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Time 2 hours

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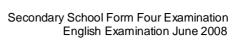
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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PART 1: Reading Comprehension		30 marks
PART 2: Vocabulary		20 marks
PART 3: Grammar		20 marks
PART 4: Composition Answer 2 question out of 4	marks	30 marks
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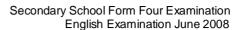
- Answer ALL questions in part 1 and 2 and two questions in part 3
- All answers must be written on this paper in the spaces provided immediately after each question. ONLY WRITE ON THIS EXAM PAPER.
- NO extra paper is allowed.
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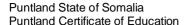






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PART 1:Reading Comprehension

(28 marks)

Read this passage and answer the question that follow: (30 marks)

It is estimated that in the last two hundred years or so more than hundred species of mammals have been lost. A similar number of species of birds have also become <u>extinct</u>. The real significance of these figure, however lies in the fact that almost three quarters of all the losses have occurred during the past hundred years, chiefly as a direct result of human activities on this earth. It is of course essential for the whole process of evolution that the extinction of certain species should occur over a period of time. But, and this is of primary importance- extinction should occur by natures' design, through natures own methods- and not as a result of human activities.

Conservation is by no means limited to the preservation of rare species of animal life and plant life. Conservation means the preservation of a healthy environment as a whole. If conservation is ignored, then, within a relatively short time, our water supply will be found inadequate, our seas and rivers will contain fewer crops and the air we breathe will become poisonous. It becomes only a matter of time before our health deteriorates and before man, together with every other livening thing, disappears from the face of the earth.

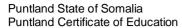
The seas and rivers of the world are polluted daily with an increasing amount of industrial waste products and radioactive waste materials being dumped. Those deposits of waste products cause too many rivers to be coloured and be foul-smelling, with all kinds of poisonous chemicals. Thousands of tonnes of crude oil spill or leak into our seas and the waste products of industry are deposited on land in greater quantity every day.

In Somalia and its neighbouring countries are becoming the world major nuclear waste product <u>dumping areas</u> with thousands of tonnes deposited in the last two decades. This will eat into the countryside and create vast areas of waste land devoid of all forms of life. Farmers protect their crops using chemical sprays and cause further pollution by upsetting the balance of nature. Politicians give licenses to some nuclear industries to dump their chemical waste products in the long coast line of Somalia. This resulted from the loss of controls after the collapse of the central Somalia government.

Similarly, a great number of plants are burnt daily, because of their <u>commercial value</u> in markets both inside the country and for export to the Arabian Gulf for cooking and heating purposes. The practitioners who burn trees do not realise that burning plants will put their life and that of their family and their livestock at the risk of starving to death in the near future.

The seriousness of the problem is indeed obvious as is the need for legislation and for advocacy in almost every under developed country to take safety measures and establish a conservation system. But this is not enough. It is better to start with educating our children. It is important to raise the child's awareness and appreciation of the importance of conservation. For all the problems we face we should at last be aware that pollution is the most serious. (523 words)

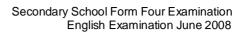
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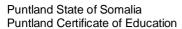




A. Multiple Choice Questions. 10 marks 2 marks for each correct answer Circle the correct answer based on information in the passage

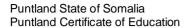
- 1. Which is the best title for this passage?
 - a). Extinction of different species b). Our environment in danger
 - c). Two hundred years of conservation d). Dangers of evolution
- 2. Which of the following is the most significant fact according to the passage
 - a) More than a hundred species have been lost in the last two hundred years
 - b) A similar number of birds have also become extinct
 - c) Three quarters of these were lost during the last hundred years
 - d) The whole process of extinction will occur over a period of time.
- 3. Which of the following is a necessary and healthy process of evolution
 - a) All species become extinct over time
 - b) No species become extinct over time
 - c) Species become extinct as a result of human activities
 - d) Species become extinct by a natural process
- 4. Which of the following is a dangerous process of evolution
 - a) Some species become extinct over time
 - b) No species become extinct as a result of man's intervention
 - c) Species become extinct as a result of human activities
 - d) Species become extinct by natural processes
- 5. Which of the following is a good definition of 'conservation'
 - a) Conservation is the preserving the health of our whole environment
 - b) Conservation maintaining our own health
 - c) Conservation is the preservation of rare species of animals and bird
 - d) Conservation is the preservation of our water supply and our rivers







6.	What causes our health to deteriorate
a)	Pollution of water, land and air b). Conservation measures
c).	Only a matter of time before this happens d). Fewer crops and less healthy air
7.	Why are the rivers foul smelling and coloured? (2 marks)
8.	List four items that pollute our waters. (4 marks)
a.	b d
9.	'This will eat into What is 'This' (maximum of five words) (2 marks)
	Give one result of the loss of government control in Somalia (2 marks)
11.	What product is referred to as by 'burning plants'? (1 mark)
12.	Where is this product sold? (2 marks)
13.	What, according to the passage, is the best way of solving the problem in the long run? (2 marks)
	List any three causes of pollution in the area you live. (You will not find the answers in the passage) (3 marks)





Part 2 General Vocabulary 16 marks

Ch		oulary from the word or phre	•	•	nme as t	(6 marks) the word or p	hrase foun	d in the
1.	extir	<u>nct</u> (paragrar	oh 1)					
	A.	exist	·	B. cease to	exist	C. e	ndangered	D. rare
2.	Inac	dequate	(parag	graph 2)				
	A.	Not enoug	h	B. In exces	S	C. Enough	D. Not a	ble to do things
3.	Dete	eriorates	(parag	graph 2)				
	A.	Getting wo	rse	B. Getting b	oetter	C. Ir	nproves	D. Dies
4.	Dun	nping area	(para	graph 4)				
	Α,	Markets ar	nd places	where things	s are so	ld		
	B.	Place for s	torage	and or buria	ıl			
	C.	Rivers, sea	as and co	astline				
	D.	Places who	ere things	s are thrown	away			
5.	Cor	mmercial valu	e (parag	graph 5)				
	A.	Already to	someboo	ly sold		B. Of value	because th	ney can be sold
	C.	Of value beca	ause they	are industria	al	D. Of value	if kept at h	ome
6.	Adv	ocacy	(parag	graph 6)				
	A.	Use argumen	t to persu	ade people	to chan	ge		
	В. І	Jse the law to	enforce	a policy char	nge			
	C. 1	Uses force to	persuade	others to ch	nange			
	D. ⁻	To listen to the	e opinion	s of others				
7.	Care	e giver	(parag	graph 4)				
	A.	Needs care	e or nursi	ng	B. Is	cared for		

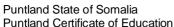
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Cares or nurses others

C.

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D. Pays or gives to the carer or nurse





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8.	o o	,					
	A. that everyone is forced to take after being exposed to HIV						
	·	ent one being infecte					
		ne is vulnerable to ir	nfection				
	D. to find out if or	ne is HIV infected					
В.	General Vocabu	lary (10 marks)					
a.	Circle the word that m	neans the same as t	hat in the questions.				
1.	Last year the USA	had a surplus of gr	ain. Surplus means				
	A. Shortage	B. Excess	C. Sufficient D). Storage problems			
2.	Ali has always sho	own great determina	tion to succeed. Determ	ination means			
	A. ability	B. Intelligence	C. Resolution D). Good fortune			
3	The man they arreste	d said he was innoc	ent Innocent means				
Ο.	A. Foolish		orthy C. Knew nothi	ng D. Not guilty			
4.	The scientist had	made many importa	nt discoveries. Discover	ies means			
	A. Inventions		B. creating nev				
	C. Finding someth	ning no one knew ab	out D. Making som	nething new or unusual			
5.	He uses too many ab	breviations when he	writes. Abbreviations m	neans			
٥.	A. Difficult words	B. Short forms	C. Few words	D. Capital letters			
L	Mhigh is the gam	and ward that agu	ld dooribo the other th	was 2 Cirala vaur			
b.	•	erai word that coul	ld describe the other th	iree? Circle your			
	answer.						
1.	A. Ants	B. Grasshoppers	C. Insects	D. Termites			
2.	A. Poems	B. Novels	C. Play	D. Literature			
3.	A. Fear	B. Emotion	C. Hatred	D. Contempt			

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D. Warthog

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D. Antelope

B. Lions

A. Wildlife

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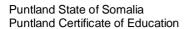
5. A. Media B. Radio C. Television D. Newspapers Part 3 **Grammar Use** (24 marks) **A. Multiple Choice Questions** (18 marks – 1 for each correct answer) 1. Last year my brother was in the school football team and he..... very well. A. play B. is playing C. played D will play In the first match his teamtheir opponents five nil. 2. A. B. C. beated D. will beat beat are beating 3. Now he has left school the team will be much weaker. I know they......to lose B. C. must D. will go A. go are going 4. Which is town, Galkayo or Bossaso? the larger B. the largest C. large D. largest 5. If Ahmed hadn't passed in mathematics he a job as an accountant. Α. will never get В. would never get C. D. will never have got would never have got 6. Which of the following are correctly punctuated? Α. The speaker's first words were tonight, you are all welcome. B. The speaker's first words were, "tonight, you are all welcome." C. The speaker's first words were, "Tonight, you are all welcome?" D. The speaker's first words were, "Tonight, you are all welcome." 7. Which is the correct question?

A. When we will receive the results of these exams?

B. When the results we will receive of these exams?

C. When will we receive the results of these exams?

D. When the results of these exams are we receiving?

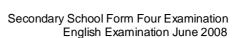


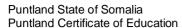
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And which is the correct answer?



	A.	I don't know	for sure	e but I want th	at it wi	ll be before th	e end o	of September.
	B.	I don't know	for sure	e but I hope it	will be	before the en	d of Se	eptember.
	C.	I don't know	for sure	e but I am thin	ıkina it	will be before	end of	September.
	D.			e but I wish it	Ū			•
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9.	My un	cle has three	childre	n. Two daugl	nters a	nds	on.	
	A.	the	B.	some	C.	а	D.	an
10.	That is	s the student		father gave	the so	hool the new	furnitui	e.
	A.	whose	B.	who	C.	which	D.	whom
11.	This is	s my nenhew	We h	ave agreed to	look	him as his r	narents	are away
				_	C.			back on
	A.	after	B.	up to	C.	out of	D.	Dack OII
12.	He los	st his textbook	s and t	then accused		stealing them		
	A.	of me	B.	me by	C.	by me	D.	me of
13.	We do	on't have any	bikes o	or cars so we a	all go to	school	fo	ot.
	A.	by	B.	with	C.	on	D.	under
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14.			_					glasses
	A.	wear	B.	wore	C.	wearing	D.	to wear
15.		I have	aiven h	nim all the moi	nev I ha	ave he is still a	askina	for more
			_	Although	-		_	
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16.	Му ра	rents love		wild life progr	ramme	s so I have to	watch	them as well.
	A.	watch	B.	watches	C.	watching	D.	watched
						· ·		
17.	That is	s a very	dr	ess you are w	earing	. How much o	did it co	st?
	A.	attract	B.	attraction	C.	attracted	D.	attractive







18.	Мур	parents gave	memo	ney for the	journey, but	t it wasn'	t enough for food.
	A.	a little	B. little	C.	a few	D.	few
В.	Rew	rite the foll	owing sentences	s starting v	vith the wo	rds give	n. Do not change the
	mea	ning. (6 ma	arks- 2 marks fo	r each cor	rect answe	er)	
1.	"Υοι	ır exam resu	lts have been pos	sted on the	school notic	e board	shouted Sarah
	Sara	ah told us					
2.	Bot	h Safia and <i>i</i>	Abdi failed their m	athematics	exams.		
	Neitl	her					
3.	Ism	ail asked us	to buy him some	sugar at th	e market.		
	Isma	ail said, "					
			PA	ART THR	EE		
You	should		ompositions each		200-250 w		ou will be penalised if topic from question
Que	stion	1				(15	marks)
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	this sta		hould be given the kplain why you ag				rite.' Do you agree s how it could be

OR

Write an article for a newspaper or magazine aimed at young people giving your opinion about how sports should be strengthened in schools in your country. Explain why you think

- a. Sports are important for all youth
- b. How the country needs to develop a stronger and better football and athletics teams internationally
- c. How Somalia used to have a strong tradition of sports in the past
- d. How sports can also be developed outside the schools for the community



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QUESTION



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Either

Select your favourite song. Describe the song and explain why you like it so much. Make sure you describe what the song says as a well as the way it sounds.

OR

Look at the advertisement below. Write a letter of application for the job in which you:

- Describe yourself and your qualifications
- Say why you think you are suitable and why you want the job
- Say when you are available for an interview and when you would be free to start work

Vacancy

Are you aged 20-25 with school leaving certificate? Want to become a journalist?

Job requirements

- The applicant must be 20-35 years old
- Have secondary school leaving certificate or equivalent
- Have a very good command of written English and Somali
- Be a creative person able to persuade and influence others through the pen
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