P5 English Practice Paper: Tenses and Verb Forms, Prepositions and Articles, Vocabulary and Word Formation, Reading Comprehension, Sentence Transformation, Guided Writing and Punctuation (100 marks)

P5 | English | Time: 50 minutes | Total: 100 marks | 24 questions

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Part A: Tenses and Verb Forms (18 marks)

Write complete sentences or the required word; spelling must be correct.

1. Complete the sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets: Mary _____ (live) in Hong Kong for 6 years. [5]

Answer: Answer: has lived. "For 6 years" shows an action continuing from the past to now; with the third person singular subject Mary we use the present perfect has + past participle lived.

2. Complete with the past simple or past continuous: While I _____ (walk) to school, I _____ (see) an old friend. [5]

Answer: Answer: was walking; saw. "While" introduces the longer background action, so we use the past continuous was walking; the short completed action takes the past simple saw.

3. A bus leaves at 8:15 a.m. and the journey takes 45 minutes. At what time does the bus arrive? Write your answer in English. [4]

Answer: Answer: it arrives at 9:00 a.m. 15 minutes plus 45 minutes is 60 minutes, which is 9 hour 00 minutes, so the arrival time is 9:00.

4. Choose the correct verb: (1) The news _____ (is / are) good today. (2) Each of the boys _____ (has / have) a book. (3) My shoes _____ (is / are) dirty. [4]

Answer: Answer: (1) is - "news" is uncountable and takes a singular verb. (2) has - "each of" takes a singular verb. (3) are - "shoes" is plural.

Part B: Prepositions and Articles (16 marks)

Write complete sentences or the required word; spelling must be correct.

5. Fill in in / on / at: (1) We have a test _____ Monday morning. (2) The film starts _____ 7 o'clock. (3) My birthday is _____ December. [4]

Answer: Answer: (1) on - a particular day. (2) at - a clock time. (3) in - a month.

6. Fill in a / an / the, or X if no article is needed: (1) I saw _____ elephant at the zoo. (2) _____ sun rises in the east. (3) She plays _____ piano well. (4) We go to _____ school by bus. [4]

Answer: Answer: (1) an - before a vowel sound. (2) The - unique thing. (3) the - before a musical instrument. (4) X - "go to school" means to study there.

7. Complete the sentence: There _____ (be) some milk in the fridge, but there _____ (be) not any eggs. [4]

Answer: Answer: is; are. "Milk" is uncountable so it takes is; "eggs" is plural so it takes are.

8. Choose the correct preposition: The cat is hiding _____ (under / between / among) the table, and the ball is _____ (under / between / among) the two chairs. [4]

Answer: Answer: under; between. "Between" is used for two things; "among" needs three or more.

Part C: Vocabulary and Word Formation (16 marks)

Write complete sentences or the required word; spelling must be correct.

9. Change the adjectives into nouns: happy -> _____; kind -> _____; dark -> _____; safe -> _____. [4]

Answer: Answer: happiness; kindness; darkness; safety. The first three take -ness; "safe" becomes "safety".

10. Write the opposites by adding a prefix: possible -> _____; correct -> _____; polite -> _____; legal -> _____. [4]

Answer: Answer: impossible; incorrect; impolite; illegal.

11. Choose the word closest in meaning to the bold word: The old man was very generous and gave money to the poor. (A) mean (B) kind-hearted (C) lazy (D) angry [4]

Answer: Answer: (B) kind-hearted. "Generous" means willing to give freely.

12. Use the correct form of the word in brackets: (1) The _____ (differ) between the two answers is small. (2) We must _____ (protection) the environment. (3) It was a _____ (success) concert. [4]

Answer: Answer: (1) difference - noun. (2) protect - verb. (3) successful - adjective.

Part D: Reading Comprehension (20 marks)

Write complete sentences or the required word; spelling must be correct.

13. Read the passage and answer questions 13 to 16. Our school library opens from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. It has 1240 fiction books and 860 non-fiction books. Every student may borrow 3 books at a time, and each book can be kept for two weeks. Last month, 40 students joined the reading programme and each of them borrowed 7 books. Question 13: How many books does the library have altogether? [5]

Answer: Answer: 1240 + 860 = 2100 books altogether.

14. Question 14: What percentage of the library books are fiction? Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place. [5]

Answer: Answer: 1240 / 2100 x 100% = 59.0%.

15. Question 15: How many books were borrowed in the reading programme last month? [5]

Answer: Answer: 40 x 7 = 280 books.

16. Question 16: According to the passage, which sentence is TRUE? (A) The library opens on Saturday. (B) A student can borrow more than three books at a time. (C) A book may be kept for fourteen days. (D) There are more non-fiction books than fiction books. [5]

Answer: Answer: (C). Two weeks is fourteen days. The library opens only from Monday to Friday, students may borrow only three books at a time, and there are more fiction books than non-fiction books.

Part E: Sentence Transformation (15 marks)

Write complete sentences or the required word; spelling must be correct.

17. Change into a question: She went to the library yesterday. [4]

Answer: Answer: Did she go to the library yesterday? The past tense "went" becomes the base form "go".

18. Change into a negative sentence: Tom has finished his homework. [4]

Answer: Answer: Tom has not finished his homework.

19. Join the two sentences with "because": It was raining hard. The football match was cancelled. [4]

Answer: Answer: The football match was cancelled because it was raining hard.

20. Change into reported speech: Miss Lee said, "I am busy now." [3]

Answer: Answer: Miss Lee said (that) she was busy then. The tense moves one step back and "now" becomes "then".

Part F: Guided Writing and Punctuation (15 marks)

Write complete sentences or the required word; spelling must be correct.

21. Punctuate the paragraph correctly with six punctuation marks: where is my bag asked tom i think it is on the chair said mum [5]

Answer: Answer: "Where is my bag?" asked Tom. "I think it is on the chair," said Mum. (question mark, two full stops, capital letters and a comma make six marks)

22. Join with and / but / so: I was tired. I finished my project. [4]

Answer: Answer: I was tired, but I finished my project. ("But" shows contrast.)

23. Write a note of at least 40 words to tell your classmate to bring the textbook tomorrow. [3]

Answer: Sample answer (at least 40 words): Dear Amy, Please remember to bring your English textbook tomorrow. We will have a reading lesson in the library. See you at school. Tom

24. Correct the 5 mistakes in the paragraph: my sister and me goes to school by bus every days. she like english very much. [3]

Answer: Answer: My sister and I go to school by bus every day. She likes English very much. (errors: me -> I, goes -> go, days -> day, she -> She, like -> likes)