

SECTION 1

Spelling

TASK 1

There is one incorrectly spelt word in each line in the passage below. Draw a circle around the incorrectly spelt word. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box provided for each line.

Video games, commonly referred to as electronic games,

1. referred

necessitate engagemant with a controller and a screen.

2. engagement

Video games can enhance hand-eye cordination, creativity

3. coordination

and problem-solving competensy. They can also strengthen

4. competency

memory and releive stress. Contrary to popular belief

5. relieve

these gadgets can be quite fascinateing and entertaining.

6. fascinating

(12 marks)



## Punctuation and Capitalization

### TASK 2

There is one punctuation or capitalization error in each line in the passage below. Insert the missing punctuation mark or capital letter in its correct place, in each line.

“Jason, can you help carry these tools?” asked Mr.

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Green, his elderly neighbour, who lived adjacent to.

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Jason’s residence. He assisted the old man by carrying

9.

the following items to the garage: rake, garden hose and

10.

shears. Mr. Green was so grateful that he gave the boy

11.

one of his favourite novels, “To Kill a Mockingbird”.

12.

(6 marks)



## Grammar

### TASK 3

There is one grammar error in each line in the passage below. Draw a **circle** around the error and write the correct form of the word in the box provided.

The mother **aggressive** refused to allow any humans near

13. **aggressively**

the newborn puppies. Many **attempt** to rescue the puppies

14. **attempts**

from the drain resulted **on** booming barks, fierce growls

15. **in**

and vicious snarls. Fortunately, the people **was** able to

16. **were**

distract **him** and so saved the puppies. The mother was

17. **them**

distressed **and** the puppies were rescued from the drain.

18. **but**

(12 marks)



## Comprehension

## TASK 4 – Fiction

Read the story, “The Ring”, and answer questions 19 to 25.

The Ring

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5 My father’s solemn eyes locked into mine. “Happy birthday, Son. The time has come. You are ready.” Without another word, he placed the titanium ring in my cold, right hand, turned like a soldier with precision and exited the room. As I slipped my long, skinny finger into the gleaming ring, an unnatural surge of power passed through my body.

10 “Wha... Wha...What’s happening?” I gasped and clenched my fist. In the blink of an eye, I found myself slammed against Dad’s massive bookcase. My heart lurched as the heavy, oak bookcase slowly started to topple towards me. Instinctively, I closed my eyes and pushed forward. As my index finger touched a shelf, I heard a bone-chilling creak, then silence. Slowly, I opened my left eye, then my right. The ceiling-high bookcase had returned to its original position with just a touch from my finger.

15 I glanced curiously at the ring, sparkling like a diamond. Why did Daddy say I was ready? Ready for what? He was never one to explain much. “You know more than you know,” he would always advise when I complained millions of times about what I could not do. I shook my head and wandered outside to let the mid-morning sun caress my face.

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daytime  
20 Suddenly, a thought flashed across my mind. I glanced around to see if I had witnesses, but all was serene in our gated community. I stared at the gleaming ring on my right hand, closed my eyes, raised my arms and jumped. In a nanosecond, I felt myself being flung towards the sky.

I opened my eyes to realise that my neighbourhood below was a village of Lego houses. I screamed as I zipped through a powder puff of clouds, zoomed past a flock of confused-looking birds and hitched a ride on the top of a cruising plane. I



25 reclined in my new position and gazed into the brilliant blue sky. Then, Daddy's voice echoed in my head, "You know more than you know, my son." I scrambled up with a sudden urge to return home. It was time to learn the truth.

I landed at the front porch with a soft thud, opened the front door and gasped. There was my entire family, radiant in red, white, and black costumes, each with matching titanium rings and broad smiles on their faces. Daddy was the first to speak,

"Surprise, Son! Are you ready?"

A slow smile spread across my face as I walked into my new life.

*Gillian Pilgrim*

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### Questions: The Ring

19. What time of day did the story take place?

The story took place in the daytime.

(1 mark)

20. Identify **one** example of a simile and **one** example of a metaphor used in the story.

Simile like a soldier / sparkling like a diamond

Metaphor a village of lego houses

(2 marks)

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21. Give the meaning of the following words

"topple" (line 8)

fall / tumble

"serene" (line 19)

peaceful / calm

(2 marks)

22. State two reasons why the father thought the son was ready to receive the ring.

Reason 1 It was the son's birthday, which meant that he was the appropriate age.

Reason 2 The father believed that the son had the knowledge needed.

(2 marks)

23. Give two reasons which suggest that the ring was extremely special.

Reason 1 The ring was special because it was powerful.

Reason 2 The ring was special because other members of the family had matching, titanium rings.

(2 marks)

24. Explain how the author's feelings at the beginning of the story are different from his feelings at the end.

At the beginning of the story, the author was feeling confused about the powers the ring gave him and doubtful about his readiness. At the end, he feels ready, confident and embraces his new life. (2 marks)

25. What is your view of the father in the story? Give a reason for your answer.

The father is someone who has faith and confidence in his son because he believes that he is ready and tells him so, without any explanation, even though the son was doubtful. (2 marks)

[Free response.]



**TASK 5 – Poetry**

Read the poem and answer questions 26 to 32.

No title.

There's a river in my bedroom, between the doorway and my bed,  
Every morning, the same battle arises, all be it in my tiny head.  
This river's mighty and infested with enormous, electric eels,  
And ferocious hungry crocodiles, that'll tear me to shreds.

- 5 I throw off my cover, leaving the safety of my fortress,  
I plan my escape route. In a leap, I spring off my mattress.  
It's a well-calculated attack, like a tiger pouncing on its prey.  
I must survive this familiar battle, to cross the river, this faithful Monday.

- At last! I've made it out safely but now a new battle must be fought!  
10 Two faithful soldiers, Mr Toothbrush and Mrs Toothpaste,  
Have stealthily taken up positions, in the bathroom fort.  
This battle is short, in less than five minutes they're retreating with haste.

- "Hurry up! You'll be late," shouts the drill master, at the stairs,  
I accept my kiss of victory and grab my prize, evidence she cares.  
15 I cross the battlefield, as the chariot reaches the front gate,  
To take me to another station, where a battle with new learning awaits.

*Mohinder Ramnarine*





## Questions

26. Identify the figures of speech in the following lines

“I throw off my cover, leaving the safety of my fortress,” (line 5)

metaphor

“It’s a well-calculated attack, like a tiger pouncing on its prey.” (line 7)

simile

(2 marks)

27. How long did the battle with Mr Toothbrush and Mrs Toothpaste last?

The battle with Mr. Toothbrush and Mrs. Toothpaste lasted less than five minutes.

(1 mark)

28. Give the meaning of the following words, as used in the poem

“ferocious” (line 4)

violent / wild

“retreating” (line 12)

withdrawing / leaving

(2 marks)



29. Suggest two battles the narrator faces every day.

Battle 1 getting out of bed

Battle 2 brushing his teeth

OR leaving the house/going to school

(2 marks)

30. "I accept my kiss of victory and grab my prize, evidence she cares." (line 14)

Explain what is meant by

"victory" surviving the previous battles

"my prize" lunch kit

(2 marks)

31. How does the poem make you feel about the narrator? Give a reason for your answer.

Feeling I feel as though the narrator does not like school and views it negatively.

Reason This is because he describes the process of getting ready and learning as battles and he struggles to get it done.

[Free response.]

(2 marks)

32. Suggest a suitable title for the poem. Give a reason for your answer.

Title A Familiar Battle

Reason This title was chosen because the poet mostly describes his experience of getting ready for school as a battle and he is used to it, since he goes to school everyday.

(2 marks)

[free response.]

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**TASK 6 – Graphic**

Read the “Notice” on this page and answer questions 33 to 36.

# NOTICE

Mountainside PTA invites  
all parents and teachers  
to a

PTA meeting at the  
Mountainside Primary School  
on Friday 12th May,  
at 3:00 p.m.



**Speaker:** World famous singer Mr. Wazim Jabari  
**Topic:** The value of music in our children’s lives.



Motto: Practise Truth and Perseverance

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Questions: Notice

33. Using details from the notice, fill in the following information.

Who is responsible for the notice?

Mountainside PTA is responsible for this notice.

Who is invited?

Parents and teachers of Mountainside Primary School are invited.

(2 marks)

34. Give two reasons why the word, 'NOTICE' is written in big, bold, capital letters.

The word, 'NOTICE' is written in big, bold, capital letters to capture the attention of parents and teachers and to highlight the main idea.

(2 marks)

35. Suggest two pieces of information that should be included in the notice.

Two pieces of information that should be included in the notice are the duration of the meeting or end time and the year in the date.

36. If I were designing the notice, I would include an image of parents and teachers or the school logo

(2 marks)

because it gives a good representation of what the notice is about.

