Instructions to the learner

1. Read all the instructions carefully.
2. Answer all the questions in the spaces provided.
3. The teacher will lead you through the practice exercises before you start the test.
4. The test duration is 1½ hours.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

Practice exercise

1. Circle the letter of the correct answer.
   In which grade are you this year?
   A    three
   B    four
   C    five
   D    six
   You have answered the question correctly if you have circled C.

The test starts on the next page.
Once, on a cold winter's night, a jackal walked into a village looking for food. The jackal was very hungry as there was no food left in the forest.

"Perhaps," said the jackal to himself, "I will find something to eat in the village."

Soon he was making such a noise that the village dogs heard him. Now, these dogs did not like jackals. They began barking and attacked the jackal. They bit the jackal with their big teeth. Terrified, the poor jackal ran from the dogs as fast as he could, but the dogs did not give up - they ran after him, barking even more loudly. The jackal did not know what to do. Suddenly he saw the wall of a yard before him. He immediately jumped over the wall and straight into a large pot of blue dye, left there by a dyer, ready to be used in the morning. The jackal's fur was now bright blue.

Meanwhile, the dogs couldn't see or smell the jackal any more. They decided to wait near the wall of the yard, just in case he appeared again. But instead of the jackal, a strange blue creature came walking out of the gate. The dogs were afraid. The jackal was surprised when the dogs ran away in fright.

[Adapted version as retold from the Panchatantram by Rohini Chowdhury]
1. Circle the letter of the correct answer.
   What is the best title for the story?
   A  The Happy Village
   B  The Blue Jackal
   C  The Hot Night
   D  The Sleepy Dyer  (1)

2. Circle the letter of the correct answer.
   Why did the jackal walk into the village one winter's night?
   A  The jackal was lost.
   B  The jackal was clever.
   C  The jackal was hungry.
   D  The jackal was cold.  (1)

3. Circle the letter of the correct answer.
   Where did the story take place?
   A  On a mountain
   B  In a village
   C  In a valley
   D  By a river  (1)
4. Circle the letter of the correct answer.
   Why did the dogs chase the jackal?
   A  It was fun chasing the jackal.
   B  The dyer told them to do this.
   C  The jackal tricked the dogs.
   D  They disliked the jackal. (1)

5. Circle the letter of the correct answer.
   ‘But the dogs didn’t give up’ means that the dogs ...
   A  did not continue the chase.
   B  kept on chasing the jackal.
   C  were becoming tired.
   D  were becoming angry. (1)

6. Complete the following sentence:
   The dogs could no longer see the jackal because ______________________
   ________________________________________________________________________ (1)

7. Tick (✓) the answer you think is correct.
   7.1  The dogs were afraid of the jackal.
       True  False (1)

   7.2  Give a reason for your answer.
       ________________________________________________________________________
       ________________________________________________________________________ (1)
8. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

What does this story teach us?

A  Dogs and jackals are not friends.
B  Blue jackals are very clever.
C  Dogs will eat jackals if they catch them.
D  The jackal was not as clever as the dogs.  (1)

9. Read the poem below and then answer the questions that follow.

My Family
by Lill Pluta
My brother is a dragon. 1
My mom’s a teddy bear. 2
I am a tiny, shaggy sheepdog 3
with a ton of tangled hair. 4
My father is a monkey. 5
He likes to make us laugh, 6
especially my sister, 7
who is a tall giraffe. 8
We are a busy family 9
with many things to do. 10
Our home is always happy, 11
but sometimes it’s a zoo. 12

9.1 Which word in line 3 in the poem means the same as ‘small’?
______________________________  (1)

9.2 Who is being compared to a giraffe in the poem?
____________________________________________________  (1)
9.3 Write down **two** rhyming words in the poem in lines 2 and 4.

_____________________________________________  (2)

9.4 Read line 3 in the poem. Write down **two** words that begin with the same sound.

_____________________________________________  (2)

9.5 What is this poem about? Write your answer in a full sentence.

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_______________________________________________________  (2)

10. Read the paragraph below and then complete the summary that follows.

**Preparing the Vegetable Garden**

The first thing you need to do when starting your vegetable garden is to consider where it will be. Once you have chosen the area, dig the soil over to the depth of a garden fork. After digging, add manure so that the soil will be rich. Finally add a good fertiliser. By following the steps above, you will be able to grow your own vegetables.

Write a summary about preparing a vegetable garden by completing the steps below.

Step 1: First, find a place where the vegetable garden will be.

10.1 Step 2: Next ______________________________

10.2 Step 3: Then, ______________________________

10.3 Step 4: Finally ______________________________

Step 5: Now you will be ready to plant your vegetables.  (3)

**TOTAL SECTION A: 20**
SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURE

11. Fill in the correct prepositions in the blank spaces below. Choose words from the list given.

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The dogs chased the jackal. The jackal ran fast and jumped
11.1 ________ the pot of dye. The chase happened 11.2 ________ a village. Some people hid 11.3 ________ their beds because they were afraid. One brave man threw a stone 11.4 ________ the dogs, but the dogs did not stop barking. (4)

12. Fill in the blank space by choosing the word that is spelt correctly from those in brackets.

(received/received)

I _______________ a dog as a gift. (1)

13. Rewrite the sentences changing the underlined verbs to simple present tense.

13.1 The dog chase the jackal.

___________________________________________________________ (1)

13.2 The dyer live in a big house.

__________________________________________________________ (1)

13.3 The jackal fall into the dye.

____________________________________________________________ (1)
14. Rewrite the sentences changing the underlined verbs to simple past tense.

14.1 The animals in the forest cry loudly when the jackal appeared.

14.2 The dye see the dogs chasing the jackal.

14.3 It is quiet in the village during the night.

15. Change the word ‘happy’ by adding a prefix from the list.

| ir- | un- | dis- | il- |

He was ‘happy’ after mixing the red and blue dyes together.

16. Write the synonym (the word that is similar in meaning) of the word in brackets.

The jackal was (fast) in jumping over the wall.
17. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

The people of the village sang ... than the dogs could bark.

A the loudest
B more loud
C loudly
D louder

18. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

It was the ... night of the winter.

A more cold
B most cold
C coldest
D colder

19. Punctuate the sentence below correctly. Write the sentence in the space provided.

jerry dlamini told asanda to buy cabbages potatoes carrots and green beans

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(6)

20. Write the negative form of the sentences below.

20.1 The farmer sells different vegetables.

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(2)

20.2 Mrs Ntoyi bought a bag of manure for her garden.

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(2)

TOTAL SECTION B: 25
21. **SECTION C: WRITING**

Write two paragraphs of 5–6 sentences (100 words) about: “A day I will never forget”.
Include details of what happened, who was there and what you did.
Remember to use the correct format, grammar, spelling and punctuation.

A day I will never forget

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