

SEA Practice Test 4

English Language Arts

Based on the Revised SEA Framework 2021-2023

School:

Student's Name:

Date:

INSTRUCTIONS

There are TWO sections in this test with a total of 38 questions. You have 75 minutes for this test.

SECTION 1 has 18 questions (nos. 1-18) and a total of 30 marks.

SECTION 2 has 20 questions (nos. 19-38) and a total of 25 marks.

Answer ALL questions. Work carefully but DO NOT spend too much time on any question.

DO NOT BEGIN UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

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Section 1

SPELLING

TASK 1	There is ONE mis-spelt word in each line of the passage below. Underline the incorrect word and write its correct spelling in the box provided for each line.
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Example: I am hapy to go to the park with you.

e.g. happy

The origins of chocolate can be traced back to ancient

1.

civilisations in Mesoamerica, particularly the Mayans

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and Aztecs. These ancient cultures revered cacao beans

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and considered them to be a divine gift from the gods.

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The Mayans were the first to cultivate cacao trees, with

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Evidence of cacao beverages dating back to as early as

6.

1900 BCE.

	12 marks
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PUNCTUATION AND CAPITALIZATION

TASK 2	There is either one punctuation mark or capital letter that is missing in each line of the passage below. Insert the punctuation mark correctly or the capital letter above the common letter it replaces for each line.
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Example: Splendid! I will show you.

the knowledge and appreciation of cacao eventually spread to

7.

Europe during the age of exploration. Spanish explorers such as

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Hernan cortes, encountered cacao during their conquests in the

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americas. They brought it back to Europe, where it was initially

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consumed as a drink by the nobility. However, it wasnt until the

11.

addition of sugar and other ingredients that Chocolate became

12.

popular among the general population.

	6 marks
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GRAMMAR

TASK 3	There is ONE grammar error in each line of the passage below. Underline each error and write the correct form of the word in the box provided for each line.
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Example: Today was November 4.

e.g is

The process of making chocolate is quite different in
ancient times compared with the modern methods we are
familiar with today. The cacao beans was harvested,
fermented, and then roast. The roasted beans were then
ground into a paste, which was mix with water and spices
creating a frothy beverage, called “xocoatl” by the Aztecs.

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14.

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16.

17.

18.

	12 marks
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SECTION TWO

COMPREHENSION

TASK 4 Passage	Read the passage below carefully then answer the questions (19 to 25) based on it. Pleased use complete and proper sentences to provide your answers.
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Once upon a time, in a peaceful meadow, there lived a beautiful Swallow and a wise old Crow. They were considered fair-weather friends. The Swallow boasted about its vibrant and colourful feathers, while the Crow, with its dull and plain plumage, listened attentively.

One sunny afternoon, the Swallow couldn't resist showing off its magnificent feathers. It fluttered around the meadow, displaying its vibrant blue and white plumage to anyone who would pay attention. Meanwhile, the Crow sat perched on a nearby branch, observing quietly.

Finally, the Crow could no longer contain its thoughts. It cleared its throat and calmly spoke to the Swallow, "Your feathers are indeed beautiful, my friend. They captivate the eyes of all who see them. But remember, beauty is not everything."

The Swallow, feeling slightly offended, asked, "What do you mean, Crow? My plumage is the epitome of elegance!"

The Crow, wise and experienced, replied, "Yes, your feathers are all very well in the spring, when the sun shines warmly upon us. But what about when winter arrives? It is then that my plain feathers become my armour against the harsh cold. While you migrate to warmer lands, I stay behind and face the winter storms."

The Swallow paused, realizing the truth in the Crow's words. It had never considered the harshness of winter or the importance of protection. It had simply revelled in its own beauty, never contemplating the practicality of its plumage.

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Questions for passage

19. What is a good title for this story? (1 mark)

20. What does the term “fair-weather friends” means? (2 marks)

21. Based on the first two paragraphs what do the two animals have in common? (2 marks)

22. Based on the first two paragraphs what is different between the two animals? (2 marks)

23. Write a word or phrase that gives the meaning of the following words. (2 marks)

- i) Plumage _____
- ii) Offended _____.

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24. Why do you think the Swallow was offended by the Crow's advice? (2 marks)

25. According to the story, what was the one thing the Swallow never considered? (2 marks)

	16 marks
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TASK 5 Poem	Read the poem below carefully then answer the questions (26-32) based on it. Please use complete and proper sentences to provide your answers.
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My World

The world has barriers.
I must find strength,
My spirit soars,
despite the length,
Through every hurdle,⁵
I strive and fight,
My valor shines
like stars in the night.
I am me,
yet my courage ignites.¹⁰

In a world of shadows,
where sight's denied,
Kind souls lend their eyes,
my grateful guide.
Through countless acts,¹⁵
they light my way,
Their hands extend,
my fears they allay.
With heartfelt thanks,
I navigate life's maze.²⁰

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Questions for Poem

26. According to the poem, what is the main barrier the writer experiences in life?

Quote from the poem to support your answer.

(2 mark)

27. What is the purpose of the first stanza?

(1 marks)

28. What is the tone of this poem?

(1 mark)

29. Observe lines 8 to 9: "My valour shines like stars in the sky."

a. What is the figure of speech for this line?

(1 mark)

b. Explain the line.

(2 marks)

30. What does the writer think of people?

(2 marks)

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31. Do you think the writer likes it when people help?

(2 mark)

32. What does the phrase "*I navigate life's maze*" means?

(2 marks)

	13 marks
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<p>TASK 6 Graphic Text</p>	<p>Read the graphic below carefully then answer the questions (33 to 36) based on it. Please use complete and proper sentences to provide your answers.</p>
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Questions for graphic

33. What is the purpose of this flyer? (2 marks)

34. When is the event? (1 marks)

35. Where is the event being held? (1 marks)

36. Who would be interested in this event? (2 marks)

37. What would you do to get more information on this event? (1 mark)

38. Give two examples of where you would expect to find a flyer like this? (2 marks)

	9 marks
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Answers:

1. origins
2. civilizations
3. ancient
4. divine
5. cultivate
6. beverages
7. **The**
8. Explorers,
9. Hernan **C**ortes
10. **A**mericas
11. Wasn't
12. **c**hocolate
13. chocolate **was**
14. compared **to**
15. **were**
16. then **roasted**
17. **mixed**
18. **to create**
19. The Swallow and the Crow
20. Individuals who are good friends when it is easy and stop when problems arise.
21. Both animals are birds that can fly.
22. The swallow is colourful, beautiful, and showy; while the crow is plain, quiet and wise.
23. i) plumage - feathers
ii) offended - feel hurt
24. The Swallow felt hurt because the Crow did not acknowledge his beauty. He wanted was craving an admiration of what he considers true beauty and elegance; and instead was told beauty is not everything.
25. The Swallow never considered that feathers on some birds were used as protection against the harshness of winter.
26. The barrier the writer experiences is sight. See lines 11-12: "The world of shadows where sight is denied"
27. The first stanza introduces the writer and how the writer overcomes the barriers in life.
28. The tone of this poem is optimism.
29. The figure of speech is simile. It means that the writer's courage is seen by everyone.
30. The writer thinks people are helpful and kind.
31. Yes, I think the writer is thankful for the people that help and offer their hand. Eventhough the writer has a lot of courage, the writer is also thankful for guides to help him/her go through life.
32. The phrase means that the writer manages to go through the difficult twist and turns in life..
33. The purpose of the flyer is to inform the public about the upcoming marathon.
34. The event is on August 27, 2023, starting at 7:30 am..
35. The event is being held at St. Joseph, Maracas Valley.
36. People who enjoy running in marathons, and fitness enthusiasts.
37. I would visit the website www.marathonweinthevalley.com.
38. I expect to find a flyer like this on the walls of buildings, such as gyms, fitness magazines, school bulletin boards, and community news feed...

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Creative writing (50 minutes)

The president of the country visited your school. Write a report on the visit.

Ideas for development

- You may include the following details:
- The date,, time and place of the incident.
- Who were involved and what happened.
- What was the outcome?

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