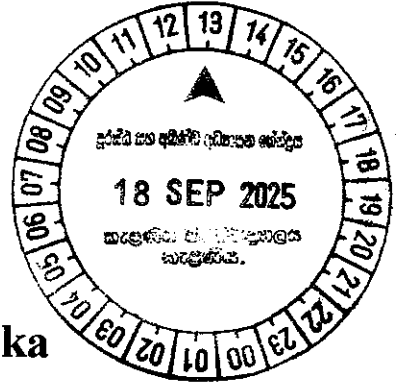




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Answer all questions on this paper.

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Total (100%)		

1. Reading comprehension (30%)

A) Passage I

Read the text and underline the correct answer.

(1 mark × 10 = 10 marks)

My Favorite Movie

Amaya

I first watched this movie by accident when my brother left the DVD in the player. I didn't expect to like it because it's an old black-and-white film, but after a while, I was completely hooked. It's about a young woman who leaves her small hometown to follow her dreams. The story is simple, but I loved how brave the character was. I still wish there had been a bit more at the end.

Liam

I remember watching this movie with my cousins during a school holiday. What I liked the most were the amazing landscapes and costumes. Even though the story was quite sad, I couldn't take my eyes off the screen. It made me think about how people live in different parts of the world. I've watched it three times since then, and I still enjoy the details.

Sasha

This movie is very special to me because it was the first one I watched in a cinema. I was about six, and I didn't even understand most of what the characters were saying, but the colours, songs and the talking animals made me so happy. I've watched it again recently, and it's not as good as I remember — especially the ending, which feels a little silly now.

Source: <https://englishpracticetest.net/my-favourite-book-a2-english-reading-test/>

1. Who didn't expect to enjoy the movie at first?
A. Amaya B. Liam C. Sasha
2. Who was impressed by the way people live in other places?
A. Amaya B. Liam C. Sasha
3. Who talks about when and where they first saw the movie?
A. Amaya B. Liam C. Sasha
4. Who liked the costumes in the movie?
A. Amaya B. Liam C. Sasha
5. Who mentions a character leaving home?



- A. Amaya B. Liam C. Sasha
6. Who still enjoys looking at the small details in the movie?
- A. Amaya B. Liam C. Sasha
7. Who watched the movie by accident?
- A. Amaya B. Liam C. Sasha
8. Whose favourite movie made them happy as a child?
- A. Amaya B. Liam C. Sasha
9. Who wishes the ending was a little better?
- A. Amaya B. Liam C. Sasha
10. Who says the ending now feels silly?
- A. Amaya B. Liam C. Sasha

B) Passage 2

Read the passage and then answer all the questions below. (2 mark × 10 – 20 marks)

The Honest Woodcutter

One day a poor woodcutter accidentally dropped his only axe into a deep river. He was very upset because he could not afford another axe, and without it he could not earn a living.

The god Hermes (also called Mercury) appeared and asked why he was crying. The woodcutter explained what had happened, and Hermes dived into the water. He first brought up a golden axe and asked, "Is this yours?" The woodcutter replied, "No, that is not my axe."

Hermes then dove again and came up with a silver axe. He asked, "Is this yours?" Again, the woodcutter answered, "No, that is not mine."

Finally, Hermes dived one more time and brought up the woodcutter's old iron axe. The woodcutter smiled and said, "Yes, that is mine!" Impressed by his honesty, Hermes gave him all three axes as a reward.

The woodcutter walked home very happy—and soon a neighbour heard the story. The greedy neighbour went to the river, dropped his own axe in, and pretended to cry.

When Hermes appeared, he first offered a golden axe. The neighbour lied, claiming it was his. Hermes saw through the trick and refused to return any axe—leaving the neighbour with nothing.

The moral of the story is clear: “Honesty is the best policy.”

Source (public domain): *The Honest Woodcutter* — Aesop’s Fable (numbered 173 in the Perry Index; text adapted from Wikipedia)

1. What did the woodcutter drop into the river?
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2. Why was losing the axe such a problem for the woodcutter?
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3. Which God appeared to help him?
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4. What was the first axe Hermes brought up?
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5. Did the woodcutter claim the golden axe? Why or why not?
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6. What was the second axe, and what did the woodcutter say?
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7. Which axe did the woodcutter finally claim, and why?
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8. How did Hermes reward the woodcutter?
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9. What did the greedy neighbour do at the river?
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10. What happened when the neighbour lied to Hermes?
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2. **Grammar 30%**

A) Choose the correct preposition from the two options and complete the sentences.

(1 mark × 10 = 10 marks)

1. The cat is hiding (under/ on) the table.
2. We are going to meet (at/ in) the park.
3. She was born (in/ on) July.
4. Please write your name (on/ in) the top of the page.
5. The children are playing (with/ by) their friends.
6. He is afraid (of/ from) snakes.
7. The train arrives (at/ in) 5:30 p.m.
8. I live (on/ in) Colombo.
9. There's a small bridge (over/ between) the river.
10. They travelled (by/ with) bus to the city.

B) Write the appropriate question for each response below.

(1 mark × 10 = 10 marks)

1. They are playing football in the park.

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2. My best friend gave me this note.

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3. She was late because there was heavy traffic.

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4. We will meet at the café after school.

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5. No, he doesn't like spicy food.

6. They were discussing the project details.

7. She sent an email to the manager this morning.

8. Yes, I have visited that museum before.

9. I'm learning how to cook Italian dishes.

10. No, we weren't watching TV last night.

C) Write the most suitable form of the verb given in brackets to complete the sentences.

(1 mark × 10 = 10 marks)

1. Yesterday, I (visit) my grandmother.
2. Birds usually (sing) early in the morning.
3. She (not/ finish) her homework yet.
4. Listen! The baby (cry) loudly.
5. I (not/ understand) the question.
6. Last month, they (travel) to the mountains.
7. He often (forget) his keys.
8. While I (walk) home, it started to rain.
9. Right now, they (watch) a movie.
10. My parents always (help) me with my studies.



3. Vocabulary 20%

Choose the most appropriate word from the box and fill in the blanks.

(2 mark × 10 = 20 marks)

visit offered play talk cry spend make scared invite turn

1. Tina to help me with my assignment.
2. I can friends with anyone easily.
3. Shayana will with her manager regarding the issue
4. Be sure to off the lights before you leave.
5. Dilki can with her sister all the time.
6. Maneth wants to all her friends to the party.
7. He is of ghost stories.
8. She loves to time with small kids
9. Tam made me when she told the sad story.
10. I always my grandparents on vacation.

4. Writing (20%)

Select one topic from the given list and write an essay. (Approximately 250 words)

1. Benefits of reading
2. The person I admire the most.
3. Importance of learning English

