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**ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
TASK 10: RESPONSE TO TEXTS
DISTRICT COMMON TASK**

Mark: 60

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This question paper consists of 13 pages.

Instructions for the learner

1. This task consists of **FOUR** questions.

QUESTION 1: Comprehension (20)

QUESTION 2: Visual Literacy (10)

QUESTION 3: Summary (10)

QUESTION 4: Language Structures and Conventions (20)

Answer **ALL** the questions.

2. For multiple choice questions, write only the number of the question and your answer
e.g., 1.4-A.

3. Answer in your own words unless specifically asked to quote.

4. Rule off each section.

5. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this
question paper.

6. Leave a line open after **EACH** answer.

7. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.

8. Write neatly and legibly.

QUESTION 1: READING COMPREHENSION

Read the article below and answer the questions that follow.

TEXT A: INFORMATIVE TEXT

<u>PARROTS MAY OFFER CLUES TO HOW OUR INTELLIGENCE EVOLVED</u>		
1	Irene Pepperberg has long suspected that parrots can tell us a lot about ourselves. She studies parrot intelligence at Boston University in Massachusetts.	
2	In the 1970s, Pepperberg started working with Alex, an African Gray parrot. By the time he died in 2007, Alex had become famous for a large vocabulary and his knowledge of shapes, colors and even math.	5
3	Parrots' ability to speak words is perhaps their best-known talent. African Grays are especially good at picking up words and speaking clearly, Pepperberg says. One 2022 study found these parrots can repeat up to 600 different words. Although some just mimic people, others can learn to communicate. Alex had a vocabulary of more than 100 words.	10
4	To test their smarts, Pepperberg might ask her birds to count objects. Other times, they may be tasked with picking the larger of two objects. Pepperberg's parrots have also learned to make requests. One of her African Grays, for instance, can ask for time alone by saying, "Wanna go back."	15
5	Other clues to how birds think come from how they use objects. Hyacinth macaws crack open nuts using tools. They hold pieces of wood in their beak or foot to keep the food in just the right position. Palm cockatoos craft drumsticks and rock out to attract mates. Goffin's cockatoos can recognize individual tools as being part of a set, something only humans and chimps are also known to do.	20
6	Studying parrot brains can also offer clues to their impressive smarts. A bird's brain looks nothing like ours. Most primate brains have a cerebral cortex with lots of curves and crinkles. Nerve cells packed within those wrinkles help people think, remember and learn. A bird brain instead looks smooth, Pepperberg notes. That simpler-looking brain long led scientists to think that to have a bird brain was to be stupid.	25
7	Today, having a big brain is just one thing that people and parrots share. They also both live long lives, mate for life and learn from others how to sing or talk. This ability to learn and repeat different sounds is called vocal	30

learning. Researchers are looking at how these traits might have led to intelligence to evolve.

[source: scienceNewsExplores]

1.1 The key purpose of this passage is to ...

- A research about parrots.
- B display knowledge about parrots.
- C protect parrot species from the world.
- D show people how parrots have contributed towards human intelligence. (1)

1.2 Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a capability of Alex, the African Gray parrot?

- A Counting objects
- B Understanding math
- C Using tools
- D Asking for time alone (1)

1.3 What motivates the writer to discuss the abilities of different parrot species? (2)

1.4 What term describes the ability of birds, like parrots, to learn and repeat different sounds?

- A Mimicry
- B Vocal learning
- C Sound imitation
- D Speech development (1)

1.5 Refer to paragraph 3

Determine if the following statement is a FACT or OPINION.

Provide a reason for your answer.

African Gray parrots hardly experience difficulties in speech. (2)

1.6 According to your understanding, do you think the research on parrots shows that their intelligence is like human intelligence?

Support your answer (2)

1.7 Which statement best describes the main idea of the 5th paragraph?

- A Different bird species have unique mating calls.
- B Some birds demonstrate advanced cognitive skills through their use of tools.
- C Parrots are the only birds that can use tools.
- D Birds primarily use objects for building nests. (1)

1.8 Refer to paragraph 5

1.8.1 What do Hyacinth macaws use to help them crack open nuts? (1)

1.8.2 Which bird makes drumsticks to attract mates? (1)

1.9 Refer to paragraph 6

1.9.1 What do you think studying bird brains can teach us about their intelligence compared to human intelligence? (2)

1.9.2 Refer to paragraph 6

What does the phrase "having a bird brain" literally refer to?

- A Being able to fly like a bird
- B Being very intelligent like a human
- C Having a brain that is very complex and
- D Having a brain that is small and smooth compared to a human brain (1)

1.9.3 What is the ONE word that BEST describes large brains? (1)

1.10 Refer to paragraph 7

State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.

Give a reason for your answer.

Humans and parrots both possess the ability known as vocal learning, (2)
which allows them to learn and repeat sounds from others.

1.11 Do you think the title "PARROTS MAY OFFER CLUES TO HOW OUR INTELLIGENCE EVOLVED" is appropriate?

Support your answer (2)

TOTAL QUESTION 1 20

QUESTION 2: VISUAL LITERACY

Read TEXT B AND C below and answer the questions that follow.

2.1. TEXT B: ADVERTISEMENT

WE GIVE YOU A BETTER NIGHT

— ☾ —

You're a better you all day

TYLENOL
PM
Extra Strength
Acetaminophen, Diphenhydramine HCl
Fast Sleepers, Soothing Sleep Aid, New Night Formula
Caplets

TYLENOL
For what matters most™

Use only as directed.
TYLENOL® PM relieves pain while helping
you fall fast asleep and stay asleep.

[Source: gurulocity.com]

Body copy reads as follows:

Tylenol PM relieves pain while helping you fall fast asleep and stay asleep.

2.1.1 Identify the slogan in this advertisement. (1)

2.1.2 What is the purpose of the headline “We give you a better night”?

- A Attract the advertisers` attention.
- B Make the advertisement rich.
- C Attract the buyers` attention.
- D Make the advertisement big. (1)

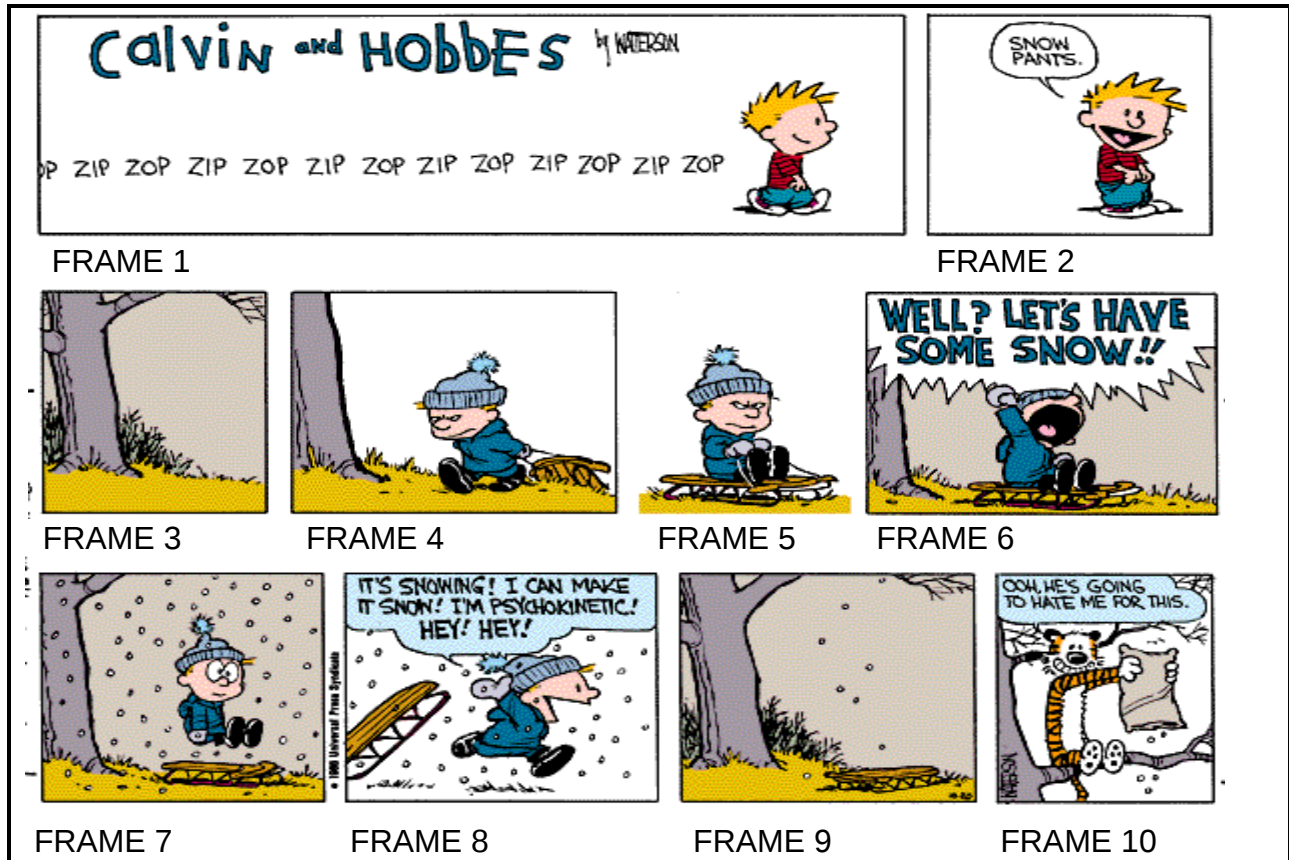
2.1.3 Who is the target audience in this advertisement? (1)

2.1.4 What product is being advertised? (1)

2.1.5 Write You`re in full. (1)

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2.2. TEXT C: CARTOON



N.B: In this cartoon, the boy is Calvin, and the tiger is Hobbes

2.2.1 Refer to frame 1

Where does this cartoon take place? (1)

2.2.2 Refer to frame 6

Identify ONE verbal and visual technique to show that Calvin is shouting. (2)

2.2.3 Refer to the cartoon as a whole

Do you find this cartoon funny? Support your answer (2)

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QUESTION 3: SUMMARY WRITING

Read the passage, TEXT C below carefully and write a summary on SEVEN tips on **HOW TO SAVE BEES**.

1. Write your summary in point form.
2. Number each point 1-7.
3. Write your points in full sentences.
4. Your summary should be 50-60 words.
5. Indicate the number of words used at the end of your summary.
6. Use your own words as far as possible.

TEXT D

How Do We Save the Bees?

The bee population over the world is rapidly declining. We as humans need to take action and protect our buzzing friends.

It's important to leave a little ground bare in your yard or garden. Bees are solitary creatures. About 70% of them dig a nest in the ground to raise their young. Many pesticides have been linked to killing bees. Instead of spraying the toxic chemicals that hurt our health and detriment the atmosphere, look for plants that naturally repel pests such as garlic for aphids or basil for tomatoes.

Even better, you can also grow organic foods such as fruits and vegetables. You don't have to use pesticides that can contaminate the soil and the seeds. Every time you purchase some raw, local honey, you are supporting local beekeepers and their bees. What makes raw, unheated honey so great? It's unpasteurized and undiluted, meaning its brimming with antioxidants. You can save bees by buying raw local honey in the grocery stores or farmers market.

You can ensure that they have plenty of food source. Consider investing in bee-friendly plants. These can range from flowering plants such as wildflowers to herbs, trees, and shrubs. Some excellent choices are: Blackberry or raspberry, strawberry, Lily of the valley, Sage, Rhododendron, Honeysuckle, Sunflower, and Butterfly bush, Dahlia. These plants don't only serve as food for bees. They can also improve your home's curb appeal.

Don't forget to give them water as well!!! All you need is a bucket filled with clean water and corks for them to land on. If bees impact nearly even bite of food we take, it's important we make a change in our habits. We have to support our local pollinator friends. Another sure-fire way to make their voices heard is by telling everyone about their struggle. Do your part and spread news!

QUESTION 4: LANGUAGE AND EDITING SKILLS

Read Text E and answer the questions set.

Bees paint an important picture

Humans need bees. One out of three meals consumed by human is made possible by honeybees. “They are so important that all of the honeybees are to die out thousands of plants will follow which can lead to millions of people starving in the following years”, says Dr Nicol Duraght.

The dollar value of plants pollinated by them is around 263 million. Eistein said “if honeybees die out humans will follow a few years later”. It’s unsettling to see bees kick the bucket, _____ beekeepers all over the world have seen an unusual loss of their bee colonies. Experts have called this phenomenon colony collapse disorder.

Over the last few decades bees have seen an invasion of various foes. One of these foes is/are a mite that drains essential fluids from bees which leads to wing deformities. Flying is then impossible for these bees. Another thing that great influences the death rate of bees is the use of chemicals such as Neonicotinoids which is used in pesticides and even some vapes. These chemicals slowly suffocate the bees. These poor bees don’t even stand a chance unless we do something to help.

Adapted from: Kurtzgesagt-The death of bees

4.1 “Humans need bees”

The word that is underlined is an example of a...

- A Pronoun
- B Noun
- C verb
- D Adverb

(1)

4.2 Identify the collective noun in the following statement.

Experts have called this phenomenon colony collapse disorder

(1)

- 4.3 What is the ANTONYM of the word **impossible**? (1)
- 4.4 Choose the correct form of word in brackets.
- 4.4.1 Another thing that (**great/greatly**) influences the death rate. (1)
- 4.4.2 One of these foes (**is/are**) mite that drains essential fluids from bees which leads to wing deformities. (1)
- 4.5 Identify the interrogative pronoun in the sentence:
Who said if honeybees die out humans will follow a few years later?
- A Eistein
B Whom
C Beekeepers
D Dr Nical Duraght (1)
- 4.6 Change the following sentence into SIMPLE PAST TENSE.

It is unsettling to see bees kick the bucket. (1)
- 4.7 Read the following sentence

Correct TWO errors in the following sentence
One out of three meels consumed by humans is made possible by honeybees (2)
- 4.8 Write 263 million in words. (1)
- 4.9 Fill in the missing conjunction in the sentence below

It's unsettling to see bees kick the bucket, _____ beekeepers all over the world have seen an unusual loss of their bee colonies. (1)
- 4.10 Write out the sentence below then underline the subject and predicate.

Bees have seen an invasion of various foes (2)

- 4.11 These poor bees don't even stand a chance, unless we do something to help them.

The above sentence is an example of a ___ sentence

- A Simple
- B Compound
- C Complex
- D Complicated (1)

- 4.12 These poor bees don't even stand a chance, unless we do something to help.

A. Identify the main clause in statement above. (1)

B. Identify the Subordinate clause in the statement above. (1)

- 4.13 Identify the adverb in the following sentence.

These chemicals slowly suffocate the bees. (1)

- 4.14 Change the following sentence into REPORTED SPEECH.

Einstein said, "If honeybees die out humans will follow a year later"

Start with: Einstein said ... (2)

- 4.15 Change the following sentence into PASSIVE VOICE.

Bees kick the bucket (1)

TOTAL QUESTION 4: [20]

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