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General Instructions:

Read the instructions below before answering the following questions.

1. This test contains 20 questions. Questions are taken from four strands:

- ✓ Reading for Meaning and Enjoyment (Comprehension)
- ✓ Language Structure (Grammar and Conventions)
- ✓ Fluency and Recognition (Word Recognition and Vocabulary Development) and
- ✓ Communication (Writing)

space is provided for you to answer each question.

2. Questions may be anyone of the following item type:

- ✓ Constructed Response – Short and Extended
- ✓ Table Grid,
- ✓ Single and multiple Selected Response

3. All questions must be answered in the provided space and remember to explain your answer where it is required.

4. Read each question carefully. Then answer questions based on instructions given.

5. For each question, where options are given to choose from, indicate the answer(s) you have selected for each question by circling the corresponding letter(s) from the given options.

Answer ALL the questions as instructed.



Read the sentence carefully and then answer the question that follows.

According to Jamaica's history, the Spaniards, _____
responsible for the slave trade, were defeated by the English.

1. Which relative pronoun and verb best fit into the blank space above?
A. Which/was
B. Who/were
C. that/are
D. when/were
2. Which punctuation mark is needed in the blank space of the sentence?
A common dish served in Jamaica is steamed fish _____ however, my favourite Jamaican dish is jerk chicken.
A. Colon (:)
B. Semicolon (;)
C. Full stop (.)
D. Comma (,)
3. Read the passage carefully. Then, from the list below, choose the words closest in meaning to those underlined in the passage.

Music and dance have always been (1) *integral* elements of a people's culture. In Jamaica, this is no different. Jamaica musical and dance forms are rich, powerful and (2) *vibrant*. They reflect both the high and low points in society. They represent the general emotions of the working class and (3) *generate* feelings of joy and national pride.

Jamaica's musical and dance heritage has gone through various stages of (4) transformation over a short period. Developing from the deeply Afrocentric Kumina and Revival through Mento and Ska, Jamaican music and dance have always had their own sound and rhythm.

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| 1. A. minor | B. boring | C. important | D. bright |
| 2. A. lively | B. tired | C. angry | D. normal |
| 3. A. trust | B. destroy | C. fill | D. create |
| 4. A. similarity | B. change | C. increasing | D. fading |



Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

It is the middle of September, and Paul can't wait to celebrate National Heroes' Day. Even as a young child, Paul loved celebrating this holiday. Paul's teacher tells the class that the school needs volunteers to help decorate the school for National Heroes' Day. Then, there will be a celebration.

4. Predict what you think Paul will do next.

5. Explain why you made this prediction.

6. Explain how punctuation changes the meaning of the following sentences:

Don't stop playing in the sun.

Don't. Stop playing in the sun.

This is our new house.

This is our new house?



Indicate on the lines below whether each statement is a *fact* or an *opinion*.

A. Fact

B. Opinion

7. Jamaica has the most beautiful beaches in the Caribbean.

8. It takes sound almost 13 days to reach the moon.

9. Jamaica gained its independence from England on August 6, 1962.

Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

All fruits should be taken care of during picking and storing. Fruits should be picked off the trees and not shaken or dropped into a basket. They should be carefully handled when being stored to preserve their freshness.

Apples should be gathered before they get too ripe and placed in barrels to keep them fresh. It is important to make sure the barrel is full. Do not close it immediately. Instead, leave the barrel open for two days to preserve their freshness. This will allow the extra moisture to dry up when the sweat. Then, close the barrel tightly and store it in a cool, open structure.

It is very important for stored apples to remain fresh. The best way to keep apples fresh is to bury them. Alternatively, apples may be wrapped in paper before putting into the barrels. The barrels should then be laid down on their sides in a



dry and dark storeroom. The barrels can only be kept for about two weeks. If kept for a longer period, the apples might start to rot.

10. What is the main idea in this passage?

11. Read the statements in the table below. Then indicate, by using a tick (✓), the statement(s) that support(s) the main idea.

Statement	Supporting the main idea.
Apples should be kept in tightly sealed barrels for freshness.	
Apples should be as dry as possible if they are going to be stored later.	
People rarely eat lots of apples all at the same time.	
Fruits frequently decay after a few days of being left out in the air.	

12. What do you think is the theme of this passage?



Read the passage below and then answer the questions.

Light enables us to see the world around us. The beautiful colours of the trees and flowers would not be possible without light, as their colours are influenced by the way different plants reflect light. Light enables us to read and is essential for taking photographs. It produces the tints of stained-glass windows and brings us the joy of the rainbow.

We do not always realise that light is beneficial because sometimes it fades our clothing and our carpets. Unfortunately, it can also burn our skin. However, we shall see that even this apparently harmful effect of light is actually of great value by helping us to fight diseases.

13. Can the question below be answered from the information in the passage?
Yes or No? _____

How does light fight diseases in the body?

Explain your answer

Use **adjectives, adverbs and descriptive phrases** to create different effects in writing.

14. Imagine you are a reporter on the scene of an accident.

Write a story for your magazine or newspaper. **What are the facts?**

You should say:

- ✓ WHO were involved?
- ✓ Explain WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY and HOW it happened.

Write your story, begin with: **On Monday, November.....**

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Giving information based on actual events and incidents.

15. Write a biography of one of your family members or one of your friends. Make sure to include the features of a biography.

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16. You read the following information about the celebration of reggae music and decided to write a letter to your friend who is always interested in writing poems and songs. You both share the vision of being famous reggae artists. In the letter, include two important facts from the article, the benefits of attending the activities and an invitation for both of you to enjoy Reggae Month together.

The Minister of culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, the Honourable Olivia Grange, wants young musicians to continue Jamaica's rich reggae heritage. She stresses the importance of young people using the legacy of reggae giants and creating their own music. One of these great musicians from long ago is Dennis Brown.

The Minister was speaking today at a ceremony to mark the 62nd anniversary of the birth of the 'Crown Prince', Dennis Brown. The ceremony was held at the National Heroes Park. This occasion was also used to mark the start of Reggae Month 2019.

"Generations change, but we can build on what has been done over the past 50 years since reggae music started', Minister Grange said.

"We have the talent and expertise, and so I encourage the older people to help the younger. Help them to see that this reggae music of Jamaica is not to be taken lightly. Please help them understand that it has been, and continues to be, powerful music in the world. It helps the economy", the Minister added.

Minister Grange also encouraged Jamaicans to enjoy all the activities for Reggae Month. These include a church service, a showcase of reggae films at Emancipation Park, a reggae exhibition at the African Caribbean Institute, concerts, the Global Reggae Conference and nightly entertainment events across the country.

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