S2 English Language Practice Paper (Set 3): email and story reading, word formation and collocation, tenses and conditionals, prepositions, summary and article writing

S2 English Language | Time: 60 minutes | Total: 100 marks | 22 questions

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Section A: Email Reading (16 marks)

Read the email below and answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. (a) On which day and at which place is Sports Day held? From what time to what time, and how many hours does it last? (4 marks)

2. (b) In the individual events, Class 2A came first three times, second twice and third four times; Class 2B came first twice, second five times and third three times (individual events only). How many points does each class score, and by how many points does 2B lead? (4 marks)

3. (c) What is the maximum number of events one student may enter? What is the deadline for the entry form, and which two things must students bring on the day? (4 marks)

4. (d) There are twelve Form Two classes and each class enters eight events; how many event entries does the whole form make? Which sentence tells students not to bring glass bottles, and what kind of instruction is it? (4 marks)

Section B: Story Reading (16 marks)

Read the story below and answer the questions.

5. (a) When did Ming's oar break? What happened to Ming and to the boat after that? (4 marks)

6. (b) What two things did Fai do to help Ming? What do they show about Fai's character? Give one example. (4 marks)

7. (c) The race is 500 metres long. How many seconds slower was Blue Wave than the winning crew? What was Blue Wave's average speed in metres per second? (Give the answer to 1 decimal place and show your working.) (4 marks)

8. (d) What lesson does Fai's last speech in the story teach? Do you agree? Support your answer with one example from a school competition. (4 marks)

Section C: Word Formation, Phrasal Verbs and Collocation (16 marks)

Answer all the questions.

9. (a) Fill in each blank with the correct form of the word in brackets. (1 mark each)

10. (b) Complete the sentences with the correct form of these phrasal verbs: give up / take up / put off / look after.

11. (c) Choose the correct collocation and write it on the line. (4 marks)

12. (d) Choose the most suitable word. (4 marks)

Section D: Tenses and Conditionals (16 marks)

Fill in the blanks or rewrite the sentences as instructed.

13. (a) Present perfect or past simple: fill in the blanks.

14. (b) First conditional: fill in the blanks.

15. (c) Gerunds and infinitives: fill in the blanks.

16. (d) Rewrite the sentences as instructed.

Section E: Prepositions, Articles, Question Tags and Proofreading (16 marks)

Answer all the questions.

17. (a) Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition.

18. (b) Fill in each blank with a, an, the or "-" (no article).

19. (c) Add a suitable question tag to each sentence.

20. (d) Proofreading: each sentence contains ONE mistake. Write the correct word.

Section F: Writing (20 marks)

Complete both writing tasks.

21. (a) Summarise the story The Broken Oar in about 60 words. Include what happened before and during the race, the accident that happened to Ming, and how Fai responded. Do not copy whole sentences from the story. (10 marks)

22. (b) Imagine you are Chan Ka-ming of Form Two. The school magazine has invited you to write an article of about 120 words about this year's Sports Day. Include the date and place, the rules of the inter-class competition, the most memorable moment in your class and what you have learned. Use paragraphs and give your article a title. (10 marks)

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