

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
NATIONAL GRADE SIX ASSESSMENT
PRACTICE TEST
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1**

March 11, 2020

**Reading Time: 10 minutes
Writing Time: 60 minutes**

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. In addition to this test booklet, you should have an **Answer Sheet**.
2. Write your candidate number on the answer sheet and underline the subject.
3. This test contains **40 questions**. You are required to answer **ALL** questions. Four responses are given for each question. The responses are **A, B, C** and **D**. Only **ONE** response is correct.
4. On your Answer Sheet find the number which corresponds to your question and shade the same letter as the one you have chosen.

Here is an example done for you.

1. Anita received a _____ Christmas gift.

- (A) beuitful (B) buteful
(C) beautiful (D) beautiful

ANSWER SHEET

1. (A) (B) ● (D)

The letter **C** has been shaded on the answer sheet because **beautiful**, the correct answer, is next to **C**.

5. If you are not sure of the answer to a question then choose the one which you think is **BEST**. Shade the letter you have chosen.
6. If you want to change your answer, erase your old answer completely, then shade your new choice.
7. When you are told to begin, turn the page and work as quickly and as carefully as you can. If you cannot answer a question, go on to the next one. You can return to that question later.
8. This test contains **40** items. You will have 60 minutes to answer them.

DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

For **questions 1 and 2**, choose the correct **spelling** of the word to complete each sentence.

1. Cycling is a form of _____ which many children enjoy.
 - (A) reloxation
 - (B) relaxation
 - (C) relaxacion
 - (D) relaxashun

2. Our school library has many _____ books.
 - (A) intresting
 - (B) interestin
 - (C) interesting
 - (D) interresting

For **questions 3 and 4**, choose the **most** suitable word to complete each sentence.

3. A _____ of African bees was spotted in the trees.
 - (A) flock
 - (B) horde
 - (C) crowd
 - (D) swarm

4. A _____ of books was presented to the headmaster.
 - (A) litter
 - (B) class
 - (C) library
 - (D) bouquet

For **questions 5 to 7** choose the word that is **similar** in meaning to the underlined word in each sentence.

5. Have you completed the task I assigned you?
- (A) begun
 - (B) treated
 - (C) finished
 - (D) planned
6. Roger is so obstinate he will not change his mind.
- (A) obedient
 - (B) stubborn
 - (C) naughty
 - (D) mischievous
7. Mother prepared a delicious meal for the guests.
- (A) tasty
 - (B) large
 - (C) quick
 - (D) suitable

For **questions 8 and 9** choose the set of words which is arranged in alphabetical order.

8. (A) bladder bottom brownie buffet
(B) bladder buffet bottom brownie
(C) bottom bladder buffet brownie
(D) bottom buffet bladder brownie

9. (A) siesta signal signet sickle
(B) sickle signal siesta signet
(C) signet sickle signal siesta
(D) sickle siesta signal signet

For **questions 10 and 11**, select the **correct order** in which the names should appear in the telephone directory.

10. (A) Bibi Deen Alex Clarke Rick Samaroo Tessa Hooper
(B) Tessa Hooper Rick Samaroo Bibi Deen Alex Clarke
(C) Alex Clarke Bibi Deen Tessa Hooper Rick Samaroo
(D) Rick Samaroo Tessa Hooper Alex Clarke Bibi Deen
11. (A) Susan Farley Eldon Fernandes Kim Foo Orin Fung
(B) Kim Foo Susan Farley Eldon Fernandes Orin Fung
(C) Eldon Fernandes Kim Foo Orin Fung Susan Farley
(D) Eldon Fernandes Orin Fung Kim Foo Susan Farley

For **questions 12 to 14**, choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

12. Mr. Layne said he could not read Paul's handwriting; it was
- (A) legible
(B) illegal
(C) eligible
(D) illegible
13. Did your parents _____ you permission to go to the mall?
- (A) offer
(B) grant
(C) award
(D) obtain

14. As the coffee was hot, I _____ it.
- (A) sipped
 - (B) gulped
 - (C) nibbled
 - (D) gobbled

For **questions 15 and 16**, fill in each blank with the correct answer.

15. The cows were brought to the _____ to be slaughtered.
- (A) cabin
 - (B) orchard
 - (C) abbatoir
 - (D) hatchery
16. Please collect your medicine from the
- (A) nursery.
 - (B) university.
 - (C) laboratory.
 - (D) dispensary.

For **questions 17 and 18**, choose the meaning of the **phrase** that is underlined.

17. Miss Taylor advised Brian and Diane to bury the hatchet.
- (A) make peace
 - (B) be outspoken
 - (C) have a fight
 - (D) create a row

18. My father was late for work because it rained cats and dogs.

- (A) was raining
- (B) was very wet
- (C) became very cold
- (D) rained very heavily

For **questions 19 and 20**, select the **opposite** of the underlined word in each sentence.

19. The men painted the interior of the building.

- (A) exit
- (B) inferior
- (C) exterior
- (D) entrance

20. Local programmes are commonly shown on television.

- (A) rarely
- (B) usually
- (C) familiarly
- (D) excitingly

For **questions 21 to 23**, select the sentence in each group which is correctly punctuated.

21. (A) "Here's the box of oranges I bought, said Farah.
(B) "Here's the box of oranges I bought?" said Farah.
(C) "Here's the box of oranges, I bought," said Farah.
(D) "Here's the box of oranges I bought," said Farah.

22. (A) "Are you awake"? whispered Julie from the door.
(B) "Are you awake?" whispered Julie from the door.
(C) "Are you awake," whispered Julie from the door?
(D) "Are you awake?" whispered Julie from the door?
23. (A) The vendor sells, boulangers, ochroes, bora and tomatoes everyday.
(B) The vendor sells; boulangers, ochroes, bora and tomatoes everyday.
(C) The vendor sells boulangers, ochroes, bora and tomatoes everyday.
(D) The vendor sells boulangers, ochroes, bora; and tomatoes everyday.

For **questions 24 and 25** choose the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

24. Last September, my parents _____ to enrol my brother in the Technical Institute.
- (A) decide
(B) decides
(C) decided
(D) deciding
25. The journey to Lethem _____ about seven hours.
- (A) take
(B) takes
(C) taken
(D) taking

For **questions 26 and 27**, identify the **function** of the word underlined in each sentence.

26. Tandy ran around the field slowly.

- (A) Verb
- (B) Adverb
- (C) Adjective
- (D) Preposition

27. The teacher marked the books and gave them to the pupils.

- (A) Noun
- (B) Adverb
- (C) Pronoun
- (D) Conjunction

For **questions 28 and 29**, choose the **correct** word for each sentence.

28. A person who shows people to their seats.

- (A) Usher
- (B) Tourist
- (C) Manager
- (D) Chauffeur

29. A person who writes books.

- (A) Leader
- (B) Author
- (C) Hostess
- (D) Labourer

Choose the sentence which is written **correctly** in the negative form.

30. (A) We could not find no books anywhere.
(B) I don't want no money from Mark.
(C) The boys are not doing any of their chores.
(D) All the witnesses claimed that they didn't see nothing.

Read the passage and answer the questions which follow.

When a raw peanut sprouts, it usually grows into a plant about eighteen inches high. The plant produces bright yellow blossoms that look like the garden flowers known as sweet peas. After the flowers pollinate themselves, they wither. A shoot from the stem grows longer and longer, bends downward, and pushes into the earth. Underground, the shell develops and encloses the seed. That's why the peanut is called the groundnut in a good many countries.

The peanut is more than a snack food. A pound of peanuts contains more protein than a pound of beef. They also supply a nutritious oil that is used for cooking and salad dressings.

The peanut is special in more ways than one. It can be eaten raw, boiled, roasted or fried. It grows flowers above ground, but its "fruit" grows underground. It grows in more countries than most other "nuts". Its roots enrich the soil by putting nitrogen back into it, instead of leaving it poorer. Hundreds of different products have been made from it.

31. Raw nuts grow into a plant
- (A) like sweet peas.
(B) close to eighteen inches high.
(C) less than eighteen inches high.
(D) more than eighteen inches high.

32. Which word in the passage means “begin to grow”?
- (A) Sprout
 - (B) Enrich
 - (C) Wither
 - (D) Pollinate
33. The peanut blossoms look like garden flowers because
- (A) they wither quickly.
 - (B) they grow into the earth.
 - (C) they shine in the sunlight.
 - (D) they are bright yellow in colour.
34. Why is the peanut called ground nut in many countries?
- (A) It is not a fruit.
 - (B) It enriches the soil.
 - (C) It produces many products.
 - (D) Its shoot pushes underground and the shell then encloses the seed.
35. The peanut is not merely a snack because
- (A) it can be eaten raw.
 - (B) it can produce bright blossoms.
 - (C) it is special in more than one way.
 - (D) its nutritious oil can be used like beef.

Read the extract and answer the questions which follow.

Almost everyone reads daily newspapers. Some of the most popular ones sell several million copies each day! The coming of radio and television has not wiped out the press, as it was feared they might. This is probably because newspapers are cheap and can be picked up and read when the reader wishes.

The content of most newspapers is roughly the same. There will usually be a sports page, a special page for women, some advertisements, some items of political news (both home and abroad) and news of general interest.

So why is there not just one newspaper, which everyone would buy, instead of several? It would be very dangerous if that were the case. People could easily be given false news, and have no way of knowing it was untrue. Some items of news could be omitted altogether and no one would know. It is very easy to control what people think, if you control the information that is given to them. In most "free" countries, therefore, there are many newspapers and other ways of getting news too.

36. With the advent of television and radio people felt that

- (A) there will be fierce competition.
- (B) newspapers would lose their readership.
- (C) the newspapers would suffer some financial loss.
- (D) television and radio would be better than newspaper reports.

37. What has caused newspapers to continue to do well?

- (A) Newspapers aim to tell the truth.
- (B) People like to read many types of news.
- (C) Different newspapers tell different stories.
- (D) Newspapers are cheap and easily available.

38. In what ways are newspapers roughly the same?

- (A) They are cheap and appear daily.
- (B) They all compete with radio and television.
- (C) News and entertainment are provided for everyone's interest.
- (D) They all carry sports, political, advertisements, general and special news items.

39. What do you think “free countries” means?
- (A) Places with unlimited freedom
 - (B) Countries where news are not controlled by anyone
 - (C) These are democratic countries where there is freedom under the law
 - (D) Countries where news and entertainment are seen through radio, tv and newspaper
40. Which one of the following statements is **true**?
- (A) Newspapers do what they want.
 - (B) Nearly everyone reads newspapers.
 - (C) All newspapers sell millions of copies.
 - (D) Radio and television try to wipe the newspapers out of the market.

END OF TEST

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MARK SCHEME**

1.	B	21.	D
2.	C	22.	B
3.	D	23.	C
4.	C	24.	C
5.	C	25.	B
6.	B	26.	B
7.	A	27.	C
8.	A	28.	A
9.	D	29.	B
10.	C	30.	C
11.	A	31.	B
12.	D	32.	A
13.	B	33.	D
14.	A	34.	D
15.	C	35.	C
16.	D	36.	B
17.	A	37.	D
18.	D	38.	D
19.	C	39.	B
20.	A	40.	B