

**NORMAN HENSHILWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
EXAMINATIONS**



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**Paper 1
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Instructions:

1. Answer all the questions in full sentences, unless indicated otherwise.
2. Leave a line between your answers.
3. Rule a line after each section.
4. Only write in **blue** or **black** ink.
5. Write neatly and legibly.
6. Read the questions thoroughly.
7. Pay attention to spelling and grammar.

Section A: Comprehension

Read the passage entitled "Is Beauty Skin Deep?" and then answer the questions that follow.

Is Beauty Skin Deep?

The following passage was taken from a web-site for young people, written by young people and expresses many feelings and emotions that you may share.

1. We all know the famous saying -- "Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder." Let's face it; the first thing someone notices about you is your looks, the way you physically present yourself and not your IQ. The first impression is the lasting impression, or so we say. It can make or break a relationship, be it a professional or personal one. So everybody between the ages of 10 to 80 has joined this beauty race to measure up physically.
2. But what happens to those of us who are not picture-perfect? One of my friends is just like any other teenager. But she has a problem - you can see that, literally - all 80 kgs of her. Comments like "When you walk down the road, craters are formed" or "The earth shakes with terror" have hounded her forever. Though she takes it all in her stride, the underlying hatred for herself surfaces sometimes out of sheer desperation! This is the case for many of us who are not drop-dead gorgeous.
3. Nowadays, the three miraculous and 'oh-so-wanted' words are not "I love you" but "You look slim". We live in a world that glorifies beauty. It just leaps at you and grabs you from every magazine, every newspaper, every book you read, every movie, every TV serial you see, just everywhere you look.

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4. We have grown up listening to fairy tales of Cinderella and Snow White. It is unfortunate, but for people with great looks, avenues open with just a smile. "Good-looking guys have everything - smiles from complete strangers, marriage proposals, great job offers; whereas people take one look at my face and all my dreams go down the drain," says a dejected 21-year-old. One has to accept that we live in a society that places a high premium on looks. For many, the sole value of a person's worth is measured by the way he or she looks. And because of this, it is not at all surprising that there are such a lot of unhappy people around.
5. In today's world, the media decides the standards of beauty, decides what's hot and what's not. Actresses with hourglass-like figures and actors flexing their bulging biceps are icons of today's teenagers.
6. Long to have blue or hazel eyes? Coloured contact lenses will open a brand new world for you! Are you 10 kgs too heavy? Not to worry, lipo-suction' is here! The world of advertising and the media are screaming out the message loud and clear. With these products there is no need to lose any sleep over your less-than-perfect self!
7. The only question that arises is: are these 'fix-it-up-quickly' solutions really necessary? We all know that looks can be deceptive. A gorgeous looking girl can be completely rotten inside. Let's look at it this way: if every girl is a clone' of Julia Roberts or if every guy is a replica of Tom Cruise, then we won't have people drooling over them. It is only when somebody goes beyond first impressions and really gets to know that second person, that one sees the true colours! For me, too, only when people go beyond my face value do they find out that I have a sharp sense of humour. Thus, we can say, just pumping iron into your muscles is not so important as building your self-esteem.
8. So then, what's the verdict?
9. 'Cosmetic Surgery can give you a new face, but it can't give you a new heart. "

Adapted from: Freshimesodn.com
GLOSSARY: lipo-suction - extraction of fat from the body
 clone - exact copy

Question 1

- 1.1 State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE and QUOTE to prove your answer:
 The author thinks that 'beauty lies in the eye of the beholder' (paragraph 1) is a familiar saying. (2)

- 1.2 Choose the most suitable answer from the options given. Write down only the number of the question and the letter of the option you choose.
 'Let's face it ...' (paragraph 1) expresses the writer's:
 A doubt (1)
 B fear
 C certainty
 D disapproval (2)
- 1.3 State the problem that one of the writer's friends apparently has (paragraph 2).
 Use your OWN words. (2)
- 1.4 Choose the correct option. Write down only the number of the question and the letter of the option you choose.
 Remarks such as 'When you walk down the road, the craters are formed' or 'The earth shakes with terror'(paragraph 2) are:
 A humorous (1)
 B well-meant
 C hurtful
 D objective (2)
- 1.5 Explain in your OWN words what 'drop-dead gorgeous' (paragraph 2) means. (2)
- 1.6 What proof, in paragraph 3, does the writer give to substantiate her claim that modern society is obsessed with beauty? (2)
- 1.7 Quote THREE consecutive words to prove that the writer believes beautiful people have an unfair advantage in life (paragraph 4). (2)
- 1.8 List TWO of the unfair advantages that beautiful people enjoy (paragraph 4). (2)
- 1.9 In your OWN words, what bothers the writer about people's obsession with beauty (paragraph 6)? (2)
- 1.10 What, according to the writer, would happen if everyone were as beautiful as Julia Roberts or Tom Cruise? Use your OWN words please. (2)
- 1.11 Explain the connection between the title of the passage and cosmetic surgery. (2)

TOTAL /20/

Section B: Summary
Question 2

Happiness is partly in your genes, but there are times when crawling under the duvet and staying there seems the only thing to do. Read the passage below and then summarise the points that will help you to increase the joy you get out of life. Do not use more than 70 words.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- List Six points in full sentences.
- Number you sentences from 1 to 6.
- Write only ONE point per sentence.
- Use your OWN words as far as possible.
- Indicate the total number of words you have used in brackets at the end of your summary.

INSTANT MOOD BOOSTERS FOR BAD DAYS

Dip into happy memories by thinking back on moments that made you happy. Remember to make regular deposits in your "happiness bank" by making a note of events that make you feel happy.

The omega-3 fatty acids in oily fish such as sardines and tuna can stave off depression because they may actually change the structure of your brain. A diet lacking in B vitamins and minerals can cause depression. You should ask your GP for a multivitamin and mineral tonic. Vitamin B complex and magnesium support the nervous system and can provide relief for mild depression, irritability and anxiety.

Making eye contact is one of the most important social skills we learn as babies. Stand up straight, smile and look the world in the eye. You'll look more confident, people will respond to you more positively and you'll soon feel on top of the world.

Appreciating the moment you are in rather than worrying about the one to come is essential for inner peace. When last have you written a thank you letter? One way, in which giving pleasure to someone else can earn dividends for the giver, is to say thank you. Make a list of all favours that you have never acknowledged and write thank you letters and deliver them in person. Giving to others makes you happier. Take time to say thank you to the supermarket cashier, holding the door open for a mom with a baby in pram or putting your change in the charity box.

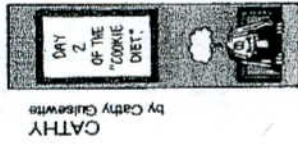
[Adapted from YOU, May 2009]

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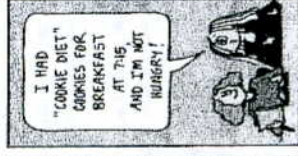
Section C: Language
Question 3

ANALYSING A CARTOON

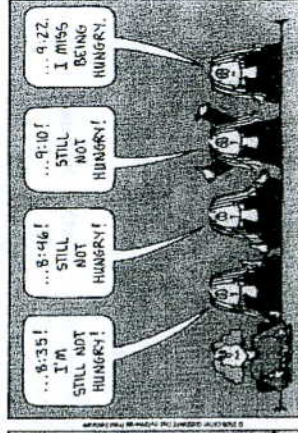
Study the following cartoon and then answer the questions which follow.



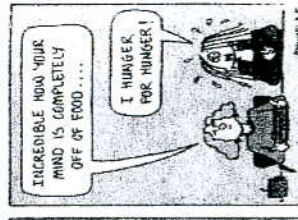
Frame 1



Frame 2



Frame 3



Frame 4

3.1 Choose the correct answer from the options given.

The expression on Cathy's face in frame 1 is one of ...

- A anger
- B frustration
- C expectation
- D confusion

(1)

3.2 Why is the cartoonist giving the exact time in frame 3?

(2)

3.3 Complete the sentence below by choosing the correct answer from the list.

Cathy's colleague is being _____ in frame 4 when she says, 'Incredible how your mind is completely off of food...'

- A straightforward
- B ironic
- C amusing

(1)

3.4 How does the cartoonist convey Cathy's feelings of anxiety/distress in frame 4? (2)

3.5 Explain how this cartoon stereotypes women.

(2)
TOTAL /8/

Question 4

DICTIONARY SKILLS

Refer to the dictionary entry to answer the questions below.

junior *adj.* 1 having to do with young or younger people. 2 (in the UK) having to do with schoolchildren aged 7-11. 3 (after a name) referring to the younger of two people with the same name in the family. 4 low or lower in status.
• *n.* 1 a person who is a specified number of years younger than someone else: *he's five years her junior.* 2 (in the UK) a child at a junior school. 3 (in sport) a young competitor. 4 a person with low status.
- ORIGIN Latin.

- 4.1 Supply the headword. (1)
- 4.2 The origin of the word is also known as... (1)
- 4.3 Supply the correct **part of speech** for the word **junior** as it appears in each sentence below.
- 4.3.1 My brother and I were born in the same month but he is two years my junior. (1)
- 4.3.2 All the juniors in the school was allowed to take part in the competition. (1)

TOTAL /4/

Question 5

LANGUAGE AND EDITING SKILLS

Read the following passage, which contains some deliberate errors, and answer the set questions.

LOST PARROT

The parrot which swears in Afrikaans when his feathers get ruffled has every reason to be more than a little peeved. He was found soaking wet and lost outside a northern Johannesburg home, and his owners' has yet to claim him. Three people have come forward to say the African Grey – who is been called Jack – belongs to them, but the man looking after the parrot, Jerry Wilson, said he could tell the bird did not belong to them. 'People came to have a look at the bird, but when they spoke in English, straightaway I knew it wasn't there bird. Jack speaks English too, but when he gets cross, it's only in Afrikaans. I will know when the owner comes.' Wilson's relatives found the bird seven or eight months ago. They asked him to take care of the bird because he already has another parrot, Sonny Boy. 'I know birds. You must see my bird; he is out of this world. If he wants to bath, he flies to the sink and shouts. If you open the tap and the water's too cold, he shouts until you make it warmer,' said Wilson. Jack cough like a grown man. He is also very tame. Wilson said I know someone is looking for him you can see hes very tame He has a ring on his leg and doesn't like males. 'He nips me, but with the wife he is 100 percent,' said Wilson. 'He knocks on the door if he wants to come into the house. You would swear it's someone at the front door.'

[Adapted from an article in *The Star*, 15 September 2009]

- 5.1 Choose the correct answer. Write only the letter next to the question number. The word 'parrot' (line 1) is a ...

- A Verb
B Noun
C Adjective
D Adverb

(1)

- 5.2 One word is incorrect in each of the following sentences. Identify the INCORRECT word and write down the correct word next to it.

- 5.2.1 The parrot which swears in Afrikaans when his feathers get ruffled has every reason to be more than a little peeved (lines 1 – 2). (1)
- 5.2.2 He was found soaking wet and lost outside a northern Johannesburg home, and his owners has yet to claim him (lines 2 – 3). (1)
- 5.2.3 Three people have come forward to say the African Grey – who is been called Jack – belongs to them (lines 4 – 5). (1)

- 5.2.4 People came to have a look at the bird, but when they spoke in English,
straightaway I knew it wasn't there bird (lines 7 – 8). (1)
- 5.2.5 Jack cough like a grown man (line 15). (1)
- 5.3 Give an antonym for:
- 5.3.1. cross (line 8) (2)
- 5.3.2 tame (line 16) (2)
- 5.4 Rewrite the following sentence in reported speech:
Wilson said, 'I will know when the true owner comes.' (4)
- 5.5 Rewrite the following sentence in the past tense:
He has a ring on his leg and doesn't like males. (2)
- 5.6 Rewrite the following sentence, inserting all the missing punctuation marks:
Wilson said I know someone is looking for him you can see hes very tame. (4)

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TOTAL SECTION C [30]

GRAND TOTAL (60)