



Subject: Grade 8 English: First Additional Language
Topic: English FAL: Exam Term 2
Total: 100 Marks

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This text refers to question: 1, 2

The Hawk

by Arthur Christopher Bensen

The hawk slipped out of the pine, and rose in the sunlit air:
Steady and still he poised; his shadow slept on the grass:
And the bird's song sickened and sank: she cowered with furtive stare
Dumb, till the quivering dimness should flicker and shift and pass.

Suddenly down he dropped: she heard the hiss of his wing,
Fled with a scream of terror: oh, would she had dared to rest!
For the hawk at eve was full, and there was no bird to sing,
And over the heather drifted the down from a bleeding breast.

Vocabulary list:

cowered - crouched down in fear
furtive - to avoid being noticed

Question 1: Text Input

3 marks

Who is the poet of "The Hawk" ?

Question 2: Text Input

3 marks

Refer to the poem "The hawk" :

The word "till" in the first stanza is a shortened form of the word ...

This text refers to question: 3

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Question 3: True/False

2 marks

Another name for indirect speech is reported speech.

TRUE

FALSE

This text refers to question: 4, 5, 6

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Question 4: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Choose the correct form of the following sentence if it should be rewritten in indirect (reported) speech:

Marlon said, "I have bought three tickets for the play. "

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| A | Marlon said he has bought three tickets for the play. |
| B | Marlon said he have bought three tickets for the play. |
| C | Marlon said that he had bought three tickets for the play. |
| D | Marlon said he bought three tickets for the play. |
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Question 5: True/False

2 marks

The following sentence is an example of indirect speech:

"Should I stay or should I go?" asked Hennie.

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Question 6: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Choose the phrases that best completes the following sentences in indirect speech:

Richard said that (1) Nelly replied that (2)

Possible Answers: he was very happy. | she is very happy to hear that. | " he was very happy. " | " she is very happy to hear that. "

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Question 7: Multiple Choice

4 marks

In the following sentence, choose the **antonym** for the word in bold that is most suitable in the context of the sentence.

The robbers had **hidden** the loot when the police arrested them.

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| A | concealed |
| B | divulged |
| C | buried |
| D | revealed |

Question 8: Text Input

3 marks

Rewrite the following sentence from the active to the passive voice:

I know him.

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Question 9: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Which one of the words in the following sentence is an example of a **homophone**?

Do not waste your money on sweets and chocolates.

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| A | waste |
| B | money |
| C | sweets |
| D | chocolates |
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This text refers to question: 10, 11, 12, 13

Degrees of comparison - HINT:

Positive - flat

Comparative - flatter

Superlative - flattest

In words with short vowels the consonant is doubled and ends in "-er" and "est".

eg. big, bigger, biggest

Words of more than two syllables get the word "more" and "most" in front.

eg. comfortable, more comfortable, most comfortable

Question 10: Text Input

3 marks

Complete the sentence by filling in the missing degree of comparison:

The weather is not good today. I hope it will be ... next week when the league starts.

Question 11: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Complete the degrees of comparison:

boring, more boring, ...

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| A | boringest |
| B | most boring |
| C | boringer |
| D | the boring |
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Question 12: Text Input

3 marks

Complete the sentence by filling in the missing degree of comparison:

This work was much ... than I expected, really not difficult at all.

Question 13: Text Input

3 marks

Complete the sentence by filling in the missing degree of comparison:

Joshua's results were bad, but his friend, Kaylie's, were even ...

This image refers to question: 14



Question 14: Text Input

3 marks

Identify TWO **adverbs of degree** in the follow sentence.

Sasha was very surprised when she almost lost her balance while riding her bicycle.

(Separate the words with a comma, e.g. Sasha, was)

Question 15: True/False

4 marks

An adverb of **time** describes where something is done.

TRUE

FALSE

This text refers to question: 16, 17

Pronouns are words which take the place of a noun. We use pronouns so that we do not have to repeat the nouns.

Personal pronouns refer to people and things, and may replace a noun which is the subject or object of a sentence. Eg. I, you, he, she, it, we etc.

Relative pronouns perform the function of a conjunction by joining or connecting one part of a sentence to another. There are six common relative pronouns: who, whom, whose, that, which, what

Question 16: True/False

2 marks

The following sentence contains a relative pronoun:

This is the girl to whom I gave the new textbook.

TRUE

FALSE

Question 17: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Choose the most appropriate relative pronoun to complete the sentence:

"Could you tell me ... book that is?" asked Mary.

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| A | whose |
| B | that |
| C | who |
| D | whom |
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Question 18: True/False

2 marks

The underlined word in the following sentence is **NOT** an example of a homonym:If you tip the jug any more, you will spill milk on the table. TRUE FALSE

Question 19: True/False

2 marks

The following sentence is an example of a simile:

Her face glowed like bright red cherries.

 TRUE FALSE

This text refers to question: 20, 21

Prepositions are the small, short words that connect two words or phrases to one another. Prepositions are words that indicate the position of something related to something else.

Eg. up, under, next to, over, to, in, of, alongside etc.

Question 20: Text Input

3 marks

Complete the sentence with the correct preposition:

You must not pass ... that opportunity.

Question 21: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Choose the correct prepositions to complete the phrasal verbs in the sentences:

The best thing to do when someone has hurt you, is to get (1) it and to get (2) with your life.

Possible Answers: in | over | away | on

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This text refers to question: 22, 23, 24, 25

Adjectives are words that tell us more about nouns and pronouns. They add detail and interest to your writing.

Adjectives answer the following questions about the noun:

What kind of noun is it?

Which of the noun is it?

How many of the noun are there?

Question 22: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Complete the sentence with the most appropriate adjectives:

The (1) book was lying on the (2) table.

Possible Answers: recipe | kitchen | bank | teacher's

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Question 23: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Complete the sentence with the most appropriate adjectives:

The (1) musician liked to play (2) jazz.

Possible Answers: rock | jazz | classical | electric

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Question 24: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Identify the adjective in the following sentence:

This is my new uniform.

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| A | new |
| B | uniform |
| C | This |
| D | is |
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Question 25: True/False

2 marks

There are different kinds of adjectives: descriptive, proper, possessive, compound etc.

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| TRUE | FALSE |
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This text refers to question: 26**The Eagle**

by Alfred Lord Tennyson

He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ringed with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
he watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

Vocabulary list:

crag - a jagged rock

azure - a sky-blue colour

Question 26: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Refer to the poem "The eagle" :

What figure of speech appears in line 1 of the poem?

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| A | Metaphor |
| B | Alliteration |
| C | Simile |
| D | Personification |
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This text refers to question: 27

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Question 27: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Complete the sentence with the correct personal and relative pronouns:

" (1) jacket is this?" , said Sarah, " (2) think it is very pretty. "

Possible Answers: Whom | Whose | I | She

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Question 28: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

The following sentence is an example of (1) : Larry likes listening to lullabies.

The following sentence is an example of (2) : Amy ate all the apples.

Possible Answers: simile | alliteration | metaphor | assonance

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Question 29: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Choose whether the following sentences are in the active or passive voice:

I eat an apple: (1) .

A car was bought by him: (2) .

Possible Answers: active voice | passive voice

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This image refers to question: 30



Question 30: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

I sometimes study in the evenings because I love studying ancient history.

A synonym for "sometimes" is (1) .

An antonym for "ancient" is (2) .

Possible Answers: occasionally | often | modern | past

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