NILE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM
Grade 8 Progression Test

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ENGLISH **GRADE 8**

Paper 1 – READING AND WRITING **May 2024**

75 minutes

Answer on the Question Paper.

No additional materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name and school in the boxes above.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
You may use a soft pencil for any rough working.

Answer **all** questions

The total number of marks for this paper is 40

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Part 1			
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Writing			
Part 1			
Part 2			
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Reading Part 1
Questions 1-5 (5 marks)

Look at the text in each question. What does it say? Answer **A, B** or **C.**

1

Passengers are kindly requested to board the new bus departing for Los Angeles. The bus will be taking a route via San Francisco at 07:00, providing passengers with an impressive journey before reaching the lively city of Los Angeles.

What are the passengers going to do?

(a) take a bus departing from Los Angeles.

(b) enjoy a stunning journey towards Los Angeles.

(c) arrive in the lively city of Los Angeles at 7:00

2

Dear Sarah,
I wanted to reach out and offer my assistance to save you the trouble. I'm here to help with the recent IT issue or any additional workload you may have due to John's absence. Please don't hesitate to ask.
Best regards,
Angela

What is Angela trying to do?

(a) Give a lending hand to John.

(b) Seek help for John's absence.

(c) handle John's responsibilities.

3

Great Opportunity

We are looking for a fresh graduate who is able to work under pressure, be self-motivated and supportive. These qualities will help you progress within the company. Our employees who are willing to learn can train to become Account Managers.

What is a key quality for someone to get promoted?

(a) To be eager to expand horizons.

(b) To be recently graduated.

(c) To be dependent.

4

Our school has planned for a four-day journey to Lonavala hill. Activities such as hiking, mountain biking and nature walks are the highlights of the trip. You will have the opportunity to learn about the local culture, and make new friends.

What is the school's main objective in organizing a four-day trip to Lonavala hill?

(a) Build new relationships.

(b) Learn about other traditions.

(c) Experience outdoor activities.

5

The listening and speaking examinations that were scheduled for Monday, April the 20th ,2022 to Thursday April the 24th ,2023 have been postponed. This is due to the current global Health crisis.

The listening and speaking exams will be .....

(a) canceled due to global crisis.

(b) delayed until further notice.

(c) repeated due to health issues.

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Reading Part 2
Questions 6-10 (5 marks)
Read the text and questions below.
For each question, answer **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

A New Journey

I have previously found pleasure in occasional walks, but never in a million years did I imagine that I'd end up walking over 200 kilometers in 10 days, or become a fan of walking holidays. And most surprisingly, I found myself developing self-guided hiking routes in Portugal with a local tour operator as part of my business.

My journey from being content with three-hour walks to becoming an experienced hiker began with a brief introduction to the world of hiking. It all started when my friends invited me to join them on a weekend hike in a local nature reserve. Little did I know that this outing would create this passion within me for exploring the great outdoors on foot.

Back in 2013, I had the opportunity to participate in a guided single-day hike along one of the most beautiful sections of the Camino, located north of Ponte de Lima. Although it was one of the most challenging parts, due to the steep and rocky ground, the breathtaking scenery from the top of Labruja Mountain made the climb worthwhile.

The guides accompanying us were incredibly enthusiastic for the sense of achievement that comes from reaching the majestic mountain peak after facing the daily challenges of the Camino. This spirit inspired me to consider going through this adventure, despite lacking any special motivations. Apart from suffering the continuous back pain, I thought I was quite fit. But nothing had prepared me for how exhausted I would feel at the end of each walking day.

Quickly, I realized the moral of this unique travel experience. The Camino was all about making the most of the journey rather than the destination. We met people who had walked the Camino several times and I can totally understand how it can become addictive.

7 What was the author's initial attitude towards hiking?

(a) eager to be experienced.

(b) satisfied with short walks.

(c) aware of what's coming up.

(d) excited to be a nature explorer.

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8 What made the climb to Labruja Mountain rewarding?

(a) The beautiful parts of the Camino.

(b) The opportunity to join other hikers.

(c) The chance to explore Ponte de.

(d) The stunning scenery after hard effort.

9 What did the guides inspire the writer to bear in mind?

(a) overcoming physical illness.

(b) reaching the top of the mountain.

(c) experiencing daily challenges of the Camino.

(d) trying new things despite lacking the motive.

10 What lesson did the writer learn from the Camino experience?

(a) The importance of reaching the destination.

(b) The challenges of self-guided hiking.

(c) The significance of the journey itself.

(d) The Camino is a one-time experience.

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Reading Part 3
Questions 11-20 (5 marks – ½ mark each)
Read the text below.

Use the words **11-20** in the box on the right of the text to make the words that fit in the gaps. Write your answers in the spaces under the text.

Curtains have a rich history that started from ancient…… (11)…….. . to modern times. Initially used for practical purposes such as light control and protection, curtains.....(12)……. develop into decorative elements that reflected the cultural and artistic trends of each era.
Curtains served both ……..(13)……. and decorative purposes in castles and palaces. But the Industrial Revolution made the curtains more ……(14)…….. to the middle class.

……(15)…… curtains continue to be an essential element, serving purposes such as light control,……(16)…….. and decoration. Contemporary designs vary widely, from simple to mixed-up. This reflects people's ……..(17)…….. tastes and design trends**.** The history of curtains showcases human ……..(18)…….. and the ever-developing nature of design. Curtains have played a crucial role in transforming spaces throughout history. As we continue to explore new ……(19)…….. in interior design, curtains remain a basic element in creating ……(20)……. and pleasing environments.

(11) CIVIL
(12) GRADUAL
(13) FUNCTION
(14) AFFORD
(15) CURRENT
(16) PRIVATE
(17) PERSON
(18) CREATE
(19) POSSIBLE
(20) COMFORT

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Reading Part 4

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.
For each question, circle **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** on your answer sheet **(5 marks – ½ mark each)**

The Importance of Teamwork

I was always one of those people who preferred to work by myself. I didn't like to ask for help, and I didn't like to ……(21)…….. with others. But ……..(22)…… ,I took a class to work in a group project. At first, I was. ……..(23)…… by this. I didn't like that but I was ……(24)…….. to do well in the class, so I decided to give it a try.

To my surprise, I found that I ……..(25)…… enjoyed working with my group members. We were all different characters, but we were able to help each other and……..(26)…… in the project.

I learned that ……(27)…… you work together, you can accomplish things that you never could have accomplished ……..(28)…….. your own.

Teamwork is essential for achieving success, so ……..(29)…… an effort to communicate effectively with your team members ……(30)…….. you get the chance.

21	**(a)** co-operate	**(b)** involve	**(c)** contribute	**(d)** share
22	**(a)** if	**(b)** then	**(c)** after	**(d)** before
23	**(a)** sorry	**(b)** shocked	**(c)** anxious	**(d)** annoyed
24	**(a)** insisted	**(b)** confident	**(c)** sure	**(d)** determined
25	**(a)** actually	**(b)** mostly	**(c)** well	**(d)** simply
26	**(a)** achieve	**(b)** finish	**(c)** succeed	**(d)** benefit
27	**(a)** however	**(b)** during	**(c)** though	**(d)** when
28	**(a)** on	**(b)** by	**(c)** of	**(d)** with
29	**(a)** do	**(b)** make	**(c)** gain	**(d)** produce
30	**(a)** whenever	**(b)** wherever	**(c)** whatever	**(d)** whoever

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Writing Part 1

Email (4 marks)

Your school is organizing a trip and you want your friend Ahmed to go with you.

Write an email to your friend. In your email you should tell him:

- why you want to go on that trip.
- when you want your friend to go with you.
- what he should do to join in.

Write from 55 to 60 words.

Write your email here.

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Writing Part 2

Article (16 marks)

Write an article for a website explaining the importance of good friendships throughout a person's life span.

Think about:

- The power of friendship.
- What makes a good friend?
- What makes a friendship unhealthy?

You should spend fifteen minutes on this task.

Planning

Activity	Results
power of friendship	
What makes a good friend?	
What makes a friendship unhealthy?	

Think about:

- how you will start your article
- the points you will include
- how you will finish your article

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Write your article here.

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ENGLISH **547/02**

Paper 2 – Listening **May 2024**

Approximately 5-7 minutes

You must answer on the Question Paper.
No additional materials are needed.

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INFORMATION

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- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Listening: (8 marks)

Listen to the following monologue about Russia, the largest country in the world. Then fill in the gaps in the following sentences.

You will hear the recording twice.

1 The ..... split Europe and Russia apart.

2 Unlike other countries, throughout the whole year, the southern territory temperature is usually .....……

3 ..... . is too wide to the point that is considered the largest lake in the world.

4 The oldest sign of the country is .....

5 Russian ancestors moved into the country ..... years ago.

6 Russia is famous for its talented people such as Pyotr Ilyich who is a popular.....

7 Various animals including rabbit-like mammals called ..... live in Russian forests.

8 Although the Russian government has made efforts, only 1% of the……..... is preserved.

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