

ANSWER KEY. ALL IN ONE MOCK EXAMINATIONS GRADE 8. ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TEST PAPER 1 – SECTION A
THE GARDEN

- (1) (i) Their crops were affected by the sun (ii) Birds came to peck among their vegetables.
- (2) (a) Devdutt had donated seeds and gardening equipment to them.
(b) They were feeling happy and proud.
- (3) (i) They obtained many vegetables from their garden. (ii) They sold the vegetables to get some money.
- (4) (i) They dug canals to drain away rainwater (ii) They filled bags with stones which they placed along the edge of the river.
- (5) (a) 'the rain thinned away'
(b) Their garden and crops will be severely affected/devastated by the flood water.
- (6) The cyclone changed its course/direction and moved away.
- (7) They saw a sight of complete destruction/devastation.
- (8) Since they had taken loans from the bank, they were ruined because their crops were spoilt.
- (9) Meaning of words:
 - (i) thin rain
 - (ii) give flowers
 - (iii) picked
 - (iv) roared, grumbled
 - (v) worried
 - (vi) moving
 - (vii) bad luck

TEST PAPER 1
NEIL ARMSTRONG

- (a)
 - (i) TRUE. When he was two years old, his father took him to Cleveland Air Forces, and three years later he experienced his first aeroplane flight.
 - (ii) FALSE. He was the second member of his family to attend school.
 - (iii) TRUE. In 1950, Neil's studies were interrupted when he joined the Korean War.
- (b) 3 – 2 – 6 – 4 – 7
- (c) Neil was shot down during the Korean War.
- (d) The Spacecraft Gemini started spinning uncontrollably.
- (e) They had to ensure that they had not been contaminated by microbes.
- (f) It opened the way to space exploration and research.
- (g) He worked at the University of Cincinnati.
- (h) So that the media would not bother him.
- (i) He wanted to see how the Earth looked like from the ground.
- (k) heart attack
- (j) The exploits of astronaut Neil.

SECTION B – GRAMMAR & WRITING

1. **his**: their ; **phone**: phones ; **he is**: they were ; **his** project: their
2. The buses.....the road. Tim is about to cross, but he cannot.....dense traffic.
3. A. freedom – whatever – cobbled – fascinating – witches
B. spent – brightly coloured – diners – torchlight – occasional
4. Mew said he was taking driving lessons.
Woah asked him where he was getting his driving lessons from.
Mew replied he was being trained by an instructor from Port Louis.
Woah asked whether driving was a tough job.
Mew explained that the first lessons were always difficult.
5. exhausted – excited – studying – helping – fascinating

TEST PAPER 2 – SECTION A THE GOLDEN COINS

- (a)
- (i) FALSE. They led a simple life and lived happily like one big family.
- (ii) FALSE. His brothers thought he was good for nothing and often taunted him.
- (b) 4 – 1 – 3 – 2
- (c) Hari was lazy whereas the other children were hardworking / laborious.
- (d) He could have died in the river.
- (e) He grabbed an overhanging bamboo stem and climbed on the bank.
- (f) They did not try to save him when he was swept downstream.
- (g) Hari was not helping in the household/He was not doing any work.
- (h) He was delighted/very happy / overjoyed.
- (i) The rays of the sun were reflecting on the golden coins.
- (j) Explain the meaning of words:
- (i) sunset
 - (ii) tempted
 - (iii) shining brightly
 - (iv) coming out of
 - (v) disappeared/went inside
 - (vi) fell /slipped
 - (vii) richest

MIKE TYSON

- (a)
- (i) FALSE. Tyson lived in and around high crime neighbourhoods.
 - (ii) TRUE. He dropped out of high school.
 - (iii) TRUE. At an early age, Tyson was sent to the reform school where Bobby Stewart recognised his boxing potential.
- (b) 2005 – 1998 – 1987 – 1978 – 1996
- (c) (i) quickness (ii) aggressiveness
- (d) (i) [correction: **Paragraph 3** instead of **Paragraph 2**] Tyson defeated former champions Holmes and Spinks. (ii) He lost his championship to James Douglas.
- (e) Tyson bit his opponent's ears.
- (f) Choose any two of the following: one year in jail – two years of probation – 200 hours of community service – fined \$ 2,500.
- (g) Tyson attacked and bit Lewis during a press conference.
- (h) Tyson, world boxing champion.

SECTION B – GRAMMAR & WRITING

1. **He is:** They were ; **He hopes:** They hoped ; **will:** would
2. "Give.....book. I will.....in a week," Jimmy told his friend.
3. A. mountains – raged – abated – famished – seized
B. footsteps – immediately – accustomed – expecting – amazement
4. Father said they would visit the zoo in the next holidays.
Rya asked why he wanted to take them to the zoo.
Father replied they would discover a variety of animals and birds there.
Rya said she would like to visit the Eiffel Tower.
Father said he did not have the means to take them to Paris.
5. fishing – silently – rising – frightfully – dangerous

TEST PAPER 3 – SECTION A

THE HILL ADVENTURE

- 1 (a) They grew crops to earn their living.
(b) (i) They would use wood to cook food (ii) The grass would be used to feed domestic animals.
- 2 There were hills all around.
- 3 Very few people lived in that area.
- 4 He had to make sure that he was going in the right direction.
- 5 He was used to climbing hills and mountains.
- 6 (a) It shows that rain was falling heavily/torrentially.
(b) (i) The water would sweep them down the precipice (ii) They could slip and fall down the precipice and get wounded.
- 7 Ruben was not wounded.
- 8 They could fall down and get wounded, since it was dark inside.
- 9 The air was stuffy since the cave had remained closed for a long time.
- 10 The objects belonged to the government, so the Antiquities Bureau could take possession of them.
- 11 His childhood dream of exploring/visiting the land of the Mayas had come true.
- 12 Meaning of words:
 - (i) quickly
 - (ii) got off
 - (iii) cut
 - (iv) hills
 - (v) slid
 - (vi) revealed /showed
 - (vii) consisting of

KEEPING HEALTHY

- (a)
 - (i) FALSE. Exercises help burn calories and fats.
 - (ii) TRUE. They help develop their intellectual ability.
 - (iii) TRUE. They are engaged in many types of work in order to earn money.
- (b) 4 – 6 – 5 – 2 – 1
- (c) So that they can do some walking exercises.
- (d) They will feel happy and relaxed while walking along the beach.
- (e) (i) After doing exercises, they will get tired and can sleep soundly at night (ii) It can be performed in a group in the open.
- (f) (i) Those who have not been doing any exercises for a long time need advice from a doctor so that they do not overwork/exert themselves (ii) Those having chronic health problems need to get advice from a doctor so as not to face any problem during exercises.
- (g) Breathing eliminates mucous and allows for the flow of oxygen.
- (h) They will obtain vitamins, minerals and fibre so as to remain in good health.

SECTION B – GRAMMAR & WRITING

1. **is:** were ; **He has:** They had ; **he will:** They would
2. **"Does.....to write?"** Nancy asked.
3. A. extremely – valiant – consequence – told – enemies
B. kingdom – monarch – breath – alternative – he – confidence
4. Lelio asked if there was anyone who could help him with his assignment.
Nina asked him about the type of help he required.
Lelio replied he had to write an essay on the importance of reading.
Nina said she was not really good at English so he must see someone else.
Lelio said he must consult his neighbour who is a linguist.
5. adventurous – honesty – complained – willingly – Eventually