

JUNIOR SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

TERM 2: ENDTERM ASSESSMENT 2026

GRADE 7 – ENGLISH PAPER 1

Time: 2 Hours



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Instructions for Learners

1. Write your full name and assessment number in the spaces provided above.
2. Indicate your school name and school code clearly.
3. Sign and date this paper in the spaces provided.
4. This paper consists of 50 questions IN THREE TASKS.
5. Answer ALL questions.
6. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.
7. Do NOT remove any page from this paper.

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SECTION	TASK 1	TASK 2	TASK 3	% SCORE	EE1	EE2	ME1	ME2	AE1	AE2	BE1	BE2
SCORE RANGE	25 MARKS	10 MARKS	15 MARKS		90-100	75-89	58-74	41-57	31-40	21-30	11-20	1-10
	POINTS				8 POINTS	7 POINTS	6 POINTS	5 POINTS	4 POINTS	3 POINTS	2 POINTS	1 POINT
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Read the passage below and then answer questions 1 to 6.

Traveling opens up new perspectives and enriches personal growth. It challenges individuals to adapt to unfamiliar environments and appreciate diverse cultures. While travel often involves planning and preparation, it also requires flexibility when faced with unexpected changes. Those who embrace the journey with an open mind tend to develop greater empathy and problem-solving skills. Additionally, travel encourages self-reflection and a deeper understanding of one's own values. Ultimately, the experience of exploring new places can inspire lifelong learning and broaden horizons beyond what is familiar.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to the passage, traveling helps individuals <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. avoid unfamiliar environments. B. focus only on their own culture. C. adapt and appreciate diverse cultures. D. limit experiences to planned activities. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The word “flexibility” as used in the passage most closely means <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. sticking rigidly to plans. B. being able to adjust to changes. C. avoiding unexpected events. D. refusing to change one's ideas. |
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3. What does the passage imply about preparation for travel?
 - A. Preparation makes travel completely predictable.
 - B. Preparation prevents all travel problems.
 - C. Planning is unnecessary if you are open-minded.
 - D. Preparation is important but flexibility is also needed.
4. How does travel contribute to empathy according to the passage?
 - A. By exposing people to different cultures and perspectives.
 - B. By encouraging people to focus on themselves.
 - C. By avoiding challenging situations.
 - D. By limiting interaction with others.
5. The passage suggests that self-reflection during travel:
 - A. is a waste of time
 - B. leads to a better understanding of personal values
 - C. happens only when travel is stressful
 - D. makes travelers less open-minded
6. What is the overall benefit of travel as described in the passage?
 - A. It guarantees success in life.
 - B. It encourages lifelong learning and broadens horizons.
 - C. It makes people focus only on familiar things.
 - D. It removes the need for planning future goals.

Read the passage below and then answer questions 7 to 11.

Lena was known in her village as a brave young woman who always stood up for others. When a fierce flood threatened to wash away homes, she did not hesitate. Gathering her neighbours, she led efforts to build barriers and rescue trapped families. Despite the danger, Lena ventured into the raging waters to save a child clinging to a tree branch. Her courage inspired the whole village to come together, and soon the floodwaters receded. Though exhausted and soaked, Lena's spirit remained unbroken. The village celebrated her as a true heroine—someone whose selflessness and bravery brought hope in the darkest times.

7. Why was Lena considered a heroine in her village?
 - A. She was the fastest runner.
 - B. She organized village parties.
 - C. She showed courage and helped others during the flood.
 - D. She owned the largest house.
8. What challenge did Lena face during the flood?
 - A. A broken bridge.
 - B. A shortage of food supplies.
 - C. Wild animals in the forest.
 - D. Dangerous floodwaters and rescuing trapped people.
9. How did Lena's actions affect her village?
 - A. She made the flood worse.
 - B. She caused people to leave the village.
 - C. She inspired the villagers to work together.
 - D. She asked others to stay away.
10. What does Lena's rescue of the child demonstrate about her character?
 - A. She is reckless.
 - B. She is selfless and brave.
 - C. She enjoys adventure.
 - D. She likes attention.
11. What is the main message of the passage?
 - A. Acts of bravery and selflessness bring hope to communities.
 - B. Being brave is a good thing.
 - C. Heroes only appear during wars.
 - D. Floods cannot be stopped.

Read the passage below and then answer questions 12 to 16.

Choosing a career involves understanding one's skills, interests and the opportunities available. Some professions require formal education and training, while others depend more on practical experience.

Successful professionals often demonstrate dedication, good communication, and a willingness to learn continuously. While some careers focus on helping others, such as doctors and teachers, others involve creating or building, like engineers and artists. Making informed career choices contributes to personal satisfaction and societal development.

12. What is important when choosing a career?
 - A. Picking the most popular job.
 - B. Knowing your skills, interests and opportunities.
 - C. Choosing a job that requires no training.
 - D. Following what friends choose.
13. According to the passage, what do successful professionals often show?
 - A. Luck and chance.
 - B. Dedication, communication skills and a desire to learn.
 - C. Working alone without help.
 - D. Avoiding new challenges.
14. Which professions focus on helping others?
 - A. Doctors and teachers.
 - B. Artists and engineers.

- C. Businesspeople and actors.
D. Scientists and programmers.
15. What role does education play in choosing a career?
- A. It is not necessary for any job.
B. It is only important for creative jobs.
C. It is essential for some professions but not all.
D. It guarantees instant success.

16. What is the main message of the passage?
- A. Career choice should be based on friends' opinions.
B. Only practical experience matters in jobs.
C. Choosing a career carefully leads to satisfaction and benefits society.
D. All careers require the same skills.

Read the dialogue below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Interviewer: Good morning, James. Tell me why you want this job.

James: Good morning. I want this job because it pays well and is close to my home. understandable. But can you tell me what skills you bring to the position? I'm confident I'll do well.

Interviewer: Give examples of your previous experience related to this job.

James: Not really, but I'm willing to learn on the job. James. Do you have any questions for me?

Interviewer: That's

James: Well, I am still learning, but

Interviewer: Thank you,

James: No, I think I'm fine.

17. Which interview skill did James struggle with when explaining why he wants the job?
- A. Maintaining eye contact.
B. Articulating his points clearly and confidently.
C. Smiling.
D. Listening actively.

18. When asked about his skills and experience, James responds by saying he is still learning but confident. How does this response reflect his interview skills?
- A. He avoids the question.

- B. He changes the subject.
C. He responds confidently but lacks specific examples.
D. He asks for more time to think.

19. If James didn't understand a question during the interview, what would be a good way to show professionalism?
- A. Stay silent and hope the interviewer moves on.
B. Ignore the question and speak about some thing else.
C. Guess an answer quickly to avoid delay.
D. Politely ask for clarification before answering.

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 20 to 29. For each blank space, choose the best alternative.

Traditional fashion20. gaining popularity again among young people. Many are proud to21..... clothes that reflect their cultural heritage. During festivals, people wear22..... colourful garments with unique patterns and designs. These clothes tell stories 23. the past and24..... values of their communities. Tailors carefully25. each piece, ensuring it fits well and looks attractive. A26..... market has emerged, where buyers27. traditional fabrics and accessories. Experts28. the importance of preserving these styles as part of national identity. It is important for everyone to29. this heritage with pride.

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| 20. A. were | B. are | C. was | D. is |
| 21. A. buy | B. wear | C. sew | D. clean |
| 22. A. these | B. those | C. that | D. this |
| 23. A. from | B. with | C. on | D. at |
| 24. A. show | B. show off | C. reflect | D. influence |
| 25. A. sew | B. build | C. design | D. produce |
| 26. A. vibrant | B. small | C. dull | D. scarce |
| 27. A. sell | B. buy | C. create | D. collect |
| 28. A. discourage | B. emphasise | C. ignore | D. oppose |
| 29. A. reject | B. forget | C. lose | D. preserve |

Read the passage below and then answer questions 30 – 32.

Four girls visited a national park and saw different animals. Jenna saw a tigress, a lion and a flamingo. Goreti saw a rhino, a hyena, and a zebra. All the girls

but Vivada saw an antelope. Were it not for Vivada's keenness, none of the girls would have seen a gazelle. Noela saw a mongoose and a cheetah of which she showed the latter to Jenna.

30. Who saw the most number of animals?
A. Noela B. Vivada
C. Goreti D. Jenna
31. Which animal was seen by almost all the girls?
A. antelope B. mongoose
C. gazelle D. flamingo
32. Which one of the following statements is true?
A. Two girls were able to see a bird.
B. Antelope was only seen by Goreti.
C. Vivada saw the least number of animals.
D. Cheetah was seen by three girls.

For questions 33-35, choose the correct word that means the same as the underlined words.

33. The teacher asked the learners to put off their jackets.
A. remove B. wear
C. throw away D. fold
34. I came across this old photo while cleaning my drawer.
A. drew B. lost
C. found unexpectedly D. took
35. Wanjiku decided to give up eating junk food.
A. enjoy B. reduce
C. start D. stop

For questions 36 – 38, choose the opposite of the underlined word.

36. The room was spacious.
A. big B. small
C. comfortable D. airy
37. They accepted the invitation happily.
A. welcome B. refusal
C. offer D. entry
38. The chief is known for his generosity.
A. kindness B. honesty
C. selfishness D. bravery

For questions 39 – 41, choose the correct question tags to complete the following.

39. She is coming to the party,
A. isn't she? B. doesn't she?
C. isn't it? D. wasn't she?

40. We should leave now,
A. should we? B. shouldn't we?
C. do we? D. shall we?
41. Close the window,
A. don't you? B. can you?
C. will you? D. shall you?

For questions 42 to 48, choose an alternative that best fills the blank space.

42. Each of the players given a medal.
A. were B. was
C. are D. be
43. The farmer the seeds in neat rows.
A. sowed B. sewed
C. seen D. seened
44. She bought a new set of for the kitchen.
A. utensil B. utensils
C. utensiles D. utensals
45. The treasure they found had been for decades.
A. laid B. lain
C. laid down D. lying
46. The vase accidentally from the shelf and shattered.
A. fell B. fallen
C. fell down D. felled
47. By the time we arrived, the guests had already
A. left B. leave
C. leaved D. leaving
48. The children quietly while the teacher read a story.
A. set B. sat
C. seat D. sitted

For questions 49 and 50, choose the correctly punctuated sentence.

49.

- A. The dogs bone is buried in the yard.
B. Its going to rain soon.
C. The teacher's book was on the desk.
D. That is Johns car.

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A. The boys books are on the floor.

B. The boys' books is on the floor.

C. The boys book is on the floor.

D. The boy's book is on the floor.

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ANSWERS

1. C
2. B
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