

**GUYANA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
NATIONAL GRADE SIX ASSESSMENT
2008
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER I**

TIME: 1 hour 10 minutes

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

- 1. WRITE YOUR CANDIDATE NUMBER ON THE ANSWER SHEET AND UNDERLINE THE SUBJECT.**
2. 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.
3. If you are not sure of the answer to a question, then choose the one which you think is **BEST**. On your answer sheet, draw a heavy black line through the letter you have chosen.
- 4. BE SURE THAT THE QUESTION NUMBER IN THE BOOKLET IS THE SAME AS THE ONE YOU HAVE USED ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET.**

Here is an example done for you.

1. Red is Tim's _____ colour. _____ **ANSWER SHEET**
- (A) favrite (B) favarite **1. A B C D**
- (C) favourite (D) faverite

A heavy black line has been drawn through the letter **C** on the answer sheet because **favourite**, the correct answer, is next to **C**.

5. If ~~you make~~ a mistake, erase the line cleanly, then draw a heavy black line through the letter next to the answer you have now chosen.
6. **REMEMBER**, each answer **MUST** only be shown by a heavy black line on your **Answer Sheet**.
7. **DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.**

In questions 1 and 2, choose the word that is spelt incorrectly.

1. (A) leisure (B) possession
(C) behaviour (D) broadcast
2. (A) boquet (B) February
(C) conceal (D) argument

In questions 3 and 4, choose the correct spelling of the word to complete each sentence.

3. The young people play games at the _____ centre.
(A) comminity (B) comunity
(C) community (D) comunity
4. The supermarket **did not** issue a
(A) receipt. (B) reciept.
(C) receet. (D) riceipt.

In questions 5 to 8, choose the word that is not a synonym of the underlined word.

5. ROWDY
(A) wild (B) quiet
(C) unruly. (D) noisy
6. CONCLUDE
(A) close (B) end
(C) commence (D) stop

BREACH

- (A) crack (E3) split
(C) opening (D) seal

8 ASSEMBLE

- (A) disperse (B) collect
(C) gather (D) rally

In questions **9 to 12**, choose the **best** word to complete **each** sentence.

9 Janet was not _____ to take part in the competition because she was too young.

- (A) legible (B) capable
(C) eligible (D) durable

10. Mary was considered _____ enough, so she was asked to act as supervisor.

- (A) inefficient (B) good
(C) competent (D) strict

11. The angry mother _____ her child for being disobedient.

- (A) praised (B) scolded
(C) shunned (D) hugged

12. The umpire must be _____ and should not favour any side.

- (A) impartial (B) competent
(C) biased (D) agile

In questions 13 to 15, identify the sentence that has an **incorrect verb**.

13. (A) Jack always **finishes** practice before dinner.
(B) The concert **start** earlier than I thought.
(C) The old man **walks** slowly because of pain.
(D) Jack and Mary **attend** the ~~same~~ school.
14. (A) One of the batsmen **was** bowled.
(B) Neither of the cats **sleeps** silently.
(C) Everybody **takes** a picnic basket.
(D) Each of the girls **have** five minutes for her presentation.
15. (A) The teams **play** in the sun and rain.
(B) The pair of scissors **is** on the table.
(C) Everyday I **go** to school early.
(D) Both John and Tom **likes** to play cricket.

In questions **16 to 19**, select the **punctuation mark** which should be used to complete **each** sentence.

16. Oh no [J I won't show where the treasure is hidden.
(A) ; (B)
(C) , (D) :
17. Did you report the theft to the police []
(A) , (B)
(C) ' (D) .

18. He gave me a storybook and a red pencil ____
(A) (B)

19. Mother bought rice sugar and fish at **the** market.
(A) (B) ,
(C) ; (D)

In questions 20 to 23, identify the **part of speech** of the underlined words in the sentence.

An agreement was reached between the union and the striking workers.

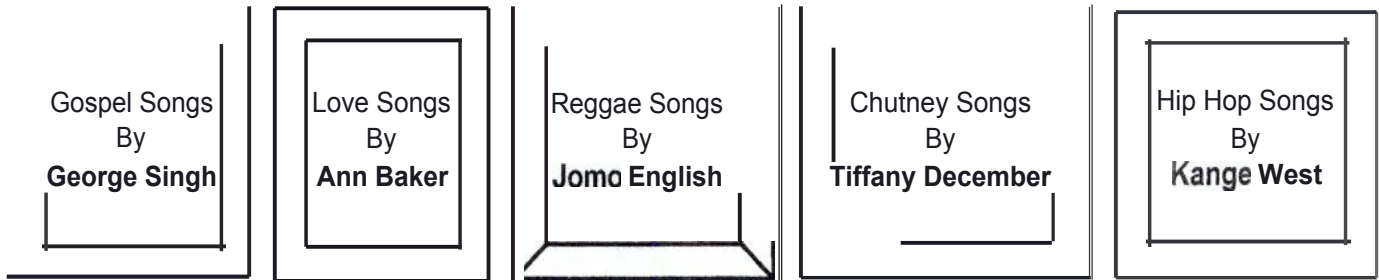
20. **agreement**
(A) noun (B) pronoun
(C) verb (D) adjective

21. **was reached**
(A) noun (B) preposition
(C) verb (D) conjunction

22. **between**
(A) noun (B) preposition
(C) verb (D) conjunction

23. **striking**
(A) adjective (B) noun
(C) ~~adverb~~ (D) verb

In question 24 arrange the CDs in alphabetical order using the names of the singers.



24. (A) Ann Barker, Jomo English, Tiffany December, Kange West, George Singh.
(B) Ann Barker, Tiffany December, Jomo English, Kange West, George Singh.
(C) Tiffany December, Jomo English, Ann Barker, George Singh, Kange West.
(D) Ann Barker, Tiffany December, Jomo English, George Singh, Kange West.

In question 25, in which set are the words arranged in alphabetical order?

25. (A) team, teach, telephone, theatre, thick
(B) teach, team, telephone, thick, theatre
(C) teach, team, telephone, theatre, thick
(D) thick, teach, team, telephone, theatre

In question 26, which word will appear first in the thesaurus?

26. (A) Parade
(B) Occur
(C) Occupy
(D) Parcel

In questions 27 and 28, choose the **correct** meaning of the underlined phrase.

27. The firemen reached in the nick of time to save the school.

- (A) quickly (B) just in time
(C) too late (D) with full tanks

28. Cell phones are selling like hot cakes.

- (A) slowly (B) everywhere
(C) very quickly (D) cheaply

In questions **29 and 30**, a word is underlined. Choose the sentence in which the underlined word has the **same** meaning.

29. I like to spread jam on my toast.

- (A) He could not jam the notebook into his haversack.
(B) My grandmother always make homemade jam.
(C) This morning I was caught in a traffic jam.
(D) I managed to jam the keys on the typewriter.

30. Mr. Adams keeps a special file of important names in a drawer.

- (A) The carpenter used a file to smooth the hard edge.
(B) You may file off the plane when it stops.
(C) We-hiked along the trail in a single file.
(D) The old file has valuable information.

Read, Joan's diary, then answer questions 31 to 35.

Joan's Diary (Daily write up of Joan's experiences)

September 4: School starts again tomorrow. Since it is the first day, things may not be quite in order. We may have to do some cleaning and fixing. I think I'll wear my uniform from last year – No. I must look new, it's a new year. I'll be in a **new class** and perhaps I'll have new friends and classmates. I must therefore wear one of the fresh set of uniforms mother prepared for me. The **holidays** were so exciting. However, I am looking forward to tomorrow.

September 5: I had to get up at 6:30 this morning to prepare for school. I arrived there before the bell rang. Many of my friends are in my new class. During the day, I felt so tired that I fell asleep during the math lesson and I got detention. I had to remain in class for 20 minutes after school to complete the math exercises.

September 6: I guess I'm getting **back** to normal. No more sleeping in class or getting detention. **It** is also indeed exciting to be at school again, friends are many and so too are the stories of their adventures during the holidays.

31. Based on what Joan says in her diary for September 4, it must have been the start of the

- (A) new school year.
- (B) last school term.
- (C) new year.
- (D) second term.

32. Joan was eager to return to school because she

- (A) would see her old friends.
- (B) was going to a new class.
- (C) liked to wear her old uniforms.
- (D) liked to do cleaning and fixing.

33. Which word **best** describes Joan's holiday?

- (A) **Boring**
- (B) **Long**
- (C) **Eventful**
- (D) **Exhausting**

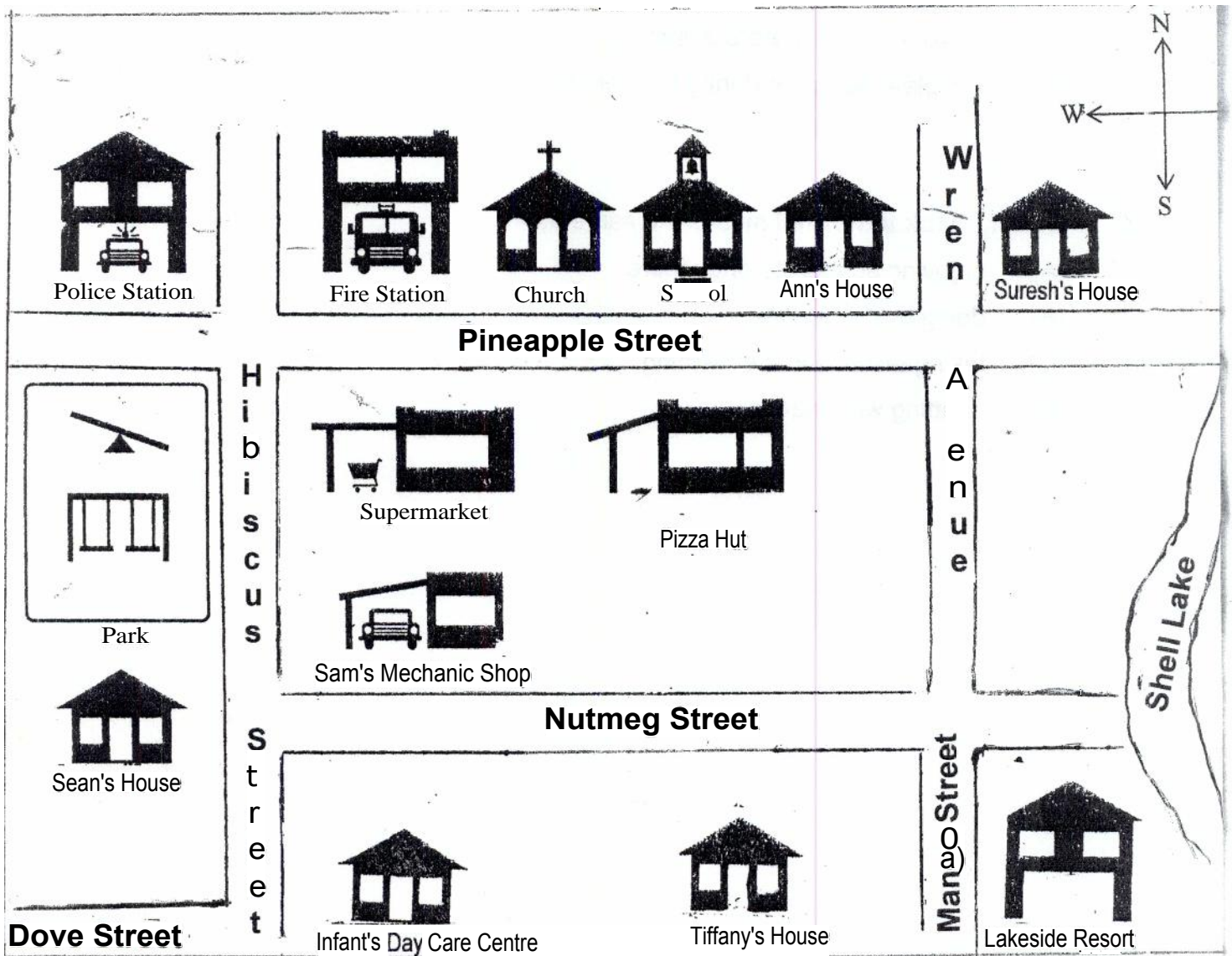
34. On September 5, Joan did all of the following **except**

- (A) fall asleep in the class.
- (B) remain in the class after dismissal.
- (C) arrive at school before assembly.
- (D) complete her math during the period.

35. **Getting back to normal** means the same as

- (A) enjoying school life once more.
- (B) doing well everyday.
- (C) taking lessons in the evening.
- (D) chatting with friends.

Study the map below carefully, then answer questions 36 to 40.



36. The church is located on
- (A) Pineapple Street (B) Wren Avenue
- (C) Nutmeg Street (D) Hibiscus Street

37. Who lives **closest** to the school?
- (A) Tiffany (B) Suresh
- (C) Ann (D) Sean

38. Who has to walk north from where he/she lives, and then proceed east, to get to the church?

(A) **Tiffany**

(B) **Suresh**

(C) **Ann**

(D) **Sean**

39. Which building is west of the church?

(A) **School**

(B) **Fire Station**

(C) **Suresh's House**

(D) **Tiffany's House**

40. In which street will Ann's father take his car for repairs?

(A) **Pineapple**

(B) **Dove**

(C) **Mango**

(D) **Nutmeg**

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 ANSWER SHEET

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| 7. A B C D | 21. A B C D | 35. A B C D |
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