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GRADE 8

ENGLISH EXAM

JULY 2017

TIME 2 HOURS

Plus 10 minutes for Reading through the paper

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

This paper consists of 09 printed pages with the cover page.

Count them now. Inform the invigilator if there any missing

PART 1: Reading Comprehension	20 Marks
PART 2 Multiple choice	24 Marks
PART 3: Vocabulary and Grammar	41 Marks
PART 4: Writing Composition	15 Marks
TOTAL	100 Marks

- Answer all questions

- No Extra papers

**PASSAGE****"Travelling the Desert in the Africa"**

Travelling in the desert is difficult even for an experienced traveller. First of all there is the problem of navigation. You need a every good compass or you need to know the area very well in order to find your way.

There is also the problem of finding enough food. There are very few plants or animals in the desert to provide food. But much more important is the problem of finding water. The desert is extremely hot. Temperatures in the daytime reach more than 40° degrees Celsius. Without water you will soon die.

Travellers often try to find an oasis which is a place in the desert where there is water and where a few plants and trees grow.

People often ride camels to travel in the desert. Camels don't get as thirsty as people do. A camel can drink thirty gallons of water at a time. It can then walk in the desert for over a week before it has another drink.

Finally there is the problem of sand storms. Sometimes the wind blows very-hard and the air is filled with sand. You have to cover your eyes and mouth with a piece of cloth so that the sand doesn't go into them.

(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

Part one: Reading COMPREHENSION

Read the passage then answer the following questions.

1. Why do travellers need to use a compass?

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2. How many degrees can temperatures reach in the desert?

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3. Why do people die soon in the desert?

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4. How travellers find water in the desert?

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5. Describe why camels are used to travel in the desert?

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6. How many days can camel walk without water in the desert?

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7. How many gallons of water can a camel drink at one time?

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8. Explain what happens when the wind blows very hard in the desert?

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9. What do they use to cover the parts of their body?

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10. Describe how a person you know had died in desert?

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PART 2: Multiple choice

(12 x 2 = 24 Marks)

Instruction: choose the correct alternative from the following answers :

1) The room is very quite :

- a) Silent
- b) calm
- c) fast
- d) listen

2) I ate tasty meal:

- a) Delicious
- b) breakfast
- c) nice meal
- d) enough meal

3) My shirt is dirty :

- a) Adjective
- b) Adverb
- c) Noun
- d) Preposition

4) She is a beautiful girl

- a) tall
- b) slim
- c) young
- d) pretty

5) The boy who sits beside me is shy :

- a) timid
- b) barer
- c) imgly
- d) mean

6) That is a big truck :

- a) Enormous
- b) Gigianhie
- c) Huge
- d) All of the above



- 7) Laila **feeds** her cat tuna every day :
- a) Gives the cat a tuna
 - b) Buys a tuna for the cat
 - c) a and b
 - d) None of the above
- 8) The dog **often** attacks
- a) Adjective
 - b) Adverb
 - c) Verb
 - d) Noun
- 9) At a Somali **restaurant**, we ate spicy soup?
- a) A place when eat food
 - b) A place where people drink milk
 - c) A place where people watch and dance
 - d) A place where people can buy food
- 10) I was **afraid** to go to the forest :
- a) happy
 - b) sad
 - c) fear
 - d) frightened
- 11) He climbed the wall **easily** :
- a) Safety
 - b) quickly
 - c) comfortable
 - d) Slowly
- 12) I have a **small** cat :
- a) short
 - b) thin
 - c) large
 - d) tiny



PART 3: Vocabulary and Grammar

(20 Marks)

Q1: USE THE CORRECT TENSE OF THE VERB IN THE BRACKETS

- 1) My best friend always to dance in the club (like) .
- 2) Fadumo has already for school (leave)
- 3) I am to the market to buy a new shirt (go).
- 4) She will to Dubia next week (fly).
- 5) I in Hargeisa Univeersity a few years ago (study).
- 6) Neither Ali Nor Amina Tea (like) .
- 7) He(go) to bed after he had(Finish) his work
- 8) Many Somalilanders more than one language fluently (speak)
- 9) Milk for tea and coffee (produce) by Ismail 's cows
- 10)The cooking oil (sell) at the market



(16 Marks)

Q2: Match a word in column A with its meaning from column B

A		B	
1)	Rescue	(a)	Strong
2)	Firefighters	(b)	Animal like small snake which has four legs and tail
3)	Fire	(c)	A person who cuts and arrange someone's hair
4)	Nursery	(d)	A person who works with electrical equipment
5)	Lizard	(e)	A place where small plants are grown
6)	Powerful	(f)	Flames which happen when something burns
7)	Electrician	(g)	When you save someone from danger
8)	Hair dresser	(h)	A large vehicle that carries fire fighters and their equipment

Q3: Change the sentences in to questions use who, which, how, whose, what and when (5 marks)

1. I bought a new bag from the supermarket

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2. She is ten years old

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3. That is Ashe's car

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4. My brother won a prize in the race

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5. He come home at 10:30 Am

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PAERT 4: COMPOSITION WRITING

(15 MARKS)

Write 8 – 12 lines about your best friend.

NB. Do not write, your name your school, your mobile number. Any where in the composition.

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