



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE
Grade 9 Paper 2 (Language in Context)
November 2020



Time: 2 hours

Marks: 60

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N.B. This question paper consists of 11 pages

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES ARE ON PAGE 2

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Section	Marker	Content	Total
A		Comprehension	/30
B		Summary	/10
C		Language in context	/20
TOTAL			/60 /100

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

1. Read and follow ALL instructions carefully.
2. It is in your own interests to write and present your work neatly.
3. Use your time carefully. Suggested time management:
Section A: approximately 50 minutes
Section B: approximately 25 minutes
Section C: approximately 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

1. This paper consists of THREE sections:
SECTION A: Comprehension (30 marks)
SECTION B: Summary (10 marks)
SECTION C: Language (20 marks)
2. You are required to answer questions from all three sections.
3. Read all instructions carefully.
4. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

QUESTION 1: READING FOR MEANING AND UNDERSTANDING

TEXT A

Ig Nobel science award: An alligator on helium sounds like ...?

If humans sound like Minnie Mouse after inhaling helium, would an alligator squeak on the gas used to float balloons?

1 This “important” puzzle challenged a global research team to record an alligator bellowing with normal air, and then breathing *heliox*, a helium-oxygen mixture. The breakthrough garnered an Ig Nobel Prize for Acoustics on Thursday.

2 The Ig Noble Prizes are an annual honor for accomplishments in science and humanities that are intended to make you laugh - then think. The prizes are intended to celebrate the unusual, honor the imaginative — and spur people’s interest in science, medicine, and technology. Every September, in a gala ceremony in Harvard University’s Sanders Theatre, 1100 splendidly eccentric spectators watch the new winners step forward to accept their Prizes. These are physically handed out by genuine (and genuinely bemused) Nobel Laureates. Thousands more, around the world, watch the live broadcast online.

3 “Our question was whether alligators have vocal tract resonances like human speech,” said biologist Tecumseh Fitch, a member of the research team, who came from Austria, Sweden, Japan, the United States and Switzerland. “The hard part is getting an alligator to breathe helium.”

4 That was solved by getting a female Chinese alligator into an airtight chamber and pumping in helium, which makes sound travel faster. Alligators bellow a lot during mating season, possibly as a way to signal body size and power, the researchers said. By raising the vocal frequency, helium made the reptile sound a lot less intimidating! “Crocodilian vocalizations could thus provide an acoustic indication of body size,” said the winning research paper, originally published in the Journal of Experimental Biology.

5 Oh, and in case you were wondering - the alligator on helium did not squeak but let out a burp. Science Rules!!

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-ignobel-alligator/ig-nobel-science-award-an-alligator-on-helium-sounds-like-idUSKBN2692RL> and <https://www.improbable.com/ig-about/>

TEXT B



QUESTIONS

Refer to the heading and sub-heading

- 1.1 What is the purpose of the ellipsis at the end of the title? “sounds like...” 1
- _____
- _____
- 1.2. What type of question is used in the heading and sub-heading? 1
- _____

Refer to paragraph 1

- 1.3. Does the writer consider the Ig Nobel prize to be useful? Quote to support your answer. 2
- _____
- _____
- _____
- 1.4. What is heliox? 1
- _____

Refer to paragraph 2

- 1.5. Explain the Ig Nobel awards in your own words. 2
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- 1.6. Provide a synonym for “accomplishments.” 1
- _____
- 1.7. Do you think something like the Ig Nobel awards can “spur people’s interest in science, medicine and technology?” Explain your response. 3
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Refer to paragraph 3

1.8. What were the scientists trying to determine with the alligator experiment? 2

1.9. True/False: The scientists were from the United States. Quote to support your response. 2

1.10. What problem did the scientists face with this experiment? 1

Refer to paragraph 4

1.11. According to researchers, why do alligators bellow? 1

1.12. Why did the alligators sound “less intimidating” after inhaling helium? Quote FIVE consecutive words to support your answer. 2

Refer to Paragraph 5

1.13 Explain how the final paragraph answers the original question posed in the title. 2

Questions: Text B

1.14. Describe the expression of the scientist holding the balloons. Refer to the image in your answer. 1

1.15 Explain the expression, “blow off some steam” in your own words. 2

1.16. Discuss three ways in which humour is created in this comic. 3

Questions: Text A & B:

1.17. Is the cartoon an accurate representation of the alligator-helium experiment? Explain your answer by referring to both text A and B. 3

Section A total:

/30

SECTION C: LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT

QUESTION 3: ANALYSING ADVERTISING

Study the following advertisement and then answer the questions that follow:

TEXT D: ADVERTISEMENT



Source: https://www.adsoftheworld.com/media/print/big_cats

QUESTIONS:

3.1 Explain how the text supports the visual in this advertisement. 2

3.2 Explain the irony of the visual. 2

3.3 Which new section of the Zoo is opening June 2000? 1

Question 3 total:

/5

QUESTION 4: ANALYSING CARTOONS

TEXT E: Garfield and John

Study the following cartoons and then answer the questions that follow.



FRAME 1

FRAME 2

FRAME 3

https://za.pinterest.com/pin/543528248773311542/?nic_v2=1a3p7kW7b

QUESTIONS:

- 4.1 How do we know that John is choking in frame 1? Refer to 2 visual cues in your answer. 1

- 4.2 Explain the reason for John's reaction in frame 2. 2

- 4.3.1 How does Garfield feel in frame 3? 1

- 4.3.2 How did John expect Garfield to feel? 1

Question 4 total:	/5
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QUESTION 5: EDITING

TEXT F: OPINION AND ANALYSIS

This passage contains deliberate errors.

	<i>Wednesday 9th March</i>
1	“Gentlemen,” said Fatty with much gravity, “this man is none other than John Riley Crispo, our history teacher.” There was a gasp and then a frantic comotion as everybody tried to take yet another look at the photograph. Fatty was right. It was Crispo – the face had changed, his hair was now white and his eyes sunken with wrinkles, but the grin was the
5	same. Something about him hadn’t changed.
	“Believe it or not,” said Fatty, “but that are Crispo, recently returned from North Africa with a shrapnel injury to his shoulder.” Fatty eyed us beadily, then added, “Crispo can unlock Pandora’s box!”
	“Who’s Pandora?” asked Mad Dog, with a large frown across his brow.
10	“Your mother,” replied Rambo, without batting an eyelid. Now Mad Dog was completely confused, but before he could ask any more stupid questions, Fatty interrupted, “So I suggest one of us approaches Crispo and tries to get the goods out of him. And I suggest that person is Spud Milton!”

15	Suddenly they were all staring at me. Fatty was nodding slowly as if encouraging me to answer. Boggo had a slight smirk on his face as if he expected me to act like a coward, whilst Rambo was almost daring me to refuse so that he could lay into me with some savage abuse.
	“Fine,” I said with a sudden surge of courage. “You leave Crispo to me.” Fatty ordered me to report back to the dormitory next Wednesday, closed the meeting, farted and then blew out the candles.
20	Adapted from “Spud” pg 111-112 by John van de Ruit

QUESTIONS:

- 5.1 State the function of the apostrophe in, “hadn’t” (line 5). 1

- 5.2 State the function of the commas in lines 19-20. 1

- 5.3 Provide a synonym of your own for “brow” (line 9). 1

- 5.3 Identify what part of speech the following words are:

5.3.1 "courage" (line18) _____ 1

5.3.2 "staring" (line 14) _____ 1

5.4 Rewrite the following question in indirect speech: 1

"Who's Pandora?" asked Mad Dog, with a large frown across his brow.

5.5 Provide an antonym of your own for "smirk" (line 15). 1

5.6 Correct the spelling error in line 2. 1

5.7 Correct the concord error in line 6. 1

5.8 Explain the phrase, "without batting an eyelid" (line 10) in your own words. 1

Question 5 total:	/10
Section C total:	/20

GRAND TOTAL: (60 MARKS)