



Time: 90 minutes

1st QUIMESTRAL ASSESSEMENT
2024 - 2025

SUBJECT:

SCORE

CLASS:

GRADE:

Full Name:

Teacher:

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Date:

VARIABLE A

INSTRUCTIONS:

Fill in the answers in the space provided. Writing can be answered on the paper attached

Remember to use pen

Any attempt of copy or plagiarism will be reflected on a 01.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Listening (0.2 points per question a total of 1 Point)

Text A

You are going to hear an interview about the impact of online shopping.

Complete the following gaps. Use no more than three words for each gap. Online flyer:

Online shopping What's the problem?

Online shopping ☐ more delivery vans ☐ more [- 1 -].

Most packaging is not [- 2 -]. What's the solution?

Shoppers should:

shop [- 3 -] to lower emissions

order several items at the same time

[- 4 -] or recycle packaging. Companies should:

[- 5 -] packaging.

1. [- 1 -]

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2. [- 2 -]

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3. [- 3 -]

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4. [- 4 -]

5. [- 5 -]

Reading (0.2 per question a total of 3 Points)

The Kanneh-Mason Family in Concert

1 Harriet Smith unpacks the success of the seven gifted Kanneh-Mason siblings.

What makes the Kanneh-Mason siblings so remarkable? Is it the fact that all seven of them seem equally obsessed with music? They are, by order of age, Isata (24), Braimah (22), Sheku (21), Konya (20), Jeneba (18), Aminata (15) and Mariatu (11), and all play either piano, violin or cello or a combination. Or is it the fact that their parents Stuart and Kadiatu – neither of them musicians but both musical – didn't go down the more obvious hot-housing¹ route with specialist music schools but instead opted for state education in Nottingham at a school that truly integrated music into the curriculum? Or is it the fact that they are equally at home playing Bob Marley, Mozart or tunes from the musicals?

- 1 One of the most striking things about the family is the way that music is music. They grew up surrounded by music – reggae, rap, rock, country & western, as well as classical. That was undoubtedly the secret to their semi-final success in Britain's Got Talent² in 2015, where, after their medley of classical and electronic rock music, even the most prickly judge waxed lyrical, commenting that they were 'probably the most talented family in the world.' A fellow-judge hit the nail on the head when she summed up their performance with the observation: 'So many younger people might think this music is stuffy and you give it personality and character and fun: I think you could probably introduce it to a whole new audience of people who have never really appreciated that kind of music before.'
- 2 How right she was, and in the years since then the siblings have made their mark both individually and as a family. In 2016 cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason was the first-ever black musician to win the coveted BBC Young Musician, while pianist sisters Isata and Jeneba reached the keyboard finals in 2014 and 2018 respectively. In 2018 Sheku reached an audience of two billion worldwide when he played at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Sheku and Isata have both made best-selling recordings and all seven will shortly release a new album together.
- 3 But before we get carried away by the fairy-tale aspect of the Kanneh-Masons, let's not forget that this has come about through a mix of talent, hard work and a certain amount of sacrifice too, as their mother relates in her recently published book *House of Music*. She doesn't like the word 'talent' very much though. 'I think all children actually have genius ... and it's all about championing that.' She explains: 'Genius is something you really, really want to do, which is probably more important than something called "talent". It's loving something, wanting to do it, having the thirst to do it, and then channelling that hard work. It's not something you are born with, because if you do nothing about it, it goes nowhere.'

¹ hot-housing: teaching a child to a high level at an earlier age than usual

² Britain's Got Talent: a British talent competition and television show

Text B — The Kanneh-Mason Family in Concert

The following statements are either true or false. Tick [✓] the correct option, then justify it using words as they appear in the text. **Both** parts are required for [0.2 mark].

10. Some of the Kanneh-Mason siblings play more than one instrument. [0.25]

☐	True	Justification:	
☐	False		

11. Mr and Mrs Kanneh-Mason play music professionally. [0.25]

True	Justification:
False	

12. The Kanneh-Mason siblings were educated privately. [0.25]

☐	True	Justification:
☐	False	

13. The Kanneh-Mason siblings are more comfortable playing a particular type of music. [0.25]

☐	True	Justification:
☐	False	

Find the word or phrase in **paragraph 2** which means the following:

14. mixture [0.25]

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15. spoke enthusiastically [0.25]

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16. described the situation precisely [0.25]

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17. old-fashioned [0.25]

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Choose an appropriate word(s) from the list that completes each gap in the following text. [1]

[- 24 -] Mrs Kanneh-Mason, the siblings' success has not been like a fairy-tale. It has required a great deal of effort [- 25 -] sacrifice. Talent is, of course, an important element. However, [- 26 -] the importance of talent, Mrs Kanneh-Mason thinks that genius is even more significant. For Mrs Kanneh-Mason, genius is associated with a hunger and thirst to do something, and it is [- 27 -] this that her children have managed to achieve so much.

24. [- 24 -]	☐		A. as well as
25. [- 25 -]	☐		B. without
26. [- 26 -]	☐		C. thanks to
27. [- 27 -]	☐		D. in spite of
	☐		E. according to
	☐		F. except for
	☐		G. concerning
	☐		H. depending on

Writing (6 Points)

In your English class you have been talking about free time. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay. Write your essay using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

Should teenagers spend their free time doing lots of activities, or is it better for teenagers to spend most of their free time relaxing?

Notes

Write about:

1. learning new things
2. time with friends
3. _____ (your own idea)

180-250 words (PLEASE COMPLETE IT IN YOUR SQUARED SHEET, BE SURE TO ADD YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION TO IT)

Student's Signature: