When you are taking this exam remember these important things:

- Read each passage and question carefully and think about the answer before you write.
- Number your answers correctly.
- Rule off between each section.
- If you finish early, you must check your work.

READING PASSAGES

1. When Lamps are Lighted in the Town

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When lamps are lighted in the town

The boats sail out to sea.

The fishers watch when night comes down,

They watch for you and me.

When little children go to bed,

Before they sleep they pray

That God will watch the fishermen

And bring them home at day.

2. Stranded

Look at the diagram below and the explanations of tricky words before you read the passage so that you can understand it better.

stranded – when you are stuck somewhere with no way of getting anywhere else.

streamlined - designed or made to make movement through water or air easier.

hull - the frame or body of a ship or boat.

bow - the front part of a ship.

“stomach churning” - causing a feeling of nausea or nervousness.

frantically - when you do something in a very panicked and nervous way.
Tim could see the gleaming body of the whale pushing its way through the water just beside their boat. He could just make out the faint bubbling of water, like the sound of a gentle mountain stream flowing through pebbles. And then it stopped. All at once and without warning.

“It might have gone,” his dad said, looking up at their limp sail. “We’ll wait a little longer. See if the wind begins to pick up.”

Tim felt his heart start to race. Not because of the whale just to the side of them. It was certainly still there. There was something else. A dark streamlined shape, coming towards the boat. A shark! Tim’s heart beat faster. This time he really was frightened.

“There’s a bit of a breeze now,” said his dad, who had not yet spotted the shark. “Come on.” “No!” yelled Tim, without moving. “Keep still!”

But it was too late. A dull thud rocked the hull followed by another ... and another. Dad saw at once what it was. “Don’t move!” he said. “Just don’t move.”

“I’m not!” shouted Tim. “I’m not moving!”

The boat began to rock wildly from side to side. Water was spilling over the bow. The shark was attacking their boat. Tim’s stomach was churning so much that he thought he was going to be sick. And as for his heart, it was beating fast enough for it to burst right out of his chest.

He stared into his father’s face. It was white – white and full of terror. A wave of water crashed into the boat. Tim covered his face. And, in less time than it had taken him to blink, his dad disappeared, swept overboard by the rush of water. “Dad!” Tim screamed. “Dad!” The thudding and banging stopped.

Tim scrambled to the side. The sea was still – dead still. Tim wanted to cry. He wanted to scream. His eyes combed the still water for life. But there was nothing – not a thing. The sea had fallen silent. The only thing Tim could hear was his own heart pounding inside his chest.

“Tim!” A voice suddenly yelled from behind him. “Over here!”

“Dad!” Tim cried. Tim turned round and held out one hand to his father frantically splashing about in the water. But it was no good. He couldn’t reach him. “Help! Pull me up! Quick!”

“I’m trying, Dad, I’m trying!” Tim screamed helplessly. “I’m trying.”

Then suddenly, on that last scream, a jet of water shot high into the air. Tim stared in amazement as his dad began to rise slowly out of the water. He was moving upwards, almost as if he was being lifted by someone – or something.
Comprehension

SECTION A

1. When Lamps are Lighted in the Town
Read the poem When Lamps are Lighted in the Town and then answer the questions below.

1.1 Who is the poet writing about? Write the correct letter ONLY.
   a) fishermen
   b) builders
   c) teachers
   d) artists

1.2 The children pray for the fishermen. What do they think might happen to them? Write the correct letter ONLY.
   a) They might go home for their dinner.
   b) They might get lost at sea.
   c) They might go for a walk.
   d) They might buy some fish.

1.3 Rhyming words: Find ONE word in the poem which rhymes with each of the words below:
   For example: sea - me
   a) town
   b) pray

1.4 “When lamps are lighted in the town.” What time of day is it? How do you know what time of day it is?

TOTAL: 6
2. Stranded

Read the passage, Stranded, and answer the following questions in full sentences UNLESS otherwise stated.

2.1 Why was Tim and his dad’s boat not moving? (l)
2.2 In the first paragraph, what does Tim see in the water beside their boat? (l)
2.3 What did Tim see coming towards the boat that made him really frightened? (l)
2.4 “A dull thud rocked the hull followed by another ... and another.” Explain what this tells you about what was happening. (l)
2.5 Read the underlined sentences in the passage again and then decide whether each statement is True or False. Write True or False ONLY.
   a) Tim was so scared that he thought he was going to be sick. (3)
   b) Tim’s heart burst out of his chest.
   c) Tim’s dad was swept overboard.
2.6 Find a sentence in the passage which tells you that everything went quiet after the boat was attacked. Write down the sentence. (l)
2.7 How did Tim try to help his dad out of the sea? (l)
2.8 “I’m trying, Dad, I’m trying!” Tim screamed helplessly. “I’m trying.” Write down one word that tells you Tim felt that he couldn’t help his dad. (l)
2.9 Who or what do you think lifted Tim’s dad out of the water? (l)
2.10 Below are some summaries of different events in this passage. Number them 1–7 to show the order in which they appear in the passage. The first one has been done for you.

For example: a) 6

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SECTION B

Look at the article, Stranded, and answer the following questions.

1. What tense is the passage written in? (1)
2. Rewrite this line from the passage in future tense. (1)
   The shark attacks their boat.
3. Use a suitable conjunction to join the two sentences below: (2)
   Tim felt helpless. He could not help his dad.
4. Look at the sentences below and find any TWO adjectives. (2)
   Tim could see the gleaming body of the whale pushing its way through the water just beside their boat. He could just make out the faint bubbling of water, like the sound of a gentle mountain stream flowing through pebbles.
5. Find the verb in the following sentence. (1)
   The boats sail out to sea.
6. Find the preposition in the sentence below. (1)
   Water was spilling over the bow.
7. List one proper noun from the passage. (1)

SUBTOTAL 9

SECTION C

Answer the following questions:

1. Read the sentences below and say if the underlined noun is countable or uncountable. (3)
   a) The boats sail out to sea.
   b) The fishermen ate bread.
   c) The cabin did not have any furniture.

2. Rewrite the following paragraph into the past tense. (2)
   I get up at 6 o'clock and get dressed for school. Mom makes me toast for breakfast while I pack my lunch into my bag.
3. Rewrite and punctuate the sentence below.

herbert hurd primary school was officially opened in january 1954

4. Write down the plurals of the words below:
   a) bunch
   b) newspaper

5. Complete the sentence below by filling in the missing personal pronoun.
   Write the word only.

   He bought a gift for ____.

6. What is the abbreviation for the following words?
   a) television
   b) digital video disc

SUBTOTAL 11
TOTAL 40

NEVER GIVE UP