



THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NICOSIA
Entrance Examination
English Language

Monday 21 March 2022

Time: 1 hour

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.

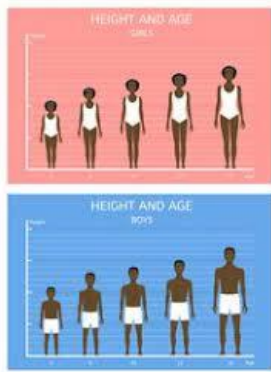
Advice to Students

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

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SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (40 MARKS)

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



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THE GROWTH FACTOR

What you need to know about growing up

All kids wonder how tall – or short = they are going to be one day. Growing taller happens to each person on a different **schedule**, and it’s hard to say what that growth will feel like or how long it will last. To get some answers, *Current Health* spoke with the former president of the American Academy of Family **Physicians**, Dr. Ted Epperly. He’s been talking with kids and families about growth for more than 25 years. Here are some typical questions he’s answered for his patients.

How tall will I be?

Many formulas are used to predict a child’s height. All of them begin by looking at how tall the parents are and how quickly the child is growing. Even though those formulas are fairly **accurate**, they can also be off by as much as 4 inches. “It’s unusual for a formula to perfectly predict how tall a child will be, but by looking at the parents, you can often get a pretty good idea,” says Epperly. It is also possible for a child to outgrow his or her parents, so even the most basic formula can be wrong.

When will I start growing?

Chances are you’re growing right now, but normal growth is nothing compared to a growth spurt. That is a period of intense growth that happens when the body releases special hormones that make the bones grow. It’s hard to say just when that will start to happen for each person. “A person’s genes are programmed to stimulate growth at different times,” says Epperly. Typical growth spurts are 2 to 5 inches each year. The biggest growth spurt Epperly has seen was 12 inches in one year!

While growth spurts vary from person to person, most girls start a growth spurt around age 10 and will see their fastest growth at about age 12. Most boys will start a growth spurt just before age 13 and will grow even faster at 14. Usually people are finished growing by the time they reach their early 20s.

Do growth spurts hurt?

Sometimes kids complain of growing pains during a growth spurt. A fast period of growth can hurt when there are changes in the tendons that attach muscles to bones. An example of this is a common condition called Osgood-Schlatter. In that condition, “a big bump forms where the quadriceps, or the muscle on the front of the thigh, attaches to the shinbone,” says Epperly. “When kids grow too fast, it causes pain.”

A fast growth spurt can also lead to **clumsiness**. “All of a sudden if kids have too rapid a growth going, it can be hard for kids to control their body,” says Epperly. That can result in pain from bumping into things, but good coordination eventually comes back.

No matter how your body is growing, the most important thing is to learn how to be comfortable with who you are. “There’s nothing wrong with being below average height.” For there to be an “average” he says, half the population is above the average and half the **population** is below the average. So whether you end up being tall or short, you’re sure to have lots of company!

1. How can doctors predict a child's height? State **TWO** ways. (4 marks)

2. (a) Is the formula used to predict a child's height accurate? (b) Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (4 marks)

(a) _____

(b) _____

3. What is a growth spurt? (2 marks)

4. Explain why Dr. Epperly was surprised by the biggest growth spurt he saw. (2 marks)

5. **In your own words**, state when people usually finish growing. (3 marks)

6. **In your own words**, state one complaint kids have during a growth spurt. (3 marks)

7. (a) Does pain only come from growing too fast? (b) Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (4 marks)

(a) _____

(b) _____

8. What is the message at the end of the passage? (3 marks)

PART B: TRUE OR FALSE (10 MARKS)

Read the following statements and decide whether they are true or false. You must write the ENTIRE word, “True” or “False” on the line provided on the right of the page.

1. All kids grow at exactly the same age. _____
2. Dr. Ted Epperly is the president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. _____
3. It is common for a formula to perfectly predict how tall a child will be. _____
4. Typical growth spurts are 12 inches each year. _____
5. Most girls see their fastest growth several years earlier than boys do. _____

PART C: VOCABULARY (5 MARKS)

Match the words on the left, with their definition on the right. Write the answer on the line provided. The words are in bold and underlined in the passage.

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| 1. <u>SCHEDULE</u> | (A) precise | 1. _____ |
| 2. <u>PHYSICIANS</u> | (B) people | 2. _____ |
| 3. <u>ACCURATE</u> | (C) timetable | 3. _____ |
| 4. <u>CLUMSINESS</u> | (D) doctors | 4. _____ |
| 5. <u>POPULATION</u> | (E) awkwardness | 5. _____ |

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

A. Read the sentences below carefully and add the apostrophe (') where necessary. (6 MARKS)

1. Toms pen was found on the floor.
2. Youre both very hard-working students!
3. Jims got a cold and hell call his doctor as soon as possible.
4. Im really worried about his condition!
5. The childrens parents are standing next to them.

B. Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the verb in brackets. (9 MARKS)

1. We _____ (go) to Greece last year, so this summer we _____ (plan) to visit Italy.
2. The children _____ (do) their homework, while their mother _____ (cook) in the kitchen.
3. The phone _____ (ring) three minutes ago.
4. "What _____ (you, do) at the moment?"
"I _____ (clean) my room."
5. We _____ (not, have) dinner yet.
6. Tim _____ (already, do) his homework.

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

1. That driver is completely _____. He is speeding in the highway. **CARE**
2. You need to make an _____ in order to see a doctor. **APPOINT**
3. Well done! You've done an _____ job! **AMAZE**
4. The architecture of that building is _____! **REMARK**
5. The ring she is wearing is _____. **VALUE**

SECTION C: COMPOSITION (40 MARKS)

Choose ONE of the following tasks. Write about 10 lines.

1. Write a story for your school magazine entitled 'The day that changed my life'.
2. Write a letter to a pen-friend describing your favourite singer. Why do you like him/her?
3. Describe your daily routine (school/homework/extra-curricular activities and interests).

