



Minuwangoda Education Zone

Mid Term Evaluation - 2023

Grade 9

English

Time : 2 hours

- Answer all questions.

(1) **Fill in the missing parts of the following collective nouns. Use the words given.**

i) a of names.

ii) a of milk.

iii) a of keys.

iv) a of thieves.

v) an of soldiers.

bottle

army

gang

list

bunch

vi) a slice of

vii) a fleet of

viii) a heap of

ix) a herd of

x) a swarm of

ships

cows

bees

bread

stones

(5 marks)

(2) **Use words from each box to complete the sentences. *The first one is done***

pan
rain
leader
net
every
in

door
ship
cakes
body
bow
ball

i) Just after the rain I saw a beautiful rainbow over the paddy fields.

ii) Mother prepared some for tea.

iii) Our team won the Asian Cup last year.

iv) The of our captain guided us to win the game.

v) Tournament was held at the stadium.

vi) can join the trip to Kandy.

(5 marks)

(3) **Underline the most suitable word given within brackets to make meaningful sentences. *First one is done for you.***

i) People believe that the (educate/ education/ educated) system should be changed.

ii) Sigiriya is a world famous (tourist/ tour/ tourism) attraction.

iii) The exhibits show the (creations/ creative/ creativity) of the students.

iv) To become a doctor one must have (professional/ professionally/ profession) qualifications.

v) Grade 9 students have decorated the hall (beautiful/ beautifully/ beautify)

vi) Teacher asked us to (organize/ organization/ organizing) the party.

(5 marks)

(4) The drama club of your school has decided to stage a drama in aid of the new auditorium. Write a note to your cousin inviting him/her to see the drama.

➤ Include : name of the drama, date, time, venue.

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(5 marks)

(5) Study the dictionary page and answer the questions.



- i) Write the meaning of the word 'medalist'
- ii) What is the plural of the word 'medium'
- iii) What is the adjective of the word 'medic'
- iv) What is the verb of the noun 'medication'
- v) Write the meaning of the word 'medicine' in the given sentence.

Keep the medicine out of reach of children.

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(5 marks)

(6) Write the following sentences in passive form. *First one is done for you.*

i) Kumuduni fed the dog.

The dog was fed by Kumuduni.

ii) The chief guest addressed the meeting.

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iii) We will select Kumudu as the secretary.

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iv) Grade nine students will paint the wall.

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v) Parents cleaned the school garden.

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vi) Grade eight girls decorated the hall.

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(10 marks)

(7) Read the text given below and answer the questions.

A desert is a very dry barren land. Deserts get less than 25 centimeters of rainfall each year. They cover about 33% of land area on the Earth.

Deserts can either be hot deserts or cold deserts. Hot deserts are covered with sand, rocks, hills and even mountains. The largest and the hottest desert in the world is the Atacama Desert in South America.

Cold deserts are called 'Thundra' and are covered with snow or ice. Cold deserts are also called 'Polar deserts' because they can be found close to the North and South poles. The largest cold desert on Earth is the Antarctica.

They are very few animals that can survive in the desert. Carnels, snakes, lizards, gazelles, foxes and some types of deer are a few of these animals. Rodents and lizards dig a burrow for themselves in the sand. These help them escape from the hot rays of the sun. Camels also store water in their humps. Only plants that have thick and fleshy stems like cactus exist in deserts. The cactus stores water in its thick stem.

1. Say whether these statements are true or false.

i) Deserts cover about 25% of land area on the earth. (.....) (1 mark)

ii) Polar deserts are covered with sand and rocks. (.....) (1 mark)

2. How much is the annual rainfall of deserts? (1 mark)

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3. Where is the largest hottest desert of the Earth? (1 mark)

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4. Why are cold deserts also called Polar deserts? (2 marks)

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5. What is the largest cold desert in the world? (1 mark)

6. Name two animals live in burrows in the sand? (1 mark)

7. Find a word which gives the following meaning? (2 marks)
- remain alive -
 - a hole dug buy a small creature -

(8) **Danuka read the following notice this morning. His friend Akash is absent today. Read the notice and complete the note written by Danuka about the notice.**

NOTICE

A Shramadana campaign will be held on the 25th October 2023 from 8.00 a.m. onwards to destroy the mosquito breeding places in our school premises. All grade nine students and their parents are requested to take part in this event.

- Refreshments will be provided by the Old Boys' Association.
- Participants should bring necessary equipment.

Secretary,
Health Club.

Dear Akash,

Are you O.K. now? There was a notice on our school notice board about a
 to clean the places in our school.
 Only grade nine students and their should participate in it. So we have to go
 there on the at 8.00 a.m. with necessary equipment. The OBA will provide us

Danuka

(5 marks)

(9) **Match words with their meanings.**

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| a) era | (i) create or design something new. |
| b) omnivorous | (ii) the natural environment of an animal or plant. |
| c) habitat | (iii) eating plants and meat. |
| d) pin | (iv) a long and distinct historical period. |
| e) invent | (v) attach or fasten with a pin. |

(5 marks)

(10) Study the picture and fill in the blanks using the words given below. *First one is done for you.*

seashells / lighthouse / supporting / garbage / people / boots / gloves / fence / bottle / boat / dirty



This is a picture of a beach clean up. The beach seems (01.) dirty. Some (02.) and crabs can be seen here and there. There are some (03.)..... engaged in cleaning. All are wearing (04.)..... The girl and the boy who are sweeping are wearing (05.)..... There are three (06.)..... bags beside the (07.)..... A girl is putting a (08.)..... into one of them. The boy next to her is (09.)..... her. On the background there is a (10.)..... and (11.).....

(5 marks)

(11) Fill in the blanks using the words given. There is one extra word. *First one is done for you.*

in / a / kinds / near / group / they / different / or / live / is / mammals / water

There are many different kinds of dolphins. There are 38 different (01) kinds of dolphins that live (02) the ocean and five (03) kinds of dolphins that (04) in rivers. Dolphins are (05) They prefer to live (06) coral reefs, in bays, (07) in the open ocean. (08) also like water which (09) warm and tropical. A (10) of dolphins is called a (11) pod. They are very social animals.

(10 marks)

(12) Write a letter to a friend describing a trip you went recently. (use about 150 words)

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(10 marks)

(13) Listen to the description about a sportsman and underline the correct word within brackets to complete the sentences.

- i) Mahesh Perera is a (basketball / badminton) champion.
- ii) He played for under (seventeen / fifteen) age level.
- iii) He became the (Zonal / school) champion last year.
- iv) Last year he lost the championship due to a (sprain / cramp)

(8 marks)

(14) Speaking Test

(12 marks)