



THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NICOSIA
Entrance Examination
English Language

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Materials required for examination
 Nil

Instructions to Students
 Write your answers to Sections A, B and C in the spaces provided on this question paper.
 You may use a pencil or a pen.

Information for Students
 The marks for individual questions are shown in round brackets: e.g. (2)
 There are 3 sections in this question paper. The total mark for this paper is 100.
 Section A is worth 40, Section B is worth 20 and Section C is worth 40 marks of the total score.

Advice to Students
 You are reminded of the importance of clear English and careful presentation in your answers.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (40 MARKS)

Read the passage. Then answer the questions about the passage below.



Pets can be fluffy, fun and good for your health!

- 1 One afternoon, Jacki, 11, was feeling anxious while studying for a big science test the next day. "I was so nervous that I wasn't getting much done. So I went over to Crookshanks and Hermione, my two long-haired Persian cats, and I started petting them," she says. "They are so soft, and the look on their faces made me laugh. I relaxed right away, and then I went back to studying."
- 2 Many scientific studies have shown that dogs, cats and rabbits among other pets, help relieve stress. They bring many other health (and happiness) benefits too. People might not know about the studies showing that pets make people feel great, but clearly they know something makes them love these furry creatures. After all, there are 360 million pets in the United States—that's 50 million more pets than people!
- 3 Scientists at Munich University have carried out over fifty of studies on the perks of pet ownership. Their conclusion: as long as you're not someone who is scared of animals, owning a pet is one of the most enjoyable ways you can improve your health. "All types of pets—not just cats and dogs—have been shown to lower blood pressure, calm stress, and decrease heart rate," says Bonnie Smith, a veterinarian. "All of these results are important for overall health."
- 4 People with pets tend to move more too—and the benefits of exercise are well known. Physical activity helps a person maintain a healthy weight and heart.
- 5 So how do pets keep a person's heart healthy? People who have dogs go for walks five times more often than people who don't have dogs. Chasing a kitten around the house gets a person moving too. Even playing with a hamster or cleaning out an aquarium gets a person off the couch.
- 6 Simply put, pets make their people happy. "Having a pet often makes kids feel less isolated and more connected and happy," says Dr. Rachel Fleissner. "This is because kids develop strong relationships with their pets. They become good friends."
- 7 The fact that animals are extremely loyal pals is part of their appeal. They are always there for you, whether you get in a fight with your best friend, move to another house or state, or break your mum's favourite vase. Unlike humans, pets listen to you without judging. That is why so many pet owners—grown-ups and kids alike—talk to their pets about their day, their problems, what to wear to school today ... anything!

8 Are You Ready For A Pet?

Before you ask your parents for a pet, you should consider the below factors:

- You have enough room in your home: Pets and their equipment require varying amounts of space. Dogs and cats need extra space to move around.
- You spend enough time at home: Pets are **dependent** on their owners for everything: food, companionship, and hygiene (cleanliness). Do you have enough time to devote to taking care of a pet?
- You can afford a pet: You need to be able to pay for food, medical care, and some equipment.
- Choose a breed or type of pet that fits your personality and lifestyle: Get to know the breed you are interested in. For example, some pets require a lot of attention and interaction while others are mostly independent. If you are looking for a family friendly dog make sure you check which breeds can be aggressive towards humans- Pitbulls can sometimes become violent when **provoked**, whereas Labradors are gentle with children. Do your research and choose wisely.

-END OF PASSAGE-

Questions:

1) How was Jacki, 11, able to relax before her science test? (2)

2) What were scientists at Munich University able to find out through their studies on owning a pet? (4)

3) Explain IN YOUR OWN WORDS, how having a pet can help improve your heart health. (4)

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4) What are the psychological benefits of owning a pet as mentioned in the article? Mention TWO benefits. (4)

a)

b)

5) In paragraph 7, the writer mentions that 'animals are extremely loyal'. Why? (3)

6) In what ways are pets different to humans? (3)

7) Why would it be a bad idea for a family with children to buy/adopt a Pitbull? (2)

8) What advice would you give to a friend who wants to buy a pet? Mention THREE things they should consider as mentioned in the passage. (3)

Vocabulary (5)

Circle the appropriate definition of the words, as used in the passage. The words are in bold and underlined in the passage.

9) ‘pets help relieve stress’. This means:

- a) they reduce stress
- b) they increase stress

10) The best synonym for maintain is:

- a) to destroy
- b) to keep

11) Having a pet often makes kids feel less isolated. This means they feel less...

- a) lonely
- b) angry

12) Pets are dependent on their owners. This means:

- a) they rely on their owners
- b) they do not need their owners

13) Pitbulls can sometimes become violent when provoked. The best synonym for provoked in this sentence is:

- a) annoyed
- b) helped

Are the following statements true or false according to the passage? Write the full word TRUE or FALSE on the line. (10)

- 14) Crookshanks and Hermione are Jacki’s two long-haired Persian dogs. _____
- 15) There are 50 million more people than pets in the United States. _____
- 16) Scientists at Munich University carried out fifty studies on the disadvantages of owning a pet. _____
- 17) Bonnie Smith believes kids develop strong relationships with their pets. _____
- 18) A person with a dog walks more often than people who don’t have one. _____

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

A. Add apostrophes (') where needed in the following sentences. (3)

1. Michaels car is a convertible Ferrari.
2. The students wouldnt have failed if they had studied.
3. Who designed the childrens room?
4. Were going to Canada next year with our uncles company.
5. The womens toilet is situated down the corridor.

B. Complete the text with the appropriate form of the verb in brackets. (7)

Dear Mary

How are you? I _____ (receive) your letter last week. Thank you for the recipe for the cake I _____ (ask) for. I made it last week and it _____ (be) very nice. I now _____ (have) a new job in a supermarket in the city centre. I go there every day at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and _____ (work) there till 10 o'clock in the evening. I am very happy because my sister _____ (work) there too so we travel to and from work together. Today we _____ (visit) my brother in London, do you remember him?

Please write to me soon with all your news, Mary.

All the best

Sara.

C. Change the form of the word in capitals at the end of the line. (5)

1. Money does not always bring _____. HAPPY
2. It is snowing. You need to ride your bike _____. CAREFUL
3. Her broken foot is still very _____. PAIN
4. My mother hates these shoes. They are so _____. COMFORT
5. I am a very _____ person. I can never wait! PATIENT

D. Rewrite the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Do not change the word in bold. Use 2 to 5 words. (5)

1. He doesn't have enough money to buy the computer.

too

The computer _____ to buy.

2. Snowboarding is more dangerous than tennis.

as

Tennis is _____ snowboarding.

3. Those shoes are too small for you.

big

Those shoes are _____ for you.

4. My parents moved to New Zealand five years ago.

since

It _____ my parents moved to New Zealand.

5. David thinks English food is better than French food.

prefers

David _____ French food

SECTION C: COMPOSITION (40 MARKS)

Choose ONE of the following tasks. Write about 20 lines.

1. Write a story for your school magazine entitled, 'The Secret Room'.
2. Write a letter to a pen-friend recommending a movie you have recently seen.
3. Describe a place you enjoy going to during the summer holidays.

