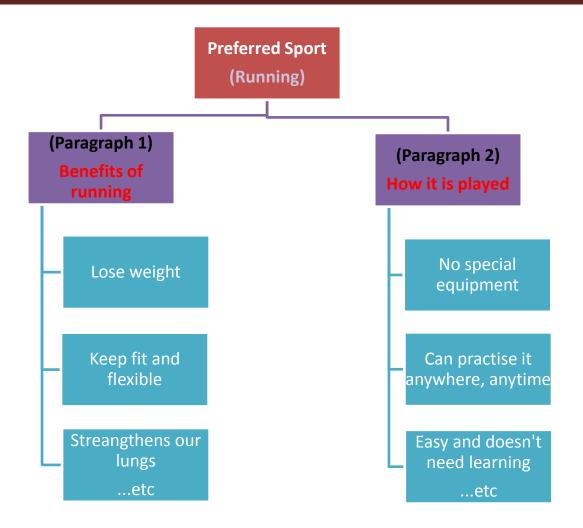
## Write on the following topic:

"We all have our own preferences of a sport over the others."

Plan and Write a composition of two paragraphs (not less than 10 sentences) about a sport which is interesting for people to practise explaining the **benefits of this sport** and **how it is played**.

\* Your writing should include a topic sentence, supporting details and a conclusion.





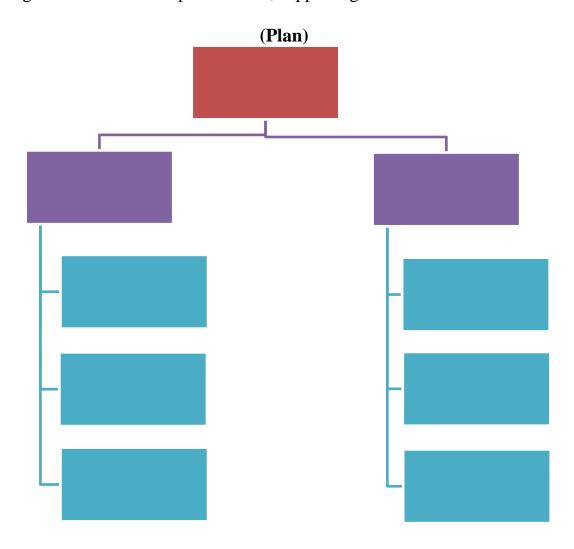
## B. Writing

### Write on the following topic:

"Some people think the Internet is harmful, others believe it is useful."

Plan and write a composition of two paragraphs (not less than 10 sentences) showing your own opinion and why you are against the other point.

\* Your writing should include a topic sentence, supporting details and a conclusion.



Rubrics	Total mark	Mark
Plan	3	
Exposition of ideas and coherence	10	
Paragraphing and number of sentences	3	
Grammar	1	
Spelling	1	
Handwriting	1	
Punctuation	1	
2 marks to be deducted from the total mark for changing the		
Off point planning/topic receive zero		Total Mark 20