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FORM B

LEARNER NUMBER

SURNAME

GENDER (TICK ☒)

BOY

GIRL

NAME (S)

PROVINCE

DATE OF BIRTH

SCHOOL NAME

EMIS NO.

DISTRICT /
REGION

Instructions to learners

1. Read all instructions carefully.
2. Answer all questions on the space provided.
3. The duration for this test is 2 hours.

Read the following passage and answer questions 1 – 8.

Moving Mountains with Sbusiso Vilane

1. In the world of mountaineering, Everest still reigns supreme. As the highest mountain in the world, she stands at over 8 800 meters above sea level, and attracts climbers of all levels. Her grace and beauty are quite spectacular, but stand in stark contrast to the inherent dangers that lie hidden beneath her robe of mist and cloud, on her glistening glaciers, and in her bottomless crevices that lead to strange underground worlds. As a climber you will know that you are at her mercy. For when she speaks, you must listen if you fail to heed her warnings, she will take no prisoners.
2. For those brave enough, attempting to climb this majestic wonder can yield rich rewards. Everest has already laid claim to over 200 climbers. However, one South African adventurer, Sbusiso Vilane or Sbu decided that he would be the conqueror, not the conquered.
3. He is unquestionably South Africa's most famous mountaineer. He is renowned the world over for being the first black African to ever summit Everest – twice! This amazing adventure and triumph is in stark contrast to his humble beginnings in Mpumalanga where he lived and worked as a game ranger, in one of the province's poorest communities.
4. In 1999 he successfully summited Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, and moved onto the Himalayas in 2002. This training prepared Sbu for his greatest climb yet – an expedition up Mount Everest in May 2003. No black African had ever climbed it. That became Sbu's motivation. On the 26th of May 2003, he stood, triumphant, at the apex of the planet! He was hooked! The thrill of conquering nature's rugged outdoors led Sbu to leave behind his life of game ranging. His enthusiasm for a challenge resulted in a second successful climb of Everest in 2005. His success benefited three children's charities in South Africa. His experience as a mountaineer has taught him that everyone has their own "Everest" to climb. But he is insistent that when you focus, work hard and show bravery in the face of fear, the sky is the limit. His story is proof of that

This article was adapted from the 'SA Adventurer' travel magazine

1. **Draw a circle around the letter of the correct answer.** (1)

The first paragraph is about ...

- A. precautionary measures for climbers.
- B. the beauty of Mount Everest.
- C. dangers experienced in the mountain.
- D. prisoners held in the mountain.

2. **Mention one distinguishing characteristic of:**

Mount Kilimanjaro _____ (1)

Mount Everest _____ (1)

3. **Draw a circle around the letter of the correct answer** (1)

A supporting sentence helps to explain a prior sentence. Identify an example of a supporting sentence from the first paragraph of the passage.

- A. As the highest mountain in the world, she stands at over 8 800 meters above sea level, and attracts climbers of all levels
- B. Her grace and beauty are quite spectacular, but stand in stark contrast to the inherent dangers that lie hidden beneath her robe of mist and cloud.
- C. As a climber you will know that you are at her mercy.
- D. For when she speaks, you must listen if you fail to heed her warnings, she will take no prisoners.

4. **Draw a circle around the letter of the correct answer** (1)

Which one of the following is the main purpose of this article?

- A. To be inspirational.
- B. To be thought-provoking.
- C. To be informative.
- D. To be descriptive.

5. Draw a circle around the letter of the correct answer (1)

Why did the author use the exclamation mark in the following sentence "His story is proof of that!". The author is ...

- A. showing emotions.
- B. screaming at him.
- C. praising him.
- D. bragging about him.

6. Change the following sentence to the passive voice. (1)

Mount Everest has already laid claim to over 200 climbers.

7. Write the antonyms (opposites) of the underlined words in the spaces provided:

7.1 Sbu is a humble man. (1)

7.2 Its beauty stands in contrast to its inherent dangers. (1)

8. Write a singular of the underlined words in the spaces provided.

8.1 Mpumalanga where he lived and worked, is one of the province's poorest communities. (1)


8.2 His travels have taken him to some of the most beautiful sparkling avalanches. (1)

Study the following poster and answer questions 9 to 13.


Sport Talk

All the latest sport news


Your sporting action starts **2** here....



Catch exciting **SOCCER** live on *Mabaleng*.
Saturdays at 12:30 on SABC1, and on *Laduma*, **Sundays at 14:30 on SABC 2**.



Topsport kicks off The month with the **SA Senior Track and Field Athletic Championships**
On Friday 6th at 21:15
And Saturday 7th at 13:30 and 17:15 on SABC 2



Mabaleng celebrates its first birthday this month. No longer a toddler, but the new powerhouse of South African Sports broadcasting. **Mabaleng** and its team provide great sport coverage for a great nation

Athletics enthusiasts will be thrilled by this year's **Engen Athletics**, held in Polokwane, Johannesburg and Cape Town where the worlds leading athletes will be battling it out on South African soil.

Tune into this spectacular event
With **Topsport** Channel, **SABC 2**:
Wednesday 11th at 22:00 – 23:30
Monday 16th at 31:30 – 23:00
Friday 20th at 21:15 – 22:45 (Finals)
(Highlights: Saturday 21st at 13:30 – 14:30)

Don't miss the **All Africa Grand Prix Athletics** on SABC 2, Friday 27th at 21:15

Diarise.....

Wednesday 18th at 22:00 on **SABC 2**, *Supersport* will feature International soccer with the UEFA Cup Match.

Thursdays at 22:00 on **SABC 3**. On *The Edge*, your local sports talk show is Setting into some hot topical issues

LOOKOUT FOR THIS BOX IN THE PROGRAMME GUIDE

9. **Draw a circle around the letter of the correct answer** (1)

Advertisements have particular features. Which one of the following features does not apply to the above advertisement?

- A. It tries to influence the reader to watch sport.
- B. It tries to get the attention of readers.
- C. It gives essential information.
- D. It gives personal feelings.

10. **What programme will be featured on Sunday at 14:30 on SABC 2 ?** (1)

11. **Write two adjectives from the poster that would persuade people to want to watch sport .** (2)

12. **Write the word "SABC" in full.** (1)

13. **How did the writer emphasise the title of the poster?** (1)

14. **Give the meaning of the following expression:** (1)

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Use the following dictionary extract and answer questions 15 to 17.

sport (sport || spōrt) *n.* 1. A game or other activity, usually providing exercise and pleasure and involving competition. 2. Sports collectively. 3.a. Any pleasurable pastime; a diversion; a recreation. b. The pleasure provided by such a pastime. Used chiefly in the phrase *have good sport*. 4 a. Light mockery; raillery; jest: *a remark made in sport*. b. An object of mockery. 5. One at the mercy of or controlled by external forces: *a sport of fate*. 6. *Informal*. A cheerful or good-natured person. 7. *Informal*. A person who shows sportsmanlike qualities to a specified extent: *a bad sport*. 8. *Informal*. A person who lives a merry extravagant life. 9. *Australian*. Used as an informal term of address. 10. *Genetics*. An organism that shows a marked change from the parent stock; a mutation. 11. *Archaic*: Amorous dalliance; flirting. -in sport. In jest; jokingly.

~**v.** **sported, sporting, sports.** -*intr.* 1. To play happily; frolic. 2. To joke or trifle. Often used with *with*. 3. To mutate. -*tr.* To display or show off: *His shoes sported pink laces*.

(Reader's Digest Universal Dictionary, p.1470)**

15. Answer the following question. (1)

The "n." printed after the word "sport" indicates a/an . . .

16. Answer the following question. (1)

In which country is the word "sport" used as an informal term of address?

17. Answer the following question. (1)

"His shoes sported pink laces" is an example given in the extract of a person . . .

18. Draw a circle around the letter of the correct answer (1)

Refer to the following definitions in the extract above:

One would call someone a "good sport" when such a person is. . .

- A. an object of mockery.
- B. one controlled by external forces.
- C. cheerful and good-natured.
- D. a person who lives an extravagant life.

19. Circle the misspelt word in the following sentence. (1)

Sports comentators analyse the match after each game.

20. Draw a circle around the letter of the correct answer (1)

20.1 Which sentence contains **an error**?

- A. My brother is a sailor.
- B. That man is a beggar.
- C. Our examinations starts tomorrow.
- D. He heard about the boy's death.

20.2 Correct the answer you have chosen in 20.1.

_____ (1)

21. Draw a circle around the letter of the correct answer (1)

Which word would come **last** if the following words were to be arranged alphabetically?

- A. Military B. Millipede C. Microscope D. Minute

23. The following is an example of which figure of speech: (1)

"The young horse was as frisky as a zebra in the wild."

24. The language that writers use in order to create pictures in people's minds is called: (1)

25. **Draw a circle around the letter of the correct answer**

Choose an example of personification from the following: (1)

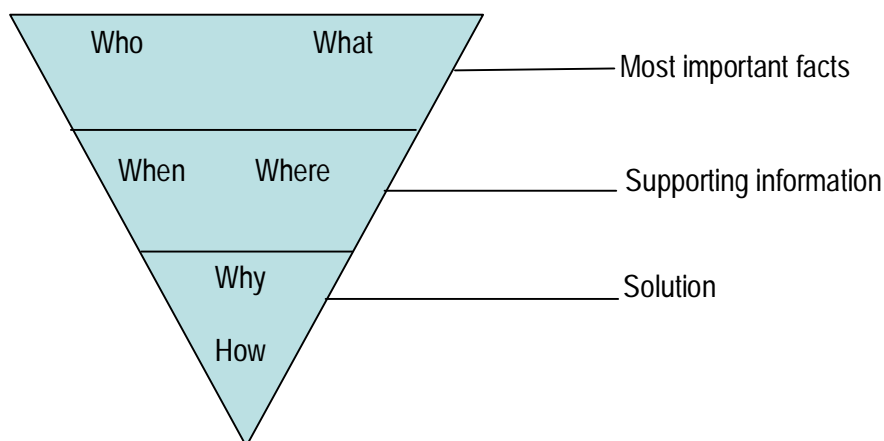
- A. As strong as a lion.
- B. She smells like a pig.
- C. The wind shouts to me.
- D. Creatures that hang themselves like an old rag.

26. "The leaves whisper in the wind" is an example of which figure of speech : (1)

27. A regular beat that runs through the poem is called: (1)

28. Write a newspaper report using the inverted pyramid structure based on the story below. Include an interesting headline. Your article should have three paragraphs. You will also be assessed on language usage (sentence flow), spelling and punctuation.

(18)



When Dan Shaw gets up from the couch in his suburban home in Ellsworth, Maine, Cuddles is never far away. Cuddles is clearly no ordinary family pet. Cuddles is a two-foot-high miniature horse and serves as the guiding eyes of Shaw, who is visually impaired. Dan Shaw became the first person to receive a guide horse. Shaw began losing his sight as a young man and had difficulty holding jobs due to his failing vision. Getting around proved to be too difficult. Then Shaw heard of a program about the tiny guide horses. Janet and Don Burleson of North Carolina, had trained their miniature horse and started the Guide Horse Foundation to provide an effective alternative to guide dogs. Miniature horses can be housebroken and learn to live in an urban setting, but they are best suited for suburban or rural homes. Best of all, they live for 25–35 years, which would enable Shaw to have the same guide companion for most or all of his life. The Burleson's visited the Clermont Stables, which were located in the heart of the busy city. They noticed how the horses remained calm in the midst of heavy traffic and

were impressed by their ability to negotiate complicated traffic patterns. Why couldn't they be useful in helping individuals who are blind? Horses possess many qualities that make them an ideal choice for guiding people. They can be trained to remain calm in noisy and crowded places. They are smart, have great memories, and are not easily distracted. Horses are naturally on the lookout for danger and demonstrate excellent judgment in obstacle avoidance. They have an excellent range of vision and also can see extremely well at night. In addition, they are sturdy animals with the stamina to withstand lengthy excursions. Shaw immediately applied to be and was accepted as the first person to receive a guide horse. He went to the Burleson's farm to begin his training. During training, Shaw and Cuddles learned to navigate busy streets, step over curbs, and find doorknobs and elevator buttons. Cuddles even demonstrated his ability to step in front of Shaw and block him, to prevent him from walking into a dangerous situation. The little horse also expertly led Shaw through grocery stores and busy shopping malls. When walking inside, Cuddles wears two pairs of tiny sneakers to prevent him from slipping on smooth surfaces. Later, Shaw and Cuddles went on a tour of Washington, D.C., and Boston, drawing curious stares from passers-by. Eventually, they toured the congested streets and attractions of New York City. They got along without any difficulties. Shaw is confident that Cuddles will change his life for the better. Years ago, he never would have imagined himself owning a guide horse. Sometimes, however, it is the less obvious choice that works out for the best.

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29. Answer the following question based on the passage on pages 11 – 12. (2)

In your opinion, do you think Dan Shaw made a good decision by using a guide horse rather than a guide dog? Justify your response.

TOTAL = 60 MARKS