

QUESTION PAPER

PAKISTAN ENGLISH LINGUSITICS CONTEST ADOLESCENTS (GRADE 9 & 10)

TIME ALLOWED: 90 MINUTES

MAXIMUM MARKS: 90

TOTAL QUESTIONS: 30 MCQS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. DON'T OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL INSTRUCTED.**
- 2. WRITE YOUR NAME, FATHER NAME, SCHOOL ETC AT THE BUBBLE SHEET ONLY.**
- 3. RECORD ALL ANSWERS ON THE BUBBLE SHEET ONLY.**
- 4. SELECT BEST ANSWER FROM THE FOUR GIVEN OPTIONS AND MARK ONLY ONE OPTION IN EACH QUESTION.**
- 5. USE BLUE / BLACK INK TO FILL UP THE CIRCLES FOR YOUR ANSWERS ON THE BUBBLE SHEET.**
- 6. USE OF ANY HELPING MATERIAL INCLUDING CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**
- 7. EVERY CORRECT ANSWER EARNS THREE POINTS.**
- 8. ONE POINT WOULD BE DEDUCTED FOR EVERY INCORRECT ANSWER.**



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Read the poem and answer the questions 1-4.

Snow Day

In the winter it's every kid's dream,
As snowflakes begin to appear,
That suddenly there'll be a blizzard,
And they'll cancel school for the year.

Though most kids are willing to settle,
And I am inclined to agree,
They could merely close school for one day—
One day off would be just fine with me.

A day free from all forms of homework,
A day without science or math,
When you leave all your school books at home—
And run out the door with a laugh.

A day full of sledding and cocoa
And snowmen who wear Dad's old clothes;
No writing out boring equations
After lunch when you'd rather just doze.

A snow day's a day meant for lounging,
Where idleness isn't condemned,
A day where you sleep in till lunchtime,
A day that you don't want to end.

And if you are truly quite lucky,
The snow will continue its flight,
And you'll spend the afternoon hoping
The next day will be just as white.

Q1. What is the dream of all kids in winter?

- a. Snowflakes
 - b. Blizzard
 - c. Schools are closed for one day
 - d. Schools are closed for the whole year
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Q2. What is acceptable for the author?

- a. If schools are closed for the full year
 - b. If schools are closed for one day
 - c. If schools are not closed
 - d. If kids are willing to settle
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Q3. Idleness is not condemned if it is

- a. Very often
 - b. Always
 - c. Often
 - d. Never
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Q4. The next will be just as white means

- a. There will be full sun
- b. It would be a hot day
- c. The day would be pleasant
- d. The day would be a snow's day

Read the paragraphs and answer the questions 5–10 on the next page.

According to the best evidence gathered by space probes and astronomers, Mars is an inhospitable planet, more similar to Earth's Moon than to Earth itself – a dry, stark, seemingly lifeless world. Mars' air pressure is equal to Earth's at an altitude of 100,000 feet. The air there is 95 percent carbon dioxide. Mars has no ozone layer to screen out the sun's lethal radiation. Daytime temperatures may reach above freezing, but because the planet is blanketed by the mere wisp of an atmosphere, the heat radiates back into space. Even at the equator, the temperature drops to -50C (-60F) at night. Today there is no liquid water, although valleys and channels on the surface show evidence of having been carved by running water. The polar ice caps are made of frozen water and carbon dioxide, and water may be frozen in the ground as permafrost. Despite these difficult conditions, certain scientists believe that there is a possibility of transforming Mars into a more Earth-like planet.

Nuclear reactors might be used to melt frozen gases and eventually build up the atmosphere. This in turn could create a "greenhouse effect" that would stop heat from radiating back into space. Liquid water could be thawed to form a polar ocean. Once enough ice has melted, suitable plants could be introduced to build up the level of oxygen in the atmosphere so that, in time, the planet would support animal life from Earth and even permanent human colonies. "This was once thought to be so far in the future as to be irrelevant," said Christopher McKay, a research scientist at NASA. "But now it's starting to look practical. We could begin work in four or five decades." The idea of "terra-forming" Mars, as enthusiasts call it, has its roots in science fiction. But as researchers develop a more profound understanding of how Earth's ecology supports life, they have begun to see how it may be possible to create similar conditions on Mars. Don't plan on homesteading on Mars any time soon, though. The process could take hundreds or even thousands of years to complete and the cost would be staggering.

Q5. With which of the following is the passage primarily concerned?

- a. The possibility of changing the Martian environment.
 - b. The challenge of interplanetary travel.
 - c. The advantages of establishing colonies on Mars.
 - d. The need to study the Martian ecology.
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Q6. The word “stark” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to.

- a. harsh
 - b. unknown
 - c. dark
 - d. distant
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Q7. The word “there” in paragraph 2 refers to.

- a. a point 100 miles above the Earth
 - b. the Earth’s Moon
 - c. Mars
 - d. outer space
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Q8. Which of the following does the author NOT list as a characteristic of the planet Mars that would make colonization difficult?

- a. There is little liquid water.
 - b. Daytime temperatures are dangerously high.
 - c. The sun’s rays are deadly.
 - d. Night time temperatures are extremely.
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Q9. According to passage, the Martian atmosphere today consists mainly of.

- a. carbon dioxide
 - b. oxygen
 - c. ozone
 - d. water vapour
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Q10. It can be inferred from the passage that the “greenhouse effect” mentioned in paragraph 3 is.

- a. the direct result of nuclear reactions.
 - b. the cause of low temperatures on Mars.
 - c. caused by the introduction of green plants.
 - d. possible means of warming Mars.
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Grammar / Tenses etc.

Q11. The climber was seventy miles in the wrong direction and got _____.

- a. more panicked
 - b. the more panicked
 - c. more than panicked
 - d. more and more panicked
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Q12. One of the core tasks of the Red Cross is to organize nursing and _____ for those who are wounded on the battlefield.

- a. care
 - b. attention
 - c. victim
 - d. catastrophe
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Q13. This _____ looks very nice.

- a. woollen jacket
 - b. jacket woollen
 - c. wool jacket
 - d. wool's jacket
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Q14. Christopher is taller than _____ in his class.

- a. any other boy
 - b. all the boys
 - c. any other boys
 - d. every other boy
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Q15. Which do you like _____, summer _____ winter ?

- a. good, and
 - b. better, and
 - c. better, or
 - d. best, or
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Q16. Learning to play tennis well is not _____ it seems when you are a spectator.

- a. as easy so
 - b. so easy as
 - c. as easily as
 - d. more easy as
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Q17. I didn't _____ my homework on Saturday morning,

- a. do
 - b. make
 - c. made
 - d. did
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Q18. Your brother left a week ago but he has _____ written _____ phoned.

- a. either/or
 - b. neither/nor
 - c. neither/or
 - d. either/nor
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Q19. My brother _____ alone at night.

- a. seldom go out
 - b. seldom goes out
 - c. goes seldom out
 - d. goes out seldom
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Q20. Select the synonym for the word upright

- a. honorable
 - b. horizontal
 - c. humble
 - d. supine
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Q21. What word is a synonym of “reel”

- a. whirl
 - b. fish
 - c. hit
 - d. mistake
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Q22. Choose an antonym for the word “awe”

- a. borrow
 - b. shallow
 - c. low
 - d. contempt
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Q23. Choose an antonym for the word “talent”

- a. ungrateful
 - b. silent
 - c. show
 - d. inability
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Q24. "What did the girl look like?" "She wore a wedding dress _____ she were a bride."

- a. like
 - b. so
 - c. so that
 - d. as if
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Q25. The Titanic _____ on the sea bed for 70 years when they found it.

- a. had been laying
 - b. had lain
 - c. had been lying
 - d. had laid
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Q26. He was no longer running his shop. He ____ it.

- a. had sold
 - b. has sell
 - c. had sell
 - d. has sold
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Q27. Find the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.

- a. bush
 - b. pull
 - c. brush
 - d. push
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Q28. Find the word that differs from the rest in the position of the main stress.

- a. arrive
 - b. before
 - c. imply
 - d. countless
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Q29. We have been waiting for many hours to see the movie star, but the plane must have been _____.

- a. on time
 - b. punctual
 - c. on schedule
 - d. behind schedule
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Q30. Which one is a declarative sentence?

- a. Where are you going after school?
 - b. Use a number two pencil.
 - c. I love taking tests!
 - d. This is easy.
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