

ENGLISH ENTRANCE EXAM 10th & 11th GRADE

2023-24

PART 1: LISTENING

(1.5 points each question/blank)

Watch the video about sponges. Answer the questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8a0oNsDEx8&t=378s> (min. 3:15 – min. 6:17)

1. What are sponges?
- a) simple uni-cellular animals
 - b) simple multi-cellular animals
 - c) complex multi-cellular animals
 - d) plants

2. We can conclude from the context that the meaning of the word "drab" is:
- a) having a tube-like shape
 - b) having a rough texture
 - c) lacking brightness and color

Choose words from the word box. Some may be used more than once, while some may not be used at all.

plankton	collar	flagellum (sg.)	flagella (pl.)
wastes	ostia	barrel sponge	tube sponge
oscula	oxygen	canals	carbon dioxide

3. What type of sponge can grow bigger than a human? _____
4. How does a sponge feed? By filtering tiny _____ from the water.
5. The tiny openings or pores in sponges are called _____, which lead to internal _____, leading to one or more big openings called _____.

6. Along the internal _____, there are specialized cells called _____ cells, which consist of a funnel-shaped collar and a _____.
7. The _____ cells beat their flagella back and forth to move water through the sponge.
8. The water carries in _____ and nutrients and it carries away _____ and _____.

PART 2: WRITING

THINK AND WRITE! Choose one of the following topics and write a paragraph of 7-10 sentences about it.

- 1. What are the characteristics of a true friend?**
- 2. What lesson can we learn from the sponge's quiet life?**
- 3. When was the first time you earned money?**

(17 points)

Your text:

PART 3: GRAMMAR AND MECHANICS

(0.8 point each)

Indicate whether the groups of words are verbs, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, or conjunctions.

1. _____ and, or, so, because, since, where
2. _____ love, idea, heart, Bucharest, mouse, food
3. _____ extremely, quietly, soon, fast, slowly
4. _____ run, jump, be, try, choose, take
5. _____ on, in, at, with, for, from
6. _____ beautiful, red, four, circular, essential
7. _____ this, you, some, themselves, those, he, who

Choose the best option.

1. I _____ my homework for today.
(a) finish
(b) have finish
(c) just finished
2. If you _____ all the money you wanted, how would you spend it?
(a) get
(b) would get
(c) got
3. If Martin had wanted to help, he _____ by now.
(a) came
(b) would come
(c) would have come
4. If ice stays in the sun, it _____.
(a) melt
(b) melts
(c) melting
5. When I water the plants regularly, they _____ better.
(a) grow
(b) have been growing
(c) grew
6. _____ my glasses? I can't find them!
(a) Have you seen
(b) Has you seen
(c) Did you seen
7. Don't interrupt! We _____ something important right now.
(a) discussing
(b) have been discussing
(c) are discussing
8. I _____ to Rome.
(a) have been never
(b) never have been
(c) have never been

9. Next summer I _____ there
for the first time.
(a) was
(b) will be
(c) 've been

10. He said that everybody _____
to obey the rules.
(a) have
(b) had
(c) has

(0.2 point each correction)

**Correct the punctuation, capitalization and spelling mistakes in these sentences:
There are 10 punctuation, 10 capitalization, and 5 spelling mistakes.**

- My birthday is on january 1 and next year
it will fall on a monday
- The king will rain from his throne
- Before i go to Lisbon I wil visit geneve
paris and madrid
- Mommy asked is the surprise redy
- The bible was originally writen in hebrew
and greek

PART 5: READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following excerpt and answer the questions:

The priests of Anathoth don't like Jeremiah's message, so some priests have laid a plot to kill the prophet. Jeremiah flees Anathoth, his home town, and has just entered Jerusalem through one of the gates called the Sheep Gate. It is almost night, and he doesn't have any place to sleep.

Where can I find a room? Jeremiah wondered as he stood on aching feet inside the gate. A rumbling from behind startled him, and he turned to see the guards closing the giant cedar doors. "I made it just in time," he said to one of them...

The homeless prophet started down the empty streets... He'd walked for half an hour when, in the dim light, he spotted the symbol of the high priest on one door. "That's it!" he whispered, pounding his right fist into his left palm. "I'm a priest. The Temple **steward*** should help me."

Revived feet scurried back to the Temple and the steward's house nearby. *That official supplies the needs of all the priests,* Jeremiah reasoned. *Why didn't I think of him before?*

After knocking on the door, Jeremiah soon heard the thumping of feet descending the steps from the living quarters upstairs. The speakinghole cover flipped open with a whack, and a man growled, "What do you want?"

"I'm Jeremiah from Anathoth." His voice sounded tired. "I need somewhere to sleep and something to eat."

"So? Why bother me?"

"Because I'm a priest and you're the steward." *Not to mention that you're supposed to give hospitality to a stranger,* Jeremiah thought to himself.

"A priest, eh?" The man's tone softened a little. "Yes, you did say Anathoth, the priest's village."

"Yes, sir."

"Well, go home, then—it's not far."

"They put me out, sir."

"Oh. Well—all right." The hinges creaked as the steward opened the door and sighed. "But we'll find you another place tomorrow." Jeremiah stepped inside, waited for his host to bar the door, and followed him up a flight of stairs. The steward placed an olive oil lamp on a ledge in a musty room that lacked both ventilation and furniture. "The wife will bring you a mat and porridge," he muttered as he closed the door.

* steward = administrator

The... woman who delivered the food was as taciturn as her husband. Jeremiah pitied the pair. They had the means and opportunity to bless their fellow Levites, but they did only what custom required—nothing more.

Jeremiah drank the warm, watery soup, lay down on the mat, and drowned in his own thoughts. The king's death and his own exile blended with the soup and the bare room, tumbling over in his mind...

Suddenly Jeremiah sat up. Morning! "Just a bad dream," he muttered. But no. The bare room, the thin sleeping mat, the empty bowl, and the sound of angry voices from below reminded him that his nightmare was real.

Adapted from *Fire in the Gates* by Thurman C. Petty

(3 points each)

1. Jeremiah entered Jerusalem...

- (a) in the morning (b) at noon (c) in the evening

2. Who was in charge of helping the priests?

- (a) the high priest (b) the Temple steward (c) Jeremiah

3. From the steward and his wife's attitudes we can conclude that...

- (a) they were happy to help Jeremiah (b) they felt bothered (c) they were tired

4. Write down at least **two details** from the text that support your answer to question 3.

5. What did Jewish custom require regarding hospitality to strangers? _____

6. From the context, "taciturn" most probably means...

- (a) cold and uncommunicative (b) hospitable (c) patient and helpful

7. Write at least **three things** that Jeremiah was thinking about when he fell asleep:
