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READ THE FOLLOWING
INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY:

1. This test is divided into **THREE** sections.
2. Make sure you read the instructions before you start to work on any section.
3. Write all your answers in this test booklet.
4. **DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.**

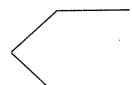
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Instructions for the Language Arts Test

There are **THREE** sections in this test with a total of 50 questions.

You have **75 minutes** for this test.

SECTION I has 22 questions (Questions 1–22).

SECTION II has 13 questions (Questions 23–35).

SECTION III has 15 questions (Questions 36–50).

For each part of the test, there will be a different set of instructions.
Read the instructions carefully before attempting to answer the questions.

Read each question carefully before attempting to answer it.

Answer **all** questions.

Work carefully but do not spend too much time on any one question.

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SECTION I – GRAMMAR SKILLS

- A. (i) Select ONE noun and ONE verb from EACH sentence below and write them on the lines provided.

EXAMPLE: A variety of artistes performed for free at the soca concert.

Noun concert

Verb performed

Now do these:

1. During my last holiday, I spent three fun-filled days in Grenada.

Noun _____ (1 mark)

Verb _____ (1 mark)

2. Honesty and kindness are qualities that all children should possess.

Noun _____ (1 mark)

Verb _____ (1 mark)

- (ii) Complete the following sentences by changing the noun in brackets to the plural form.

EXAMPLE: The carpenters replaced the roofs of the damaged buildings.
(roof)

Now do these:

3. Those _____ which we need for our Art classes are very expensive. (brush) (1 mark)

4. The _____ work was displayed at the craft exhibition. (woman's) (1 mark)

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- B. Complete the following sentences by writing a suitable pronoun in EACH space.**

EXAMPLE: _____ route will we take to the airport?

Which route will we take to the airport?

Now do these:

5. "I don't need your help! I want to do it _____ !" insisted the little boy. **(1 mark)**
6. You have to dry all those dishes again because _____ are still wet. **(1 mark)**
7. I found this book on the floor; to _____ does it belong? **(1 mark)**

- C. Write the correct form of the verb in brackets to complete EACH sentence.**

EXAMPLE: My family comes to see my performance every year. (come)

Now do these:

8. Last holiday, Maya and her family _____ to go to Mayaro Beach. **(1 mark)**
(plan)
9. For a long time, Maya _____ of _____ along the **(2 marks)**
sands on a sunny day. (dream) (walk)
10. Last year, after a two-hour drive, the family _____ ; Maya **(2 marks)**
_____ tired but ecstatic. (arrive)
(be)

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D. Rewrite the following sentences using indirect (reported) speech.

EXAMPLE: "No one is to talk in my absence," warned the teacher.

The teacher warned that no one was to talk in her absence.

Now do these:

11. "It's raining," said Saleema, "I cannot leave."

(3 marks)

12. Joshua replied, "I will come later."

(2 marks)

E. Rewrite the following sentences using the active voice.

EXAMPLE: The play park was cleaned by the residents.

The residents cleaned the play park.

Now do these:

13. A new bridge is being built over the river by workmen from Patel's Construction.

(2 marks)

14. A new version of the song will be sung by the calypsonian at the Finals.

(2 marks)

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- F. Write the correct form of the word in brackets to complete the following sentences.

EXAMPLE: My slice of pizza is thinner than yours. (thin)

Now do these:

15. Of all the birds in the zoo, the parrots were the _____. (noisy)
(1 mark)
16. Which of these two cars has the _____ engine? (big)
(1 mark)
17. The bands were moving _____ this year than in past years.
(slowly) (1 mark)

- G. Replace the underlined contractions by writing the expanded form for EACH in the brackets.

EXAMPLE: Maisha can't come to the party on Saturday because she is ill. (cannot)

Now do these:

18. She is the person who's given us permission to use the room. (_____) (1 mark)
19. Shane exclaimed that he'd never seen such a large fish before. (_____) (1 mark)

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- H. Underline the grammatical error in EACH sentence and write the correct answer on the line provided.

EXAMPLE: I was afraid I had break my arm. broken

Now do these:

20. Neither of the two boys were at home when I passed by. _____ (2 marks)
21. Some of the parents complained that they did not receive no notice about the PTA meeting. _____ (2 marks)
22. Yesterday evening Kabir say that he might be late for school today. _____ (2 marks)

SECTION II – VOCABULARY/SPELLING/PUNCTUATION

- A.** For EACH of the words underlined, write a word which is OPPOSITE in meaning in the brackets. Remember to spell correctly.

EXAMPLE: There are very few spectators present to see our victory. (defeat)

Now do these:

23. The vagrant was arrested for trespassing on public property. (_____)
(2 marks)

24. The decision to re-route the bus temporarily was made because the road is now impassable. (_____)
(2 marks)

25. Brandon was reluctant to leave the party at the time his friends suggested.
(_____)
(2 marks)

- B.** In the spaces below, write the APPROPRIATE form of the word in CAPITAL LETTERS to correctly complete EACH sentence. Remember to spell correctly.

EXAMPLE: BEAUTY There are plans to beautify the school's surroundings.

Now do these:

26. ANNUAL Our Sports Day is held _____ at the nearby sports ground.
(2 marks)

27. GULF Huge waves _____ the ship as soon as the crew abandoned it.
(2 marks)

- C. Underline the word that is incorrectly spelt in EACH sentence and write the correct spelling on the line provided.

EXAMPLE: Nowadays, we rearly see our elderly neighbour, Mrs Singh. rarely

Now do these:

28. Everyone beleives my dog, Freda, is a mischievous rascal. _____ (2 marks)
29. After the graduation ceremony concluded, we went to an expensive restarant for dinner. _____ (2 marks)
30. No one was supriised when Lee received the prize for best attendance. _____ (2 marks)

- D. Insert TWO punctuation marks to correctly complete the following sentences. YOU DO NOT NEED TO REWRITE THE SENTENCE.

EXAMPLE: "Will you take Ashas lunch" she asked.
"Will you take Asha's lunch?" she asked.

Now do these:

31. "What a beautiful sunset" Micha said excitedly to her brother (2 marks)
32. Its been a long time since the children visited their grandmothers house in Tobago. (2 marks)
33. Keisa asked me why I didnt go to the fair (2 marks)
34. Sunil the leader of our group presented the report this morning. (2 marks)
35. "Leah eat those vegetables at once, Mum instructed. (2 marks)

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SECTION III – COMPREHENSION

- A. Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions based on it. Use complete sentences, correct grammar and spelling.

Most hummingbirds are about three to five inches long. However, the bee hummingbird is only five centimetres or about two inches, making it the smallest species of bird alive today. It isn't any bigger than a large insect, but don't let its tiny body fool you, it is a fierce flier. It can
5 beat its wings up to 80 times per second. If you ever see one in flight, you'll notice its wings are just a blur to the human eye. Hummingbirds are also the only vertebrates that can hover in one place. Add to that, being able to fly backwards and upside down, and these creatures are amazing flying machines.

10 Being a master flier isn't the only talent of the hummingbird. It also assists in plant reproduction. During the course of a day, the bee hummingbird can visit up to 1800 flowers. When the hummingbird drinks nectar, pollen is transferred from the flower to the bird's body. This pollen is carried to the next flower. Transferring pollen from one
15 flower to another helps the plants to make seeds.

Hummingbirds eat insects. In fact they eat about half their body mass each day. But even more impressive is the fact that they drink up to eight times their mass in nectar every day. This is why they usually live in gardens and areas where there is shrubbery.

*Adapted from Kelly Hashway, "A Mighty Flier,"
Super Teacher Worksheets, www.superteacherworksheets.com.*

36. What is the name of the smallest species of bird alive today?

(1 mark)

37. (a) What does the writer suggest by the word "fierce" in line 4?

(1 mark)

- (b) Why are the hummingbird's wings a blur to the human eye when it is flying (line 6)?

(2 marks)

38. Why are hummingbirds described as “amazing flying machines” (line 9)?

(2 marks)

39. (a) What are TWO foods that hummingbirds feed on?

(2 marks)

(b) Why do hummingbirds live in gardens and areas of shrubbery?

(2 marks)

40. (a) Describe the important job that hummingbirds do in assisting in plant reproduction.

(2 marks)

(b) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

(2 marks)

Total 14 marks

- B. Read the poem below carefully, then answer the questions based on it. Use complete sentences, correct grammar and spelling.

The Shark

A treacherous monster is the shark
He never makes the least remark.

And when he sees you on the sand,
He doesn't seem to want to land.

- 5 He watches you take off your clothes,
And not the least excitement shows.

His eyes do not grow bright or roll,
He has astounding self-control.

- 10 He waits until you are quite undressed,
And seems to take no interest.

And when towards the sea you leap,
He looks as if he were asleep.

But when you once get in his range,
His whole demeanour seems to change.

- 15 He throws his body right about
And his true character comes out.

It's no use crying or appealing
He seems to lose all decent feeling.

- 20 After this warning you will wish
To keep clear of this treacherous fish.

*Lord Alfred Douglas, "The Shark", Poetry for Overseas Students
Harrop, 1970, pp. 94 - 95.*

41. (a) Which word does the poet use to show that the shark is not to be trusted?

(1 mark)

- (b) What does the word "remark" (line 2) mean as used in the poem?

(1 mark)

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42. (a) Why does the shark not show “the least excitement” (line 6) when you take off your clothes?

(2 marks)

- (b) Write TWO things about the shark which show his patience.

(2 marks)

43. (a) Explain what the words “his true character comes out” (line 16) mean.

(2 marks)

- (b) What causes the shark’s “true character” to come out?

(2 marks)

44. Do you think the poet admires the shark? Give a reason for your answer.

(2 marks)

45. Write ONE lesson that the poem teaches.

(2 marks)

Total 14 marks

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- C. Study the schedule of the two television channels shown below, then answer the questions that follow.

Time	Channel 81	Time	Channel 121
5:00 a.m.	Sign On/National Anthem	5:30 a.m.	Sign On/National Anthem
5:10 a.m.	Daily Meditation	5:35 a.m.	Get Fit
6:00 a.m.	Talk Time	6:00 a.m.	We Country
7:00 a.m.	Local News	7:00 a.m.	Local News
7:30 a.m.	Business News	7:30 a.m.	International News
8:00 a.m.	Charlie and Friends	8:00 a.m.	Mummy and Me
8:30 a.m.	Voyage into the Unknown	8:30 a.m.	Kids' Corner
9:00 a.m.	Junior Chefs	9:00 a.m.	News Makers

46. Which channel begins its programmes first?

(1 mark)

47. (a) Name ONE programme that is shown on BOTH channels at the same time.

(1 mark)

- (b) On which channel are the MOST news programmes shown?

(1 mark)

48. (a) During which programme on Channel 81 would persons share their views?

(2 marks)

- (b) What programme would Sheila be viewing on Channel 121 at 6:25 a.m.?

(1 mark)

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49. (a) If Mr Chin is interested in the events taking place outside of his country, which channel and at what time should he watch?

(2 marks)

- (b) After viewing "Kids' Corner" on Channel 121, Jamie switches to Channel 81, what programme would he now be watching?

(1 mark)

50. (a) Name TWO programmes that are likely to involve children cooperating.

(2 marks)

- (b) Write the name of the programme which suggests mystery.

(1 mark)

Total 14 marks

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