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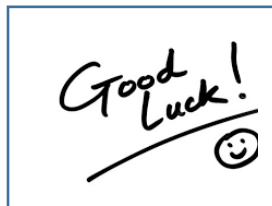
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

ENGLISH

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

- Answer **ALL** the questions in the spaces provided.
- Your answers must be clearly and neatly presented.
- This paper consists of **16 pages including the cover page.**



Section 1: Use of English

A. Circle the most appropriate way to complete each sentence.

1. I ___ this laptop for more than 5 years. I'm thinking of buying a new one.
 - a. have
 - b. have had

2. Fake news ___ created to deliberately misinform readers.
 - a. is
 - b. are

3. "Your baby daughter had ___ hair when I last saw her! Look at her now!"
 - a. far less
 - b. far fewer

4. A student ___ average mark is below 50%, fails the year.
 - a. who's
 - b. whose

5. Hope for the best and prepare for the _____.
 - a. worse
 - b. worst

6. When they were younger, they ___ their grandmother's grave at least once a week.
 - a. were visiting
 - b. visited

7. The police ____ where the criminal has been hiding!

- a. know
- b. knows

8. The ____ voices were thick with emotion.

- a. boys'
- b. boy's

9. If you doubt yourself, ____ enemy.

- a. your you're own
- b. you're your own

10. They think that they've fooled us, but ____ wrong!

- a. their
- b. they're

20 marks

B. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given. Do NOT change the word given.

1. I won't invite Sue to my party, unless she apologises to me. (as)

I _____ me.

2. Lady Gaga sang this song when she was only 13. (by)

This song _____ only 13.

3. "How much pocket money did you give Mary this morning?" he asked me. (know)

He _____ morning.

4. An older student is bullying my son during breaks. (by)

My son _____ during breaks.

5. "What are you doing tomorrow?" Ann asked us. (we)

Anna asked _____.

6. We got lost because we didn't have a map. (had)

If _____ lost.

7. A nice lady was assisting him when I saw him at the supermarket. (by)

He _____ at the supermarket.

8. We didn't pay as much as I expected. (than)

We _____ I expected.

9. "We were in Athens last week," the students said. (they)

The students said _____ week.

10. Pity I didn't revise for the exam. (wish)

I _____ for the exam.

30 marks

C. Fill in the blanks using Prepositions.

1. Daddy has gone _____ a business trip. He'll be back next week.
2. The teacher accused me _____ starting a fight!
3. Brian and I used to be neighbours! We lived _____ 12 Park Road, and they lived next door!
4. The school library is open _____ weekdays only.
5. As soon as the police found the victim's missing body, the search was called _____ and everybody went home.
6. Many people living in the countryside, had to move _____ the city in pursuit of work.
7. My brother is coming home for a week _____ Easter.
8. While Linda was cleaning her drawers, she came _____ some old photographs which she had not seen for years!
9. My favourite song was playing _____ the radio, so I was not paying much attention to what my mother was saying.
10. Sue feels that her teacher is always picking _____ her! I think she should talk to her parents about it!

20 marks

D. Read the text that follows. Then in your own words, give the meaning of each underlined expression.

“(1) Lend your money and lose your friend,” our mother always used to tell us when my brother Tom and I were younger. It seems that she had been (2) talking to a brick wall. You see, Tom has not talked to me for 15 years. But ... let me (3) cut to the chase. It was back in 2007 when I met Lisa, a gorgeous girl at school. Yes, I know ... (4) beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but you have to trust me on this one; she was stunning! She was 16 and I was 17. We (5) hit it off immediately. It took me a while to realise that she had also been (6) born with a silver spoon in her mouth - at the time, my family used to (7) live from hand to mouth. That year, Lisa and her friends decided to spend a weekend in the Maldives! I just had to go with them; not because she, or anyone else for that matter, had (8) twisted my arm! Oh no! It was only me being foolish and selfish. I decided to ask Tom to lend me the money. Needless to say, I did not tell him the real reason I needed it. Actually, I remember myself telling him (9) a tissue of lies – some crazy story about a classmate’s puppy needing surgery! Tom believed me and gave me all his savings. Eight years’ savings! Eventually, he found out the truth and he hasn’t talked to me ever since. I know he’ll get over it, though! After all, (10) blood is thicker than water!

Answers:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

30 marks

End of Section 1 (Total Marks: 100)

Section 2: Reading Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and complete all the tasks that follow.

The Grimm Brothers

Storytelling has **captured** the human imagination for thousands of years. People everywhere have told stories to amuse, to teach, to remember, or just to pass the time. Many years ago, the German brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm collected some of the Western world's most popular stories and put together a famous book of traditional tales. The Grimm brothers' book has been published in at least 70 languages and it includes such classics as *Snow White*, *Rapunzel*, *Cinderella*, and *Little Red Riding Hood*. Their main goal was to **preserve** tales that were beginning to **vanish**. They not only succeeded, but they gave us an origin of the world's most beloved fairy tales.

The Grimm brothers were born in the German village of Hanau. Jacob was born on January 4, 1785 and Wilhelm was born on February 24, 1786. They had seven siblings, but three of them died in infancy. Jacob and Wilhelm had a comfortable life during their childhood. Their father, Philipp Grimm, worked as district magistrate and the family was respected among the community. Their life began to be difficult when their father died of pneumonia when they were eleven and ten, forcing the two boys to **assume** adult responsibilities for their family.

During their university years, they became acquainted with romantic poet, Clemens Brentano. Brentano asked them to collect folk tales so he could include them in his literary work. Jacob and Wilhelm liked the idea and started collecting stories from different sources. Some came from an oral retelling of tales from the people they interviewed and some from written literature they gathered. Eventually, they gave Brentano 54 tales, but he lost them and never used them in his work! Disappointed, Jacob and Wilhelm were encouraged by another romantic poet friend, Achim Von Arnim, to publish the stories they collected on their own.

They named this collection of German traditional tales “Kinder- und Hausmärchen” (Children’s and Household Tales). It was published in two volumes, in 1812 and in 1815. It included *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Snow White*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *Rumpelstiltskin*. The first volume of the book had 86 stories, and the second volume had 70 stories. The Grimms added to the collection for many years. Eventually it contained more than 200 tales. They often changed the tales they heard, by adding their own religious, political, or moral views into them. Other times they combined several versions of a story into one. Even though Wilhelm had tried to give the old tales a new appealing form, the tone of the stories was subjected to criticism. Some critics claimed that the tales contained “violence” and “subject matters that were not suitable to children”. Most people though, saw that “good always triumphs over evil” was the constant theme of the Grimm Brothers’ stories.

The Grimm brothers’ book was first translated into English by Edgar Taylor in 1826. The title Taylor gave the book was “German Popular Stories” (today the collection is commonly known as “Grimms’ Fairy Tales”). Various other translations soon followed, and the Grimms’ work became extremely popular and influential as many writers from all around the world started collecting their own nation’s popular tales. In addition, many stories started being written in the style of the Grimms’ fairy tales, such as Hans Christian Andersen’s *The Little Mermaid*.

Jacob remained a bachelor until the end of his life. Wilhelm married Dorothea Wild from Kassel, with whom he had four children: Jacob (who was born and died within the same year), Herman, Rudolf, and Auguste. Wilhelm Grimm died on December 16, 1859, in Berlin, Germany. Jacob died on September 20, 1863.

There have been many adaptations of the stories collected and edited by the Grimm brothers. The most popular ones are from Walt Disney who turned their folk stories into more child-friendly fairy tale movies with much less violence. In fact, Walt Disney’s *Silly Symphonies*, a series of short films that **predated** his more famous feature films, were among the first expressions of fairy tales in animated short format. The first of these was *Babes in the Woods* (1932), a Grimm Brothers’ fairy tale with several similarities to *Hansel and Gretel*.

Sources: kids.britannica, ukgermanconnection.org and kidskonnnect.com



Lexical Analysis

Five verbs in the passage are underlined and in bold writing. Box A contains these five verbs in their infinitive form. Box B contains their synonyms. Draw a line to connect each verb in Box A to its synonym in Box B.

Box A	Box B
to capture	to disappear
to preserve	to undertake
to vanish	to seize
to assume	to precede
to predate	to protect

10 marks

Reading Comprehension

1. What happened during the following years?

1815: _____

1826: _____

1859: _____

1932: _____

8 marks

2. Answer the following questions in the space provided:

a) Which part of Germany were the Grimm brothers from?

b) What did Philipp Grimm do for a living?

c) Why did Clemens Brentano not use the tales he was given?

d) What advice did Achim Von Arnim give the Grimm brothers?

e) What message did the Grimm brothers convey in all of their stories?

f) Name a tale (mentioned in the passage) that was not written by the Grimms.

g) How are Disney's adaptations of the Grimm brothers' stories different to the original ones?

14 marks

3. Note-taking:

a) Name the sources from which the Grimm brothers collected their stories:

- _____

- _____

b) Name two poets mentioned in the passage:

- _____
- _____

c) In what way did the Grimms change the original folk tales?

- _____
- _____

d) Arguments given by critics against the Grimms' tales:

- _____
- _____

e) Ways in which the Grimm brothers influenced other writers:

- _____
- _____

20 marks

4. Circle the most appropriate way to complete each sentence:

a) According to the passage, the Grimms published their book ...

- I. ... to improve their family's financial state after their father's death.
- II. ... because they were the only adults (in the family) with responsibilities.
- III. ... so that old tales would not be forgotten.

b) Clemens Brentano was ...

I. ... romantic.

II. ... interested in folk tales.

III. ... interested in the Grimms' book.

c) "*Grimms' Fairy Tales*" currently includes ...

I. ... 54 stories.

II. ... 156 stories.

III. ... 200+ stories.

6 marks

5. Are the following statement True (T) or False (F)?

a) The Grimm brothers' book has been translated into at least 70 languages. _____

b) Wilhelm was a year older than Jacob. _____

c) Philipp Grimm had seven children (three of them died in infancy). _____

d) Philipp Grimm died of an illness. _____

e) Jacob Grimm never got married. _____

f) *Silly Symphonies* is a short film. _____

12 marks

6. Summary Writing:

You have been asked by your English teacher to write a short text about one of the world's most famous authors. The author you have decided to write about is Wilhelm Grimm.

Use relevant information from the passage to write your text (a paragraph of no more than 100 words). Your paragraph should include facts about him as well as his work.

30 marks

You can use this space to make notes that will not be assessed.

Section 3: Writing

Write 120-180 words on ONE of the following topics.

Topic 1

Write an argumentative article discussing whether it would be better for students to have the same teacher for multiple years, or to have a different teacher every year. Your essay must include advantages and disadvantages for both sides. The title of your article is “*Keep or Switch?*”

Topic 2

Imagine you are the school president. What is the one thing about your school that needs to change? Write a letter to the principal, giving your opinion.

Topic 3

Write a story where two of your favourite characters from two different books, films or fairy tales, meet up.

The title of your story is: “When [1st character’s name] met [2nd character’s name]”.

Topic _____

End of Section 3 (Total Marks: 100)

END OF EXAMINATION