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READ THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY

1. This test is divided into **TWO** sections.
2. Make sure you read the instructions before you start to work on any section.
3. Write all your answers in this test booklet.
4. **DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.**

WRITE THE NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL BELOW:

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SECTION 1

Spelling

TASK 1

There is one incorrectly spelt word in each line. Draw a circle around the incorrectly spelt word. Write the correctly spelt word in the box provided for each line.

The COVID-19 is a visious respiratory illness that

1.

is transmited through microbes in saliva, when an

2.

infected person coughs. Protecshion is possible if

3.

one uses a mask and sterilises one's hands frequently.

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While sanitiseing, use water and antiseptic soap. Their

5.

effectiveness can help one acheive good hygiene.

6.

12 marks

Punctuation and Capitalisation

TASK 2

Some punctuation marks and capital letters have been left out in the passage below. There is one mistake in every line. Write the missing punctuation mark or capital letter.

What an exceptional gift My long-awaited, delightful video

7.

game, “Adventures within the Nylon Pool, was finally here.

8.

I looked happily at the contents of the package bubble wrap,

9.

gaming console power cord and instruction manual. Excitedly,

10.

I inserted the plug in the outlet As soon as the game was

11.

powered up, I yelled to myself, “let the games begin!”

12.

6 marks

GRAMMAR

TASK 3

There is one grammar error in every line, in the passage below. Place a circle around each error and write the correct form of the word in the box provided.

Neither the students nor the coach were able to explain

13.

their success. They had struggled to find a sponsor with

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their uniforms and couldn't locate a field on whom to

15.

practise, so eventually, everything came together. Their

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victory, in addition to their publicity, were almost

17.

unbelievable too much to bear, but they began believing!

18.

12 marks

Nothing has been omitted.
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SECTION 2

Comprehension

TASK 4 – Non-Fiction

Read the passage on this page. Using complete sentences, answer questions 19 to 24.

100-Year-old Turtle and Hatchlings at Emperor Valley Zoo

A 100-year-old South American river turtle that laid eggs during the coronavirus shutdown is now a proud mother to eighteen hatchlings at the Emperor Valley Zoo. Coincidentally, the news was announced on World Environment Day that is celebrated on June 5 every year. The Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries said that the event was an auspicious one. "100 years old, eighteen
5 babies! Today on World Environment Day 2020, we celebrate the arrival of eighteen hatchlings from the eggs laid during the COVID-19 lockdown by the Emperor Valley Zoo's 100-year-old South American River turtle."

Just over two months ago the Zoo announced that the turtle laid eggs on land within its enclosure, instead of the pond it had previously occupied. The Zoo felt this was due to the closure of the
10 facility in mid-March and the comfort the turtle may have felt in venturing out of the pond and onto the sandy area to deposit the eggs. The hatching was excellent news and demonstrated the importance on World Environment Day, of striking the balance between human activity and care for nature. As the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said in his 2020 message, "To care for humanity, we must care for nature."

15 The turtle laid the eggs in April 2020 while the Zoo was closed during the coronavirus lockdown. Zoological officers believe that with less foot traffic, the turtle felt comfortable enough to finally make a burrow on land and lay her eggs. Zoological officer, Sharlene Khan said the South American river turtle is one of the largest freshwater turtle species in the world.

20 The giant South American river turtles are highly aquatic. Typically, the females only leave the water to bask and lay 50–150 eggs at communal nesting sites during the dry season. They eat primarily fallen fruits and seeds. Other items in their diet include vegetation, aquatic invertebrates, and insects. The South American river turtle is listed as Conservation Dependent by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). This means that its survival is
24 dependent on conservation efforts to prevent it from becoming threatened with extinction.

Adapted from <https://www.looptt.com/content/100-year-old-turtle-gives-birth-18-babies-emperor-valley-zoo>

Questions: 100-Year-old Turtle and Hatchlings at Emperor Valley Zoo

19. ‘100 years old, eighteen babies!’ - lines 4 to 5.

i. When was this announcement made?

ii. On what occasion was the announcement made?

2 marks

20. Give the meaning of the word, ‘auspicious’ as used in line 4.

1 mark

21. “...to care for humanity, we must care for nature” – line 14. Do you agree with the opinion of Antonio Guterres? Explain your answer.

2 marks

22. Why did the turtle lay eggs after such a long time?

2 marks

23. What are two foods eaten by a river turtle?

2 marks

24. Select two (2) pieces of evidence in paragraph four that suggest that the river turtle can become an endangered species.

2 marks

25. If you worked at the Zoo, what would you do to encourage the turtle to lay more eggs?

2 marks

Nothing has been omitted.
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TASK 4 - Poetry

Read the poem *A Dog's Mistake* on this page. Using complete sentences, answer questions 26 to 32.

A Dog's Mistake

He had drifted in among us as a straw drifts with the tide,
He was just a wand'ring mongrel from the weary world outside;
He was not aristocratic, being mostly ribs and hair,
With a hint of spaniel parents and a touch of native bear.

- 5 He was very poor and humble and content with what he got,
So we fed him bones and biscuits, till he heartened up a lot;
Then he growled and grew aggressive, treating orders with disdain,
Till at last he bit the butcher, which would argue want of brain.

- Now the butcher, noble fellow, was a sport beyond belief,
10 And instead of bringing actions he brought half a shin of beef,
Which he handed on to Fido, who received it as a right
And removed it to the garden, where he buried it at night.

- 'Twas the means of his undoing, for my wife, who'd stood his friend,
To adopt a slang expression, "went in off the deepest end",
15 For among the pinks and pansies, the gloxinias and the gorse
He had made an excavation like a graveyard for a horse.

- Then we held a consultation which decided on his fate:
'Twas in anger more than sorrow that we led him to the gate,
And we handed him the beef-bone as provision for the day,
20 Then we opened wide the portal and we told him, "On your way."

Banjo Paterson

*gloxinia is a flowering houseplant

*gorse is a dark green bush with small, yellow flowers

Questions: A Dog's Mistake

26. What action of the dog in stanza two shows that it was not very smart?

1 mark

27. “*He was just a wand'ring mongrel...*” (line 2)

Why is this an appropriate description of Fido?

2 marks

28. Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the poem.

heartened (line 6) - _____

portal (line 20) - _____

2 marks

29. Identify a simile used in the poem.

1 mark

30. What do you understand about the wife's behaviour from the line, "went in off the deepest end"?

2 marks

31. Complete the table below with evidence to support your answers.

Persons in the poem	Quality	Evidence from the poem
The wife	kind	
Fido		

3 marks

32. If you were the butcher, would you have brought beef for Fido? Give a reason for your answer.

2 marks

Nothing has been omitted.
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TASK 4 – Graphic

Read *the webpage* below. Using complete sentences, answer questions 33 to 36.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `learn.moe.gov.tt/login/index.php`. The page header features the coat of arms of Trinidad and Tobago and the text "The Government of Trinidad and Tobago" and "MINISTRY OF EDUCATION". The main content area is a login form for the "School Learning Management System". It includes a blue box with the text "School Learning Management System" and "Log in using your account on:" with an "Office 365 Login" button. To the right, there is a login form with fields for "Username" and "Password", a "Remember username (click box)" checkbox, a "Log in" button, and links for "Forgot your username or password?" and "Create new account". The page is decorated with images of a keyboard, a mouse, a USB drive, a smartphone, and a stack of books. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar and various application icons, with the system tray displaying the time as 13:52 on 05/11/2020.

Questions: Webpage

33. List two (2) pieces of information required to access the webpage.

2 marks

34. Give two (2) reasons why the 'Remember username' feature is on the webpage.

2 marks

35. Select two (2) images used on the webpage and state their purpose.

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ii

2 marks

36. Does this web page encourage you to visit the site? Give a reason for your response.

2 marks

END OF TEST

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BEFORE HANDING IN YOUR WORK**