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SEA Practice Test #5 - ELA (75 minutes)

# English Language Arts

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

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

SECTION 1 has 19 questions (nos. 1-19) and a total of 32 marks.

SECTION 2 has 19 questions (nos. 10-39) and a total of 36 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

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### SPELLING

<b>TASK 1</b>	<b>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.</b>
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Example: I am hapy to go to the park with you.

*e.g. happy*

Sharks are dangareous creatures that command respect

1.

and caution. Their powerful bodys, sharp teeth, and

2.

predatory instinks make them formidable predators

3.

in the ocean. With their incredible speed and agility,

4.

sharks are able to swifely chase down and capture their

5.

pray. Their rows of razor sharp teeth can tear through

6.

flesh and bone effortlessly, making them letal hunters.

7.

	<b>14 marks</b>
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**GRAMMAR**

<b>TASK 2</b>	<b>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.</b>
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Example: Today was November 4.

*e.g is*

Sharks, often misunderstood and portrayed as mindless killers, is

8.

actually highly evolved creatures droven by their natural instincts.

9.

While they are not intentionally seeking out humans for prey,

10.

encounters with sharks can sometimes result in severe injuries nor

11.

even fatalities. This served as a stark reminder that we must

12.

approach their domain with caution but respect.

13.

12 marks

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**PUNCTUATION AND CAPITALIZATION**

<b>TASK 2</b>	<b>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.</b>
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Example: Splendid! I will show you.

do you know sharks play a crucial role in maintaining the balance

14.

of marine ecosystems As apex predators, they help regulate the

15.

populations of other marine species ensuring the overall health

16.

and diversity of the ocean Their presence is an indicator of a

17.

thriving Eco-system, and their protection is essential for the well-

18.

being of our oceans. education is the key in fostering a better

19.

understanding of sharks.

	6 marks
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## SECTION TWO

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### COMPREHENSION

<b>TASK 4</b> Passage	<b>Read the passage below carefully then answer the questions (19 to 25) based on it. Please use complete and proper sentences to provide your answers.</b>
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Mina glided through the park, her heart filled with delight. The sun sparkled above her, adding a touch of magic to her adventure. Little did she know that this adventure would become the most memorable one of her life.

As the girl glided across the smooth pavement on her roller skates, the wind blew through her hair, filling her with a sense of freedom and joy. She skilfully maneuvered through the twists and turns, relishing in the exhilaration of the moment. However, as she gained speed, a small pebble caught the wheel of her skate, causing her to lose her balance.

With a sudden jolt, the girl tumbled forward, her body crashing against the hard ground. Pain shot through her mouth as she instinctively reached up to feel her teeth. Blood trickled from her gums, staining her tongue crimson.

Panic surged through her, and she wondered how she would ever be able to smile again. As the pain subsided, she struggled to hold back sobs, feeling a mixture of embarrassment and despair. Mina's mother rushed to her side, concern etched across her face. She comforted Mina, assuring her that everything would be okay.

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**Questions for passage**

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

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21. Where was Mina and why did she go there? (2 marks)

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22. Why did the author state in paragraph one that this “*adventure would become the most memorable*”? (2 marks)

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23. What caused the accident in the story? (1 marks)

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

- i) maneuvered \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) exhilaration \_\_\_\_\_.

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25. Do you think Mina was a skilful skater? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

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26. Do you think this accident could have been prevented? Give a reason for your answer.

(2 marks)

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27. Do you think Mina will be able to skate again? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

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	14 marks
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<b>TASK 5 Poem</b>	<b>Read the poem below carefully then answer the questions (26-32) based on it. Please use complete and proper sentences to provide your answers.</b>
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### The Lion and His Cub

In the golden savannah, fierce and bold,  
The lion roams, a majestic sight to behold.  
With strength and grace, he reigns supreme,  
A symbol of power, a ruler in his dream.

Beside his side, a cub so small,  
Learning from his father, standing tall.  
Teaching lessons of courage and might,  
A bond that's unbreakable, day and night.

Humans admire the lion's noble ways,  
Their bravery and prowess, a captivating gaze.  
In their hearts, they see a reflection of pride,  
A reminder to never back down or hide.

### Questions for Poem

28. How is the lion described in this poem? Quote from the poem to support your answer.

(2 mark)

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29. What is the purpose of this poem?

(2 marks)

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30. What is the tone of this poem?

(1 mark)

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31. Observe line 4: “*A symbol of power, a ruler in his dream..*”

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

(1 mark)

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b. Explain the line.

(2 marks)

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32. According to this poem, what does the lion symbolize?

(2 marks)

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33. What lesson you learn from this poem?

(2 marks)

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	12 marks
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TASK 6  
Graphic  
Text

Read the graphic below carefully then answer the questions (33 to 38) based on it. Please use complete and proper sentences to provide your answers.

**SENSATIONAL  
Roller Skates**

REASONABLY PRICED  
SKATES FOR ALL  
AGE GROUPS.

FEATURES:

- RUBBER CUSHIONING
- BUILT-IN TOE STOPPER
- BOUYANT RUBBER INSERTS IN THE HANGERS FOR A SMOOTH RIDE.

Exclusively available at all our DiscoWheel Stores.

The advertisement features a vibrant illustration of a woman in a yellow top and orange shorts skating, being supported by a man in a blue jacket and yellow shorts. Three roller skates are shown: a pink one with a heart, a white one with a lightning bolt, and a pink one with blue wheels. The background is a blue sky with a pink ground area.

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### Questions for graphic

34. What is the purpose of this flyer?

(2 marks)

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35. Why were samples of the roller skates also shown in the flyer?

(2 marks)

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36. Where can one get these roller skates?

(1 marks)

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37. Who would be interested in this event?

(1 marks)

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38. Name two impressive features for these roller skates?

(2 mark)

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39. Give two examples of where you would expect to find a flyer like this?

(2 marks)

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	10 marks
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### Answers:

1. **dangerous**
2. bodies
3. instincts
4. incredible
5. swiftly
6. prey
7. lethal
8. are
9. creatures driven
10. as prey
11. injuries or
12. serves
13. and
14. Do
15. ecosystems?
16. species,
17. ocean.
18. eco-system
19. Education
20. Examples of good titles are: "How I lost three teeth", "The Memorable fall", or "The Fall".
21. Mina was at the park. She went there to roller skate.
22. Paragraph 2 indicates that the author considers roller skating a risky sport and that Mina would always remember this time when she roller skate in the park.
23. The accident was caused when a small pebble was caught in the wheel of her skate, and it caused her to lose her balance and fall.
24. maneuvered - handled or move something carefully  
exhilaration - feeling of excitement
25. Yes, she did not go in the park to learn to skate; she was already skating very well as indicated in paragraph two.
26. No, this accident could not have been prevented. Mina is skating in the park, where there are most likely pebbles along the pavement.  
However, if mina had chosen to roller skate at a rink, it would have been least likely to happen.
27. Yes she will be able to skate again. She did not break her leg; but the fear of falling again, losing more teeth, or even injuring herself, could keep her from skating again. If she is able to overcome that fear, she could definitely skate again.
28. The lion is teaching his cub how to be courageous and mighty like himself.
29. The purpose of the poem is to inspire admiration and awe for the lion's noble ways, while also serving as a reminder to never back down or hide.
30. The tone of the poem is majestic and awe-inspiring
31. metaphor (comparing the lion to a ruler in his dream)
32. The lion is a symbol of strength, courage, and leadership
33. To be courageous, brave, a leader, and never give up.
34. The flyer aims to capture enjoyment of roller-skating and what the reader can expect when they wear the roller skates.
35. Samples of the roller skates in the flyer is shown so you can get a good look at the styles and designs available.
36. At all DiscoWheel Stores.
37. Anyone who enjoys roller skating.
38. Rubber cushioning; built-in toes stopper, buoyant rubber;
39. Example: In a magazine, online social media network
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### **Creative writing (50 minutes)**

1. During recess, a student fell and broke his arm. Write a report on the incident.

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?
2. Write a short story about an incident when you fell while climbing a mango tree.

# Revision Definition- Personification

**Personification** is a literary device that gives human qualities or characteristics to non-human objects or ideas. It's like bringing inanimate things to life and making them relatable.

## Why would a writer use this device?

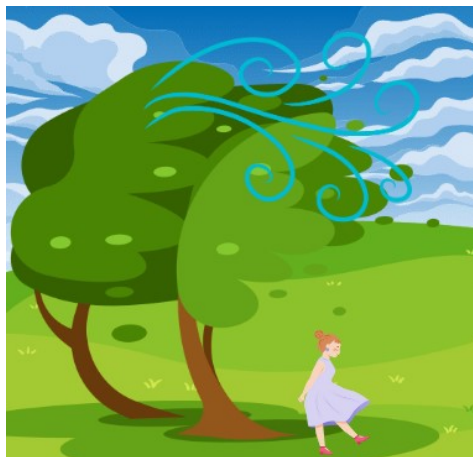
This technique allows writers to add depth and emotion to their writing by giving objects or concepts the ability to think, feel, and act like humans.

## Example 1: Personification.

*"The trees whispered secrets to each other in the gentle breeze."*

Here, the poet is personifying the trees by giving them the ability to whisper and share secrets, which is something only humans can typically do.

This personification helps create a sense of mystery and adds a touch of magic to the poem, as if the trees have their own secrets to reveal.



## Example 2: Personification

As in a story where the sun is described as:

*"smiling down on the world."*

By personifying the sun and attributing it with the ability to smile, the author is making the sun seem friendly and warm, enhancing the overall tone and mood of the story. It makes the story more engaging and relatable.

In summary, personification is a powerful tool that writers use to make their writing more vivid and imaginative. By giving life-like qualities to non-human objects or ideas, they can evoke emotions and create a deeper connection with the reader.

## A Study Tips:

1. The key to improving your English language skills is to constantly practice. Set aside some dedicated time each day to work on your reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills.
2. Additionally, break up study sessions into manageable chunks of time. You should be able to handle a session of 45 minutes. Taking short breaks in between study sessions can also help improve focus and concentration. So, use this time wisely by engaging in activities that relax and recharge your brain, such as going for a short walk or listening to music.



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