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Grade 8, Paper 2

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N.B. This question paper consists of 17 pages

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| A | Comprehension | 1 | / 30 |
| B | Summary | 2 | / 10 |
| C | Unseen Poem | 3 | / 5 |
| | Seen Poem | 4 | / 5 |
| | Folktale | 5 | / 10 |
| | Short Story | 6 | / 10 |

Grand Total: _____ / 70

Percentage: _____ %

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

1. Read and follow ALL instructions carefully.
2. Use your time carefully. Suggested time management:
 - Section A: approximately 50 minutes
 - Section B: approximately 20 minutes
 - Section C: approximately 50 minutes
3. This paper consists of three sections:

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| Section A: | Comprehension | 30 marks |
| Section B: | Summary | 10 marks |
| Section C: | Literature | 30 marks |
4. You are required to answer questions from all three sections.
5. Answer all the questions from section A.
6. Answer all the questions from section B.
7. Answer all the questions from section C.
8. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION**QUESTION 1**

Refer to **Text A** and **Text B** and answer the questions that follow.

TEXT A:

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| | TIKTOK TRANCE | |
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| 1 | TikTok is a short video creation application that allows users to sing, dance, act, or mime audio clips or pre-recorded songs. For anyone over the age of 20, this content has no relevance. But to those in the age of demographic, it can garner millions of views and followers. The platform previously known as <i>Musical.ly</i> has become one of the most successful applications in the world. TikTok has over 500 million active users worldwide. It was one of the most downloaded applications in 2021 on both iOS and Android. | 5 |
| 2 | TikTok is owned by a Chinese company called <i>ByteDance</i> . It is the result of a merger between two existing applications; <i>Musical.ly</i> and <i>Douyin</i> . TikTok is unusual because it is the only internationally successful Chinese social network, with an appeal that has captured the world. In November 2020, dancer Charli D'Amelio became the first person to earn 100 million followers on TikTok and currently has over 123 million followers. | 10 |
| 3 | Other influencers such as entrepreneur, Gary Vaynerchuck, have also adopted the platform and have been sharing repurposed content that is more relevant to the demographic. Actor, Will Smith, was an early adopter of TikTok and has currently amassed a following of over 60 million people. This has allowed Smith to attract a younger fan base that he would have otherwise never been exposed to if it were not for TikTok. | 15 |
| 4 | The application thrives off trending hashtags and challenges. These are community led and usually start by one short video introducing the particular challenge. The idea is, people copy the challenge or trending activity and produce their own version. Challenges can come and go quite quickly, but it is those that are picked by celebrities or online influencers that carry the most momentum. | 20 25 |
| 5 | The idea of producing short videos or clips in an application first emerged with Vine in 2012. Vine had around 200 million monthly users worldwide, aged 18-24. After Vine was discontinued by Twitter in 2016, it left a gap in the market. This gap was filled by TikTok, which was launched internationally in January 2018. | 30 |
| 6 | It seems that every few years, a new application appears that begins to redefine the way the world uses social media. TikTok is currently leading the way for generation Z, offering even more diverse ways to interact in the digital world. Young people crave micro-entertainment and short bursts of distraction. This is one of the main appeals of TikTok. Videos are fun, short and trendy. | 35 |
| 7 | People can follow other accounts and create a feed of new content from the creators they enjoy most. It is perhaps another reason why TikTok is such an appealing platform. The application allows those with even the smallest followings to "go viral" and become online celebrities overnight. | 40 |
| Source: www.nytimes.com | | |

Questions:

1.1 Refer to paragraph one

1.1.1 According to the text what is TikTok? (2)

1.1.2 Name ONE activity that users can perform on the application. (1)

1.2 Refer to paragraph two

1.2.1 Why has the word *ByteDance* been written in italics? (1)

1.2.2 Refer to lines 11 – 13:

In November 2020, dancer Charli D’Amelio became the first person to earn 100 million followers on TikTok and currently has over 123 million followers.

What point does the writer make in these lines? (2)

1.3 Refer to paragraph three

1.3.1 What has TikTok helped Will Smith to achieve? State TWO points. (2)

1.3.2 Why has the writer included the name of Will Smith? (2)

- 1.4 Refer to paragraph four
Explain why the following statement is FALSE:

The application thrives on downloads and views. (1)

- 1.5 Refer to paragraph five
1.5.1 In your opinion, would you describe Vine as a popular application? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

- 1.5.2 Quote a single word in paragraph 5 which means the same as “international”. (1)

- 1.6 Refer to paragraph six
Explain what the writer means by “crave”. (2)

- 1.7 Refer to paragraph seven
1.7.1 Choose the correct answer to complete the following sentence:
The word “appealing” means ... (1)

- A. Amusing
- B. Attractive
- C. Interesting
- D. Distracting

- 1.7.2 According to the passage what does it mean to go “viral”? (2)

1.8 Refer to the passage as a whole

1.8.1 Suggest a reason why the passage does not appeal to rural adults. Give a reason for your answer.

(2)

1.8.2 The title "TikTok Trance" is an example of which sound device?

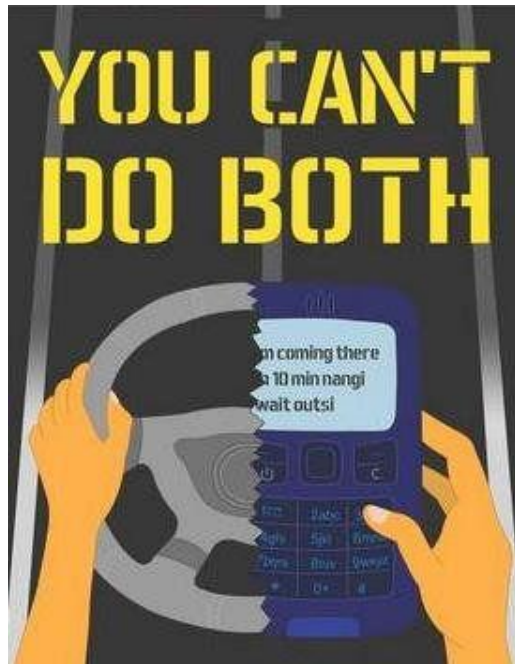
(1)

1.8.3 Discuss the suitability of the title, "TikTok Trance".

(2)

(24)

TEXT B:



Source:
<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/ba/d3/56/bad356d79cbd00505e2506d4023c304e.jpg>

1.9 Explain the word “both” in the context of the text. (2)

1.10 Explain why the writer provides this warning. (2)

1.11 Discuss whether the text is effective in conveying the message. (2)

(6)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 30 MARKS

SECTION B: SUMMARY**QUESTION 2**

Your classmate has been given a rabbit as his/her birthday present.

Read TEXT C below and list SEVEN points you would include on **how to give your rabbit the best care**.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Your summary must be written in point form.
- List your SEVEN points in FULL SENTENCES, using no more than 70 words.
- Number your sentences 1 – 7.
- Write only ONE point per sentence.
- Use your OWN words as far possible.
- Indicate the total number of words you have used in brackets at the end of your summary.

TEXT C:**How to give your rabbit the best care**

Rabbits are highly sociable, so get two rather than one. Males and females have different personalities. The males are relaxed and docile whereas the females tend to be bossy. They like to sip water. Make sure there is a constant supply of water.

Pellets cannot be their food. Grass from your lawn is great but do not feed them lawn-mower clippings. Let your rabbit nibble on the lawn in a safe area.

Rabbits need shelter as well as a chance to run freely. Your rabbit should be able to hop three times in any direction, stand fully upright without its ears touching anything and stretch out fully when lying down. They need to be able to dig. These creatures can die of a heart attack from the mere approach of a predator. They like to have a dark space that they can escape into.

Resist the temptation to pick up your rabbit. They feel more comfortable on the ground. Their bones are fragile.

Rabbits and children younger than 10 are not a good match. Children often lack the self-discipline required to look after rabbits.

Rabbits are very clean. Any allergies caused will be from hay, not their fur. They should never be bathed.

[Adapted from Animal Antics: 2019/2020]

(5)

QUESTION 4: SEEN POEM**TEXT E:**

Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow:

Grannie by Vernon Scannell

I stayed with her when I was six then went
 To live elsewhere when I was eight years old.
 For ages I remembered her faint scent
 Of lavender, the way she'd never scold
 No matter what I'd done, and most of all 5
 The way her smile seemed, somehow, to unfold
 My whole world like a warm, protective shawl.

I knew that I was safe when she was near,
 She was so tall, so wide, so large, she would
 Stand mountainous between me and my fear, 10
 Yet oh, so gentle, and she understood
 Every hope and dream I ever had.
 She praised me lavishly when I was good,
 But never punished me when I was bad.

Years later war broke out and I became 15
 A soldier and was wounded while in France.
 Back home in hospital, still very lame,
 I realised suddenly that circumstance
 Had brought me close to that small town where she
 Was living still. And so I seized the chance 20
 To write and ask if she could visit me.

She came. And I still vividly recall
 The shock that I received when she appeared
 That dark cold day. Huge grannie was so small!
 A tiny, frail, old lady. It was weird. 25
 She hobbled through the ward to where I lay
 And drew quite close, and, hesitating, peered.
 And then she smiled: and love lit up the day.

- 4.1 Quote a line from stanza 1 that tells us the speaker was never reprimanded by his grandmother. (1)

- 4.2 Identify two consecutive words which indicate a change in time, a move away from childhood. (1)

4.3 Identify and explain the tone in stanza 1. (2)

4.4 Identify one physical change in the grandmother in the final stanza. (1)

(5)

QUESTION 5: FOLKTALE**TEXT F:****THE FLYING DUTCHMAN**

Read the extracts below and answer the questions that follow.

The Flying Dutchman was of unusual design. She was heavily built and curiously curved at the bow to cut the water more cleanly. Heavy square sails overlapped on each mast. Eight brass cannon guarded her yellow-topped hull with its black sides below. Many a time had she fought her way round the Cape, with full sail set on her three tall masts.

Van der Decken watched the cargo going ashore to please the good burgers of Cape Town. Spices from Batavia to liven their cooking, silks from Cathay to adorn their ladies, planks of satinwood and bulks of ivory. He fretted and cursed at the time it took. He was only happy out at sea, proving himself the master of Wind and water. Above him, the bulk of Table Mountain swirled with cloud. Van der Decken laughed. The storm giant, Adamastor, had long been his foe. Already the bay looked angry and the waves were threatening. The Flying Dutchman rolled restlessly as his seamen sweated. Van der Decken had given his ship the same sense of urgency. 'Close the hatches!' he yelled suddenly. 'Let loose! Man the yards! Helmsmen, we sail!' 'But there's a storm brewing,' pleaded the mate. 'Tomorrow's Easter,' said another.

5.1 How do we know that the ship was well protected? (1)

5.2 List 2 items that Captain Van der Decken delivered to Cape Town. (2)

5.3 Provide a synonym for the word "foe" in paragraph 2. (1)

5.4 What was the name of Captain Van der Decken's ship? (1)

5.5 How do we know that the seamen did not want to sail again? Provide two reasons. (2)

‘Never!’ ranted Van der Decken, wild with a spirit of madness. ‘Nor man nor giant nor God himself will make me change my mind. I’ll round the Cape if I sail till the Day of Doom.’ Then, in an instant, the wind died down. A shaft of hard white light lit up the deck. A ghostly figure suddenly appeared and the men shielded their eyes in fear. Was it the storm giant, Adamastor? Or was it actually God Himself?

Even Captain van der Decken was scared for a moment. Then he pulled a pistol from his belt and fired at the figure. It was a foolish thing to do. His arm fell by his side, withered and useless. The foremast snapped and crashed to the deck. A voice louder than the storm had been, proclaimed, ‘You have named your own fate. You shall indeed sail these seas until the Day of Doom’.

5.6 Provide a word to describe Captain Van der Decken’s attitude. (1)

5.7 What resulted in the captain being cursed to sail the seas for eternity? (2)

(10)

QUESTION 6: SHORT STORY**TEXT G:****THE THIRD WISH**

Read the extracts below and answer the questions that follow.

When he awoke it was morning and the birds were beginning to call. Coming along the track towards him was the most beautiful creature he had ever seen, with eyes as blue-green as the canal, hair as dusky as the bushes, and skin as white as the feathers of swans.

"Are you the wife that I wished for?" asked Mr. Peters.

"Yes I am," she replied. "My name is Leita."

She stepped into the car beside him and they drove off to the church on the outskirts of the forest, where they were married. Then he took her to his house in a remote and lovely valley and showed her all his treasures-the bees in their white hives, the Jersey cows, the hyacinths, the silver candlesticks, the blue cups and the lustre bowl for putting primroses in. She admired everything, but what pleased her most was the river which ran by the foot of his garden.

"Do swans come up here?" she asked. "Yes, I have often seen swans there on the river," he told her, and she smiled.

- 6.1 What did Mr. Peters do to deserve 3 wishes from the King of the Forest? Explain (2)
the incident fully.

- 6.2 What was Mr. Peters' first wish? (1)

- 6.3 Why is Leita's questions about the swans visiting the river important? Provide (2)
two reasons.

He built a seat for her by the river, and the two sisters spent hours together there, communicating in some wordless manner.

For a time he thought that all would be well, but then he saw how thin and pale she was growing.

One night when he had been late doing the accounts he came up to bed and found her weeping in her sleep and calling:

"Rhea! Rhea! I can't understand what you say! Oh, wait for me, take me with you!"

Then he knew that it was hopeless and she would never be happy as a human. He stooped down and kissed her goodbye, then took another leaf from his notecase, blew it out of the window, and used up his second wish.

6.4 Why do you think Leita was growing thin and pale? Provide two reasons. (2)

6.5 What did Mr. Peters use his second wish for? Explain why he did this. (2)

6.6 What would you wish for if you were granted 3 wishes? (1)

(10)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS

GRAND TOTAL = 70 MARKS