



**Preca College, Korçë**  
English Language Entrance Exam  
8th June 2024  
Time: 10:30 - 12:30

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION A - LANGUAGE EXERCISES**

**(40 marks)**

Ex A. Fill in the blanks with: *who, where, when, which, what, why* OR *how*

You can use the same word more than once. (7 marks)

This is a short paragraph written by an amateur painter:

I love painting, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is a hobby I picked up last year. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ I paint, I am the one (3) \_\_\_\_\_ decides (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to create. I usually choose landscapes as my subjects because they inspire me. The best part is that I can paint anywhere – in my room, at the park, or even during art class at school. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ do I enjoy it so much? Well, it allows me to express my emotions and thoughts in a unique way. I often wonder (6) \_\_\_\_\_ famous artists felt (7) \_\_\_\_\_ they created their masterpieces. Overall, painting has become an essential part of my life, shaping my creativity and helping me relax after a busy day.

Ex B. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of verb from the one in brackets.

(10 marks)

1. Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ (run) every morning to catch the bus to school.
2. Every weekend, the friends \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football in the park.
3. Last Saturday, he \_\_\_\_\_ (study) really hard for his exam.
4. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (build) a model airplane in his room right now.
5. The birds always \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) sweetly in the trees at dawn.
6. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) at her friend's birthday party last week.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) dinner together as a family every evening.
8. James and Timothy \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at their auntie's house yesterday.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a story for my English assignment.
10. Sam and his friends \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a nice suit for their graduation yesterday.

**Ex C. Derive a noun or an adjective from the word in brackets. (10 marks)**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (**read**) book was captivating.
  2. Her neat \_\_\_\_\_ (**write**) was easy to read.
  3. The athlete demonstrated excellent \_\_\_\_\_ (**swim**) skills.
  4. His melodious \_\_\_\_\_ (**sing**) filled the concert hall.
  5. The ballet \_\_\_\_\_ (**dance**) performed beautifully on stage.
  6. The children's \_\_\_\_\_ (**joy**) play echoed in the playground.
  7. She gave a confident \_\_\_\_\_ (**speak**) during the presentation.
  8. He completed the race with an impressive \_\_\_\_\_ (**run**).
  9. Grandma's delicious \_\_\_\_\_ (**cook**) filled the kitchen.
  10. I had an \_\_\_\_\_ (**appoint**) at the dental clinic last Monday.
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**Ex D. Continue these sentences in a way that makes sense. (8 marks)**

1. I like team sports, **therefore** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. I like team sports, **however** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. I like team sports **since** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. My sister plays rugby **but** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. My sister plays rugby **just as** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. My sister played rugby **until** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Some parents take their children in the park **although** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Some parents take their children in the park **as soon as** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Ex E. Choose the correct spelling of the word in the brackets. The first one is done for you as an example. (5 marks)**

0. I hear that the head teacher is coming here. (hear/here)

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ my bicycle on the busy \_\_\_\_\_. (road / rode)

2. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ a new pencil from the shop \_\_\_\_\_ the town hall. (by / buy)

3. The view of the \_\_\_\_\_ is a marvellous view to \_\_\_\_\_. (sea / see)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ was a boy who carried \_\_\_\_\_ books away. (their / there)

5. I use my \_\_\_\_\_ hand to \_\_\_\_\_. (write / right)

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## **SECTION B - COMPREHENSION**

**(30 marks)**

**Read the following carefully and then answer the questions that follow.**

### **Are e-books better than traditional books?**

Tablets are a reality that is becoming more and more visible in our technological life. Most books are today available digitally on apps that provide various adaptability and reading experiences. Some people agree with the idea of e-books. Others disagree as they prefer traditional paper books.

#### **Advantages of e-books**

##### *1. Portability and Convenience:*

Tablets provide a compact and lightweight alternative to carrying around a stack of books. With a tablet, readers can access an entire library at their fingertips, making it an ideal choice for those who are always on **5** the go. Whether commuting, travelling, or simply lounging at home, a tablet allows readers to carry an extensive collection of books without the bulk.

##### *2. Customization and Accessibility:*

One of the significant advantages of digital reading is the ability to customize the reading experience. Tablets offer adjustable font sizes, background colours, and brightness settings, catering to individual preferences. Additionally, e-books often come with built-in dictionaries and translation tools, enhancing the learning **10** experience for readers exploring literature in foreign languages.

### 3. Searchability and Annotations:

Tablets simplify the process of finding specific passages or information within a book. The search functionality allows readers to locate keywords or phrases instantly, saving time and offering a more efficient reading experience. Furthermore, digital annotations make it easy to highlight, bookmark, and jot down notes without the need for physical markers or sticky notes. 15

### 4. Interactive Features:

E-books on tablets often come with interactive features such as hyperlinks, multimedia content, and embedded videos. This can enhance the overall reading experience, providing readers with additional context, references, or supplementary material that enriches the content and makes learning more dynamic.

## Disadvantages of e-books

### 1. Screen Fatigue and Eye Strain:

Extended screen time is known to contribute to eye strain and discomfort, commonly referred to as "digital eye strain." Reading on a tablet for prolonged periods can lead to fatigue, headaches, and disrupted sleep 20 patterns due to the blue light emitted by screens. Traditional books, on the other hand, do not pose the same risk and are generally considered more eye-friendly.

### 2. Distractions and Multitasking:

Tablets are multifunctional devices, and the temptation to switch between reading, checking emails, or scrolling through social media is ever-present. Notifications can also pop-up while reading an e-book. The potential for distractions on a tablet can hinder concentration and detract from the immersive experience of 25 reading a book. Traditional books offer a single-purpose focus, allowing readers to dive deep into the narrative without the constant pull of notifications or alerts.

### 3. Battery Life and Technical Issues:

Unlike traditional books that require no power source, tablets rely on batteries that need regular recharging. This dependency on technology introduces the risk of interruptions due to low battery or technical malfunctions. Traditional books, being analogue and independent of electronic components, offer a reliable 30 and uninterrupted reading experience.

### 4. Sensory Experience and Tangibility:

The tactile and sensory experience of flipping through the pages of a physical book is a unique aspect that tablets cannot fully replicate. The smell of paper, the texture of the pages, and the sound of flipping through chapters contribute to a sensory engagement that many readers find irreplaceable. Traditional books appeal to those who appreciate the tangible connection with literature. 35

In conclusion, the choice between reading on a tablet or a traditional book ultimately depends on personal preferences, lifestyle, and the specific needs of the reader. While tablets offer convenience, customization, and a digitalized reading experience, traditional books provide a sensory and focused approach to literature. Some readers may opt for the versatility of a tablet, while others cherish the timeless allure of a physical book. Regardless of the medium chosen, the joy of reading and the exploration of new worlds through literature **40** remain at the heart of the experience.

**Answer the following questions:**

1. Why are e-books useful for readers enjoying literature in a foreign language? (2 marks)

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2. What tool can one use to find keywords and phrases instantly? (2 marks)

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3. List three interactive features that e-books might have. (3 marks)

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4. What main advantage do e-books have regarding how portable they are? (2 marks)

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5. How can one get easily distracted when using an e-book? (2 marks)

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6. What advantages do traditional books have over e-books regarding technical issues. (3 marks)

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7. What causes disrupted sleep patterns when reading an e-book? (2 marks)

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8. List three things that contribute to the sensory engagement when reading a traditional book. (3 marks)

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9. What is the meaning of these words. (1 mark each – 5 marks in total)

a. efficient (*line 13*) \_\_\_\_\_

b. annotations (*line 14*) \_\_\_\_\_

c. supplementary (*line 18*) \_\_\_\_\_

d. discomfort (*line 19*) \_\_\_\_\_

e. tangible (*line 35*) \_\_\_\_\_

10. In your opinion, what is better – e-books or traditional books? Write a short paragraph to explain your answer. (6 marks)

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<b>SECTION C - COMPOSITION</b>	<b>(30 marks)</b>
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Write an essay of about 300 words about one of the following.  
Don't forget to underline the title you have chosen before you start.

1. Every Sunday cars should not be driven around the city. Discuss.
2. I was alone in my uncle's garage when I started to hear some noises. Write a story about what happened.
3. A holiday I enjoyed.
4. Write an article to persuade others that sports in school is necessary.
5. Why do you enjoy being with your best friend?



