

# **The English School**

## **Diagnostic Examination 2019**

**ENGLISH**

**Time Allowed: 1hr 15mins**

### **General Instructions:**

1. Answer all the questions asked
2. Write neatly
4. Check your work carefully at the end

### **Time Guidance:**

Section A: Information Retrieval and Vocabulary (33 marks) – 25 mins

Section B: Usage (42 marks) – 25 mins

Section C: Writing Task (25 marks) – 25 mins

***Good Luck!***

## Section A: Information Retrieval and Vocabulary

(33 marks)

Read the following text from *About Bees and Honey* and answer the questions that follow.

The leaf-cutter bee, biting with her powerful jaws, will cut an **oval** shape from the edge of a rose leaf, roll it into a cylinder, and fly back to line her nest with it. She digs a tunnel in rotten wood to make her nest in – or finds a tunnel left by some other insect.

Mining bees nest in the ground. There are more than 100 different species and they are especially useful in **pollinating** fruit trees. The female will burrow as much as 600mm into the ground. She digs with her front feet and her hind feet kick out the earth behind her.

The cuckoo bee is a **solitary bee** but it looks like a bumble bee. It **behaves** like the cuckoo bird, in the way it lays its eggs. The female has no pollen. She carries sacs on her legs and so is unable to feed and care for her young. Instead she will try **moving into** a bumble bee's nest. The workers will attack her at first, but if she manages to stay, they begin to **accept** her as queen.

There are sixteen species of bumble bee. They **build up** small colonies of up to a few hundred bees in the Spring after the queen has made a nest underground in an old mouse hole or similar hiding place.

Honey bees live in permanent and very much larger colonies of up to 60,000 bees. They **have been valued** for their honey ever since early man took honey from wild nests. Nowadays they usually live in wooden hives and are **looked after** by a bee-keeper.



**Answer the questions that follow in complete sentences unless otherwise stated.**

1. List the five different types of bees described in the text.

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

(5 marks)

2. Write down three different places where bees build nests.

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

(3 marks)

3. a) Where do leaf-cutter bees nest?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

b) What do they line their nests with?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

4. Which type of bee burrows under the ground?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

5. Which bee steals a bumble bee's nest?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

6. Why does a cuckoo bee use other bees' nests?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

7. How many species of bumble-bees are there?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

8. Up to how many honey-bees live in one colony?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

9. What are honey-bees valued for?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

10. Where do honey-bees usually live nowadays?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

11. Find the words in the text to match the words and phrases below. The first one has been done as an example.

strong

powerful

decayed

\_\_\_\_\_

back

\_\_\_\_\_

dig

\_\_\_\_\_

groups

\_\_\_\_\_

alike

\_\_\_\_\_

long-lasting

\_\_\_\_\_

natural

\_\_\_\_\_

today

\_\_\_\_\_

(8 marks)

12. Match the words/phrases on the left from the passage with words/phrases of similar meaning on the right, as they are used in the text. They have been highlighted in the text for you.

behaves

moving into

build up

have been valued

looked after

solitary bee

pollinating

accept

oval

cared for

acts

worth

create

start living in

lonely

admit

fertilizing

egg-shaped

(8 marks)

**Section B: Usage**

**(42 marks)**

1. Write five sentences about yourself.

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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(5 marks)

2. Write a paragraph (about 30 words) describing your last holiday.

You may relate to the following:

- Where it took place
- The people who went with you
- What the best moments were



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(5 marks)

3. Complete the following sentences with the correct preposition (at, in, on):

- a) I'll be with you \_\_\_\_\_ a minute.
- b) I haven't seen you \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- c) We always go to school \_\_\_\_\_ foot.
- d) My sister is not \_\_\_\_\_ home for lunch.
- e) I learned English \_\_\_\_\_ the age of 10.

(5 marks)

4. Turn these sentences into negative ones.

e.g. Dogs chase cats.

Dogs do not chase cats.

a) John is here

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b) Ben has finished.

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(2 marks)

5. Transform and reposition these words to make correct sentences.

e.g. dog      my      eat      chocolate      likes

My dog likes to eat chocolate.

to      you      speak      Stavros      wants      to

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everyday      school      goes      Joanna      to

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likes to crisps eat Sarah

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beautiful Ariana photographs takes

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every afternoon they football play

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(5 marks)

6.

a) The test was \_\_\_\_\_

- easy
- easiness
- uneasy

b) I was \_\_\_\_\_ to her on the phone.

- talking
- talk
- talkative

c) The \_\_\_\_\_ was difficult.

- competed
- competition
- competitive

d) I met a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ people on holiday.

- friend
- friendship
- friendly

e) The email contained some \_\_\_\_\_ comments.

- hateful
- hate
- hater

(5 marks)

7. Complete the sentences below using appropriate articles (a, an, the).

- a) I am \_\_\_\_\_ secondary school student.
- b) Sophie is \_\_\_\_\_ best student in the class.
- c) She returned after \_\_\_\_\_ hour.
- d) Gold is \_\_\_\_\_ precious metal.
- e) There \_\_\_\_\_ a school for \_\_\_\_\_ visually impaired in Nicosia.

(6 marks)

8. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb *to have*.

- a) Can we \_\_\_\_\_ the bill please?
- b) My sister never \_\_\_\_\_ time to spend with me.
- c) I am sorry, but I \_\_\_\_\_ to go now.
- d) Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ fun at the party last Saturday.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ you ever been to Africa?

(5 marks)

9. Put the verb in brackets in the correct form.

- a) He \_\_\_\_\_ (to know) all about the film.
- b) You \_\_\_\_\_ (to walk) 3 km on Wednesday.
- c) She \_\_\_\_\_ (to play) chess on Saturday.
- d) I \_\_\_\_\_ (to dry) the dishes after dinner.

(4 marks)



