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GRADE 6

NUMBER OF PAGES: 6

MARKS: 50

DURATION: 1:30 MINUTES

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read all the instructions carefully
2. Answer all the questions
3. Write neatly and legibly
4. Answer all questions on this question paper

SECTION A: QUESTION 1

READING TEXT

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

What is bubonic plague?

Have you ever heard of bubonic plague? It is a disease that made a lot of people in medieval times very ill and they died.

While the 21st century has its contagious diseases that we fear, like HIV/AIDS, history's worst disease remains the bubonic plague- also known as the Black Death. Centuries ago it killed some 50 million people in Africa, Asia and medieval Europe. More than a quarter of the population in Europe died of this disease.

People use to think that rats and mice caused the disease. Later they found out that it was actually the fleas on the rats and the mice that spread the plague. The plague fleas move from mammal to mammal and are found in many parts of the world. They infect people when they bite them. If the infection is not treated it can kill you. Antibiotics are very effective. An infected person has to be treated very quickly after they are infected and must receive good medical care.

The disease was spread in places where was poverty and rats. It's not ancient history, however. We know that 1000 to 3000 are still infected by this disease each year. In the United State of America, there are still about 20 cases of the bubonic plague per year. It is best to stay away from rats!

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| 1.1 | What is bubonic plague? | 1 |
| 1.2 | The other name for bubonic disease is
A. Covid 19
B. Influenza virus
C. Black Death
D. Asthma | 1 |
| 1.3 | What is another contagious disease that is mostly feared in the 21 st century? | 1 |
| 1.4 | The text says the disease killed some 50 million people. What does the word some mean? | 1 |
| 1.5 | Why would people be afraid of contagious diseases? | 2 |
| 1.6 | The writer says it is not ancient history. What does he mean by this? | 2 |
| 1.7 | What causes the bubonic plague? | 2 |

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| 1.8 | How does the bubonic plague spread? | 2 |
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| 1.9 | What happens in the United State of America every year? | 2 |
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| 1.10 | Say whether the sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer.
The plague fleas can only be found in one place in the world. | 2 |
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| 1.11 | Why do you think the writer says it is best to stay away from rats? | 2 |
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| 1.12 | What is the contagious disease that was discovered in 2019? mention also where it was firstly discovered . | 2 |
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SECTION B: VISUAL TEXT

QUESTION 2: Read the visual text below and answer the questions that follow.



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| 2.1 | What date is the music festival? | 1 |
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| 2.2 | What is special about this date? | 2 |
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| 2.3 | How much does it cost to go to this festival? | 1 |
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| 2.4 | What is something important that you think needs to be celebrated or made known to the public? | 2 |
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| 2.5 | What festival would you like to organise? Why? | 2 |
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2.6 Why is the title written in bold print?

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TOTAL SECTION B: 10 MARKS

SECTION C: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS

QUESTION 1

- 3.1 **Punctuate** the following sentence. 3
more than a quarter of the population in europe died of this disease
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- 3.2 Write the **Plural** of the underlined word from the sentence below. 1
If the infection is not treated it can kill you.
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- 3.3 Choose a suitable **Preposition** from the brackets and complete the sentence below. 1
It is a disease that made a lot of people _____medieval times very ill and they died.(at, with, in)
- 3.4 Change the following sentence into **Present progressive tense**. 1
The disease was spread in places where there was poverty and rats.
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- 3.5 Change the sentence below into **Future tense**. 1
They infect people when they bite them.
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- 3.6 Change the following sentence into **Reported speech**. 2
She said.” The disease killed 50 million people in Africa and Asia”.
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- 3.7 Choose a suitable **Conjunction** from the brackets and join the sentences below. 1
The plague fleas move from mammal to mammal. They infect people when they bite them.(because , and)
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- 3.8 Change the following sentence into **Passive voice**. 2
The bubonic disease killed many people in Africa and medieval Europe.
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- 3.9 Change the following sentence into **Negative form**. 1
The plague fleas infect people when they bite them.
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- 3.10 Underline the correct **form of the verb** in brackets. 1
An infected person (has/have) to be treated very quickly.
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- 3.11 Give the **Synonym (same meaning)** of the underlined word in the sentence below. 1
While the 21st century has its contagious diseases that we fear, like HIV/AIDS, history’s worst disease remains the bubonic plague- also known as the Black Death.
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- 3.12 Write the **Prefix** of the underlined word. 1
Antibiotics are very effective.
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- 3.13 **Change the verb** ‘infect’ into a noun and use it in a sentence. 2
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3.14 Read the sentences below and choose the **sentence type** from the brackets (command, statement, question) 2

A. What is bubonic plague?

B. Antibiotics are very effective.

TOTAL SECTION C: 20 MARKS