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English Section A

30 minutes

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Write your names, school and candidate number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You have 30 minutes for this paper which is worth 40 marks.
Each question is worth 1 mark.

Answer all the questions, attempting them in order and writing your answers clearly. If you find that you cannot answer a question straight away leave it blank and return to it later if you have time. Try not to leave blank answer spaces at the end, instead make the best attempt at an answer that you can.

If you need to change an answer cross it out neatly and write the new answer alongside the box.

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Poetry Comprehension

Read the whole passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow by writing the letter A, B, C or D in the appropriate answer space. The passage is reprinted on page 4 to help you when you are working on the questions on page 5.

North of Time

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 And that’s his compass on the shelf up there.
 He knew the world and foreign parts before
 Most Island boys had learned their A.B.C.s,
 And how to cipher. He stood six feet two,— 10
 It’s queer to think a man like that should freeze
 Sealing, up north in Greenland, but it’s true,
 And him not forty. Here I’m eighty odd
 And not been south of Boston. Guess he’d say
 Folks nowadays are like as peas in a pod, 15
 And one port same’s another all the way
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The kettle rocked with steam. The clock ticks told
 The minutes off between us as we sat.
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 They might have been dead roots. Dead roots? I thought
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 That’s north of time, too far for charts to show
 How currents run; what hidden reefs are near; 25
 What headlands jut; what harbors to explore;
 Or such a brass-bound compass serve to steer
 The cruising souls along an unknown shore.

Rachel Lyman Field

In each of the questions 1 - 10 there are four possible alternatives to choose from labelled A, B, C and D. Choose the letter which you think answers the question best then write your choice of letter in the box provided.

1. How old is the old man in the poem?

- A Not quite forty
- B About eighty
- C Close to ninety-nine
- D Roughly sixty-eight

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2. Look at lines 6-10. How does the old man feel about his grandfather?

- A He respects and honours him
- B He thinks he was very odd
- C He is embarrassed by him
- D He is scared of him

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3. What do you think the poet means by the sentence 'his hands so old they might have been dead roots' in lines 20-21?

- A The old man is slowly turning into a tree
- B The narrator dislikes the old man because he is ugly
- C The old man is becoming detached from the world around him as he ages
- D The old man is suffering from arthritis

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4. What might be meant by the old man following 'to that same port that's north of time' in lines 23-24?

- A The old man will soon be taking a trip to Scotland
- B The old man will soon be visiting his grandfather in Greenland
- C The old man is close to death which is represented as a journey
- D The grandfather is going to come home soon

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5. How are we meant to feel about the old man's final journey based on the description in the last 7 lines?

- A Completely scared and not wanting him to go
- B Really pleased and full of celebration for his departure
- C Confused and hoping he can find a map
- D Excited for his adventure yet nervous about the unknown

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6. Which of these lines is a simile?

- A 'Across the floor in yellow patches'
- B 'Are like as peas in a pod'
- C 'The kettle rocked with steam'
- D 'to steer the cruising souls along an unknown shore'

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7. Line 20 includes two words joined together by a punctuation mark.
What is the mark called?

- A Comma
- B Dash
- C Question mark
- D Hyphen

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8. Which of the following words used in the poem could be described as onomatopoeic?

- A boom
- B turning
- C rocked
- D age-filmed

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9. Lines 6-17 are surrounded by these marks: “ and ”. What are they?

- A Exclamation marks
- B Speech marks
- C Apostrophes
- D Brackets

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10. In lines 18-19, the clock is given human actions and characteristics.
How do you spell this technique?

- A Personifaction
- B Humanoidal
- C Personification
- D Parsonifacasion

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Use of English

In each of the questions 11-20 there are four possible alternatives to choose from labelled A, B, C and D. Choose the letter which you think answers the question best then write your choice of letter in the box provided.

11. What does the **suffix** *-less* mean in words such as 'hopeless' or 'windowless'?

- A without or none of
- B with or full of
- C fewer than normal
- D very dark or late

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12. Which word from the list below is the **antonym** of the one underlined in the following sentence:

Beryl made indifferent inquiries about Nina's injury

- A dispassionate
- B similar
- C comical
- D concerned

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13. In which sentence is the **comma** used incorrectly?

- A When the clock strikes seven, I go to get some breakfast.
- B I like to smother my toast in smooth, silky honey.
- C I don't like peanut butter, I'm allergic to peanuts.
- D Pancakes are a great treat too, aren't they?

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14. Which of the following sentences is **punctuated** correctly?

- A "Have you got the latest edition"? asked Jean.
- B "I think so, said Renee, as it only came out in November."
- C Jean replied "Jayne told me that there would be a new one for January"
- D "Shall we go and check at the shop?" Renee suggested.

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15. In which of the sentences below is the word 'fire' used as a **noun**?

- A We sat around the fire and toasted marshmallows.
- B Don't fire the gun as it will scare the dog.
- C Their boss will fire them if they keep leaving early.
- D Fire up the stove!

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16. In the following sentence, which **type of noun** is the word underlined?

The startled pigeons scattered through the streets of Paris in confusion.

- A common noun
- B proper noun
- C collective noun
- D abstract noun

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17. In the following sentence, which word is the **adjective**?

Jennifer reached down carefully and gently tickled the friendly dog behind its ears.

- A down
- B gently
- C friendly
- D behind

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18. Which of the following sentences is a **command**?

- A Stops are used at the ends of declarative sentences.
- B Stopping for a minute will help you catch your breath.
- C Stop running in the corridor.
- D Will you stop and have tea with us?

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19. The sentence below has had its capital letters removed. How many capitals should be used in this sentence?

every friday afternoon, michelle and i buy lollipops from the shop in manchester.

- A 4
- B 5
- C 6
- D 7

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20. In which sentence are the **tenses** used correctly?

- A When they had finished the match, the trophy is handed out by the manager.
- B When they have finish the match, the trophy was hand out by the manager.
- C When they has finished the match, the trophy was hands out by the manager.
- D When they had finished the match, the trophy was handed out by the manager.

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Verbal Reasoning

21. Four of the following words are alike in some way. **Which is the odd word out?**

- A fabric
- B cotton
- C wool
- D knit
- E thimble

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22. Four of the following words are alike in some way. **Which is the odd word out?**

- A cold
- B humid
- C mild
- D frosty
- E sleet

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In questions 23 & 24 you must turn the word on the left into the word on the right.

You can only change **ONE letter at a time** and each change must result in a **real word**.

Write your answers carefully in the appropriate answer spaces.

23.

BOWL

FOAM

24.

WOOD

HARD

In questions 25 to 27 you must use **all the letters of the word in capital letters to form a new word with the meaning given alongside it.**

Write your answers carefully in the appropriate answer spaces.

25.

LINAMA

Beast

26.

NIFTIYIN

Forever, endless

27.

KANGCAPIG

Wrapping

28. In ancient times, some people used a language which is different to the words we use now.

For example: **hypt juna bolla** was used in place of *today is Friday*; **juna bolla toho** meant *Friday is tomorrow*; and **toho juna bolla rum** means *tomorrow is Friday and it will rain*.

What was the word for “today”?

- A juna
- B rum
- C bolla
- D toho
- E hypt

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29. Five planes leave the same airport at the same time, all going to the same destination. Plane B arrives at the destination before planes A & D, but after plane C. Plane E arrives before plane D but after plane A.

Which plane is the last to arrive at the destination?

- A plane A
- B plane B
- C plane C
- D plane D
- E plane E

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30. Based on the information below, which statement **MUST** be true?

Six friends meet at the cinema to watch a film together. Sam wants to watch a documentary film. Noah wants to watch a horror film. Tarun and Sam want to watch the same type of film. Ava wants to watch a comedy film. Elena wants to watch the same type of film as Tarun. Imani wants to watch the type of film that most of her friends want to watch.

- A Imani wants to watch a documentary film
- B Sam wants to watch the same type of film as Ava
- C Elena and Noah want to watch the same type of film
- D Only three of the friends want to watch the same type of film
- E Elena and Sam do not want to watch the same type of film

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Factual Comprehension

The Ryder Cup is a men's golf competition played between teams from Europe and the USA. The competition takes place every two years (the 2020 Ryder Cup was postponed until 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic). The venue for the Ryder Cup alternates between a location in Europe and a location in the USA. The competition consists of 28 matches. Golfers win one point for their team for each match that they win, and half a point for each drawn match.

Ryder Cups since 2002

Year	Location	Golf Course	Winning Team	Winning Captain	Score
2002	England, Europe	The Belfry	Europe	Sam Torrance	Europe 15 ½ USA 12 ½
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31. Between 2002 and 2023, how many times did Europe win the Ryder Cup?

- A Four times
- B Six times
- C Eight times
- D Ten times

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32. At which golf course did the victorious team win the Ryder Cup by a margin of six points?

- A The Belfry
- B Hazeltine
- C Gleneagles
- D Valhalla

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33. The biggest winning margin happened in which year?

- A 2004
- B 2008
- C 2018
- D 2021

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34. Which of these locations listed below hosted the Ryder Cup most recently?

- A Wales, Europe
- B Ireland, Europe
- C Illinois, USA
- D Kentucky, USA

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35. At which of these golf courses did Europe win the Ryder Cup?

- A Valhalla
- B Celtic Manor
- C Whistling Straits
- D Hazeltine

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36. Between 2002 and 2023, how many of the USA's Ryder Cup victories happened in Europe?

- A None
- B One
- C Three
- D Four

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37. Which of these men captained a European team that won the Ryder Cup in the USA?

- A Paul Azinger
- B Ian Woosnam
- C Colin Montgomerie
- D José Maria Olazábal

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38. At which of these Ryder Cups was the winning margin the smallest?

- A The Ryder Cup when Davis Love III was the winning captain
- B The Ryder Cup that took place in 2004
- C The Ryder Cup that took place at the K Club golf course
- D The Ryder Cup that took place in Wales

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39. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?

- A The Ryder Cup that was held in Kentucky, USA, took place more recently than the Ryder Cup when Thomas Bjørn was the winning captain
- B The Ryder Cups won by teams captained by men called Paul were both held in Europe
- C The European team scored more points at the Ryder Cup held at Hazeltine than they did at the Ryder Cup when Steve Stricker captained the USA team
- D Since 2002, four Ryder Cups have been won by the away team

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40. Which of the following statements is **FALSE**?

- A Since 2002, neither team has won four Ryder Cups in a row
- B The winning margin at the Ryder Cup that was played at Gleneagles was the same as the winning margin at the Ryder Cup that took place in Italy
- C Since 2002, the USA Ryder Cup team has always scored at least ten points
- D Since 2014, the margin of victory at the Ryder Cup has never been less than five points

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This is the end of the Examination
Use any remaining time to check your work
or try any questions you have not answered.

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