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**NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

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COMMON MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

**GRADE 10**

**ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 1: LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT**

**JUNE 2018**

**MARKS: 80**

**TIME: 2 hours**

**This question paper consists of 11 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This paper consists of 3 sections.
  - Section A: Comprehension (30)
  - Section B: Summary (10)
  - Section C: Language in context (40)
2. Read all the instructions carefully.
3. Answer ALL the questions.
4. Start each section on a NEW page.
5. Number the questions correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
6. Leave a line open after each answer.
7. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
8. Suggested time allocation:
  - Section A: 50 minutes
  - Section B: 20 minutes
  - Section C: 50 minutes
9. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A : COMPREHENSION**

Answer ALL the questions in this section.

**QUESTION 1****TEXT A**

Read the following text and answer the questions that follow.

**READING FOR PLEASURE**

- |   |  |    |
|---|--|----|
| 1 | We often see stories in the press about declining reading frequency and concerns that parents are not reading to their children often enough. People should read more because it is believed that everything changes when we read - but just what is meant by this?  |    |
| 2 | There is strong evidence linking academic attainment with reading for pleasure. We know that academic attainment is of vital (utmost) importance, but the benefits of reading for pleasure go beyond this and stretch throughout a person's life. Although free voluntary reading alone will not ensure attainment of the highest levels of literacy, it will at least ensure an acceptable level. | 5  |
| 3 | Reading for pleasure means any reading that is primarily for enjoyment. It encompasses a wide range of genres and publications, and includes both fiction and non-fiction.   | 10 |
| 4 | When children read for pleasure, when they get “hooked on books”, they acquire, involuntarily and without conscious effort, nearly all of the so-called “language skills”. They will become adequate readers, acquire a large vocabulary, develop the ability to understand and use complex grammatical constructions, develop a good writing style, and become good spellers.                     | 15 |
| 5 | Research found that reading for pleasure can result in increased empathy, improved relationships with others, reduction in the symptoms of depression and dementia, and improved wellbeing. There is evidence of a correlation between reading for pleasure and a reduced risk of dementia in later life.  | 20 |
| 6 | In addition to the health benefits, reading for pleasure has social benefits and can improve our sense of connectedness to the wider community. It increases our understanding of our own identity, improves empathy and gives us an insight into the world view of others.  | 25 |

- 7 The benefits of reading are more likely to be felt when reading takes place through free choice. This is why the for pleasure element of reading for pleasure is so important.
- 8 Reading is not just something that children should do at school; it needs to be an everyday part of our lives, something we choose to do at all ages. 30

[Source: Adapted from www.readingagency.org.uk, published on 3 May 2016]

- 1.1 Provide a synonym for “*frequency*” as used in line 1. (1)
- 1.2 What is the link between reading for pleasure and literacy levels as indicated in paragraph 2? (2)
- 1.3 Choose the correct answer to complete the following sentence. Write down ONLY the question number (1.3) and the letter (A–D) of the correct answer. Refer to paragraph 2.
- Academic achievement means to ...
- A speak and write a foreign language fluently.  
B successfully reach certain academic goals.  
C assist with and attend school activities regularly.  
D use technology effectively in the classroom. (1)
- 1.4 Quote ONE word from paragraph three with the same meaning as **categories**. (1)
- 1.5 Explain the phrase “hooked on books” (paragraph 4) in your OWN words. (2)
- 1.6 Mention any language skill that a child may acquire when they read for pleasure. (Paragraph 4) (1)
- 1.7 Refer to paragraph 5.  
Determine if the following statement is a FACT or an OPINION.  
Provide a reason for your answer.
- Reading for pleasure can reduce symptoms of depression.* (2)
- 1.8 Why is the following statement FALSE? Quote FOUR consecutive words from paragraph 5 to prove your answer.
- Reading for pleasure results in lower brain activity in old age.* (2)
- 1.9 List THREE social benefits of reading for pleasure. (3)

- 1.10 What is the difference between *health benefits* and *social benefits* within the context of the text? (2)
- 1.11 Explain why you think that reading through free choice will be more beneficial than compulsory reading? (4)
- 1.12 Do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statement. Provide a reason for your answer. (3)
- Reading is something that we should do at all ages.*

**TEXT B**

Study the following visual text and answer the questions that follow.



[Source: www.wordpress.com, accessed on 10 April 2018]

- 1.13 Why is the word “*reading*” written in bold? (2)
- 1.14 Explain what is meant by “*software*”. (2)
- 1.15 Provide a reason why the teacher used this specific example to explain the meaning of reading to the learner. (2)

**TOTAL SECTION A: 30**

**SECTION B: SUMMARY****QUESTION 2**

Read TEXT C below and list SEVEN points that you will include in your summary on the benefits of recreational reading for children.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. List SEVEN points in full sentences using NO MORE than 70 words.
2. Number your sentences from 1 to 7.
3. Write only ONE point per sentence.
4. You are advised to use your OWN words.
5. Indicate the number of words you have used in brackets at the end of your summary.

**TEXT C****THE BENEFITS OF READING FOR RECREATION**

Sitting down with a good book for pleasure is much different than sitting down to go over tax documents or reading a book that you are analysing for a paper. Readers relax when they read for pleasure.

Reading for pleasure does not make children better at reading; it makes them better at learning. They are not just better at reading in English, they are better at all subjects. On a longer timeline, they have a better vocabulary as adults as well.

Another benefit that reading for pleasure has uncovered is better compassion and decision making. A fourteen-year-old who participated in one of the studies commented that “sometimes when big stuff happens in my life, I’ll think about what my favourite characters would have done...”

Like any other hobbyist, readers often interact with other people that love reading. These interactions help children develop social skills at a young age. Children learn how to share opinions at a younger age as well as building their understanding of other cultures and perspectives.

In a world where children are bombarded with technology and largely became a screen-captured people, reading a good book or a travel magazine will broaden their horizons and prevent boredom.

By giving students choices about what they want to read, a lifelong reader is created.

[Source: Adapted from [www.kidsreadnow.org](http://www.kidsreadnow.org), 30 March 2018]

**TOTAL SECTION B: 10**

**SECTION C : LANGUAGE**

Answer ALL the questions in this section.

**QUESTION 3: ANALYSING AN ADVERTISEMENT**

Study the advertisement (TEXT D) and answer the questions set on it.

**TEXT D**

[Source: www.amazon.com, accessed on 10 April 2018]

- 3.1 What is being advertised? (1)
- 3.2 Who is the target audience? Provide a reason for your answer. (2)
- 3.3.1 Identify and write down the slogan. (1)
- 3.3.2 Explain the slogan in your own words. (2)
- 3.4 How does the advertiser encourage the target audience to keep abreast of similar offers? (2)
- 3.5 Is the following statement TRUE or FALSE? Provide a reason for your answer.  
*All Amazon's book prices are discounted by 10%.* (2)

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**QUESTION 4: ANALYSING A CARTOON**

Study the cartoon (TEXT E) and answer the questions set on it.

**TEXT E****FRAME 1****FRAME 2****FRAME 3****FRAME 4**

[Source: www. Calvinandhobbs.com, accessed on 11 April 2018]

4.1 Refer to frame 1 and 2.

4.1.1 What evidence from the first two frames indicates Hobbs' total absorption in the book? (2)

4.1.2 Choose the correct answer to complete the following sentence. Write down ONLY the question number (4.1.2) and the letter (A–D) of the correct answer.

Hobbs' facial expression in frame 2 indicates that he finds Calvin's questions ...

- A interesting.
  - B inquisitive.
  - C annoying.
  - D pleasant.
- (1)

4.2 Refer to frame 1.

4.2.1 Do you think Calvin has read the book he is referring to? Provide a reason for your answer. (2)

4.3 Refer to frame 4.

4.3.1 How is Calvin's words emphasised? Mention TWO techniques. (2)

4.3.2 Describe Hobbs' reaction to Calvin's outburst. (1)

4.3.3 Explain the humour in this cartoon. (2)

**[10]**



**QUESTION 5: LANGUAGE AND EDITING SKILLS**

Read the texts below (TEXT F and G) and answer the questions that follow.

NOTE: The texts contain some deliberate errors.

**TEXT F****THE FUTURE OF READING**

- |   |   |    |
|---|---|----|
| 1 | A book a day keep the doctor away. Isn't that how the saying goes? Well maybe not, but everyone knows that reading is definitely good for you.  |    |
| 2 | Although it may be a little harder to find a brick and mortar bookstore in your neighborhood these days, the consumer experience of reading is no longer limited to four walls, or hardcovers and paperbacks. Just as with so many other leisure activities, consumers can choose to stick to their screens if they'd like, and catching up on the latest Stephen King novel is no exception.                                   | 5  |
| 3 | Look at a few current benefits of E-readers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You can store 1000's of books on your device.</li> <li>2. Your entire book collection is available on most electronic devices, in the palm of your hands.</li> <li>3. E-books are cheaper than paper books.</li> <li>4. Many books, including the great classics, are FREE.</li> <li>5. E-books are environmentally friendly.</li> </ol> | 10 |
| 4 | The equivalent is carrying a variable sized library on your shoulders and hiring a full time library assistant.   | 15 |

[Source: Adapted from [www.quora.com](http://www.quora.com), accessed on 12 April 2018]

- 5.1 Correct the single error in each of the following sentences from paragraph 1. Rewrite the sentence and underline the correction.
- 5.1.1 A book a day keep the doctor away. (1)
- 5.1.2 Isn't that how the saying goes? (1)
- 5.1.3 Well maybe not, but everyone knows that reading is definitely good for you. (1)
- 5.2 Provide a synonym for "mortar". (Line 3) (1)
- 5.3 Use the homonym for "novel" (line 7) in a sentence to of your own to show its meaning. (2)

- 5.4 Combine the following sentences into a single sentence, starting with the word “*although*”.

You can store 1000's of books on your device.

Your entire book collection is in the palm of your hand.

(2)

- 5.5 Write out in words the underlined number in the following sentence.

You can store 1000's of books on your device. (Line 9)

(1)

- 5.6 Rewrite the following sentence in the negative.

Many books, including the great classics, are FREE. (Line 13)

(1)

- 5.7 Provide the superlative for “cheaper”. (Line 12)

(1)

- 5.8 Choose the correct word between brackets in the following sentence.  
Only write down the correct answer.

- 5.8.1 Stephen King (write/wrote) many best sellers in his lifetime.

(1)

- 5.9 Write down the plural form of the underlined words in the following sentence.

The equivalent is carrying a variable sized library on your shoulders and hiring a full time library assistant. (Line 15)

(2)

## TEXT G



The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read. (Abraham Lincoln)

5.10 Give the feminine form of the underlined word in the following sentence.

My best friend is the man who'll get me a book. (1)

5.11 Write the underlined contractions in the following sentence out in full.

My best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read. (2)

5.12 Complete the following question tag.

Abraham Lincoln liked books, ...? (2)

5.13 Choose the correct answer to complete the following sentence. Write down ONLY the question number (5.13) and the letter (A–D) of the correct answer.

My best friend is a book.

The part of speech of the underlined word is an example of a/ an ...

A noun.

B adverb.

C article.

D adjective.

(1)

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**TOTAL SECTION C: 40**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 80**

