

Yamma Agricultural High School

English – Entrance Exam 2017/18

9th Grade

1. Time Allocated: 90 minutes
2. Structure and Points: Three Parts

Part I – Reading Comprehension.....	50 points
Part II – Language.....	35 points
Part III – Writing.....	15 points

100 points

3. You may use a dictionary.
4. Use a blue / black pen.

Name: _____

Town/Village: _____

Your Grade: _____

Good Luck!

PART I: ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM WRITTEN TEXTS (50 points)

פרק ראשון: הבנת הנקרא (70 נקודות) الفصل الأول: فهم المقروء (50 علامة)
קרא את הקטע שלפניך, וענה על שאלות 9-1. اقرأ المقال التالي، وأجب عن الأسئلة 1-9.

Read the article below and then answer questions 1-9.

HOW TO SPOIL YOUR CAT

5 Most people who share their homes with cats say they love them. However, there's a definite difference between those who consider their cats as beloved pets and those who consider them as much more. Some of these over-devoted cat lovers might refer to them as their babies or the love of their life, sometimes even making other family members feel left out.

10 In recent years, some cat owners have been trying to find new ways to spoil their furry friends. One of these ways is cats-only spas, which are becoming a hot trend. There, cats can get a massage, special haircuts and even a manicure. They are also given toys and treats to make their stay as enjoyable as possible. Another trend is music for cats. A study published in a science magazine shows that cats do not respond to music written for people. However, they do become excited when listening to "cat songs", making this another way to spoil them.

15 The latest trend, however, is luxury hotels for cats only. This is a good solution for people who travel and want to make sure their cats are in good hands. These hotels offer massages, delicious meals, iPads for cats to watch movies and even bedtime stories. The woman behind the idea of luxury hotels for cats, Jo Ounsley, says, "It's the perfect place for a cat to stay. Although some people might think it's a bit extreme, we just want them to have a good time while their owners are away so that they won't miss them too much."

20 It seems that some cat lovers are willing to do almost anything to make their cats happy. However, others agree that spoiling their cats isn't necessary. "Cats are not children and should not be read bedtime stories. If cats could speak," they say, "they would tell us that just being loved is enough." Since they can't, it is up to you to decide who is right.

Answer questions **1-9** in English according to the article. In questions 1, 3, 5 and 9, circle the number of the correct answer. In the other questions, follow the instructions. (70 points)

1. What do we learn about cat owners in lines 1-5?

- i) They have cats instead of babies.
- ii) Some see their cats as family members.
- iii) They all treat their cats in the same way.
- iv) Some don't really love their cats.

(5 points)

2. In lines 3-4, some cat owners are called "over-devoted".

Write ONE example that shows this. (lines 1-5)

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(5 points)

3. What do we learn from lines 6-13?

- i) How cat owners become excited.
- ii) What cats can enjoy at the spa.
- iii) Why cats don't enjoy music for people.
- iv) Which other animals go to the spa.

(5 points)

4. What are "special haircuts" (line 8) an example of?

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(5 points)

5. What is special about the spas and hotels mentioned in lines 6-20?

- i) They are very hot.
- ii) They are not meant for people.
- iii) They don't offer iPads.
- iv) They are only for travelers.

(5 points)

6. In lines 18-19, Ounsley says, "some people might think it's a bit extreme."

What does "it" refer to?

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(5 points)

7. What do we learn from lines 14-20?

PUT A ✓ BY THE TWO CORRECT ANSWERS.

- i) Why spoiling cats is extreme.
- ii) What iPads are used for.
- iii) Why people should travel.
- iv) Who benefits from the luxury hotels.
- v) How often cats use the iPads.
- vi) Which stories the cats prefer.

(2x5=10 points)

8. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.

How does Ounsley justify spoiling the cats? (lines 14-20)

When cats enjoy themselves they don't

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(5 points)

9. The main subject of the article is (-).

- i) why cats are family members
- ii) how to travel with cats
- iii) how people can spoil their cats
- iv) why there is special music for cats

(5 points)

Part II : language (35 points)

1. Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (15 points)

1. Howard (run) _____ faster than Susan when he saw me.
2. Julia always (stop) _____ at a red light.
3. Next week, we (go) _____ to the concert in the part.
4. Right now, I (have) _____ a party at my house for my birthday.
5. Sorry I couldn't (come) _____ over yesterday.
6. Last night Donna (work) _____ on her project while Aron and Adam (prepare) _____ food for the whole family.
7. When I met you, you (look) _____ tired.
8. No one (have) _____ any plans for the summer yet, but I may (travel) _____ to Eilat.
9. The loudspeakers (not work) _____ so we couldn't hear the speaker.
10. The dogs (be able to) _____ walk two weeks from now.
11. Dad (know) _____ how to rollerblade when he was younger.
12. Judge people when you (be) _____ perfect!

2. Circle the correct answer (pronoun). (7points)

1. I am proud of you, Mary! You always depend on (you/your/yourself/yours).
2. If (me/I/myself/my) want to succeed I have to read.
3. Every Friday night, Abed meets (he/himself/him/his) family.
4. (Our/Ours/Ourselves/Us) house is near a supermarket.
(You/Your/Yourself/Yours) is near a library.
5. (My/I/Mine/Myself) sister is able to play the piano and the flute.
6. She should say goodbye before she leaves (he/himself/his/ him).

3. Ask questions to which the underline words are the answers. (10 points)

1. He shouldn't carry heavy things because he has back problems.

2. Fred walks quickly.

3. The children don't have to buy tickets. They can get in for free.

4. Mary liked these cookies.

5. Madonna wants to be where the sun warms the sky.

4. Circle the correct word. (3 points)

1. David is very (well/good/will) at tennis and he always wins competitions.

2. The babies feel (happy/happily/happiness).

3. (Luck/Lucky/Luckily), I didn't have to wait long for the bus yesterday.

PART III: WRITTEN PRESENTATION (15 points)

פרק שני: משימת כתיבה (30 נקודות)
קרא את ההנחיות שלפניך, וכתוב על פיהן חיבור ובו 70-90 מילים.
الفصل الثاني: مهمة كتابية (15 علامة)
اقرأ الإرشادات التالية، واكتب وفقها موضوعاً إنشائياً يحوي 70-90 كلمة.

While studying in high school, you have to volunteer in the community. Describe what you did last year and how you helped others.

Write 70-90 words.

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