

e) This text can be described as

- i) political
- ii) religious
- iii) narrative
- iv) historical.

(2 marks x 5 = 10 marks)



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### Section C: Language

1. Choose the appropriate word/s from the ones in the brackets. Write only your answers. DO NOT COPY the sentences again.

- a) While John was (walk, walked, walking) around the park he met his uncle.
- b) (Have, Had, Having) breakfast in the morning is good for your health.
- c) Last week a bus (run, ran, running) over a cat.
- d) Do not (think, thought, thinking) the culprit will get away scot free.
- e) He plays the accordion much (good, better, best) than his sister.
- f) Of all the neighbours in the street the Grech family is the (rich, richer, richest).
- g) Which of the two teachers is the (popular, more popular, most popular)?
- h) The secretary types much (fast, faster, fastest) than she used to.
- i) Last year we didn't go for a holiday, but next summer we (go, going, will be going) to Italy.
- j) For how long have you (know, knew, known) your wife?

(10 marks)

2. Choose the correct meaning of the word from the brackets as used in the text:

- a) Another word for deal is (*transaction, book, anger*).
- b) (*Playing, Building, Showing off*) can replace Constructing.
- c) Diversion carries the same meaning as (*distribution, distraction, relaxation*).
- d) Unhappy and (*straightforward, sad, unaware*) mean the same thing.
- e) Brief has the same meaning as (*short, command, extra*).

(10 marks)

## Qualifying Examination for the Post of Security Guard in the Malta Public Service

Subject: English

Date: Monday 28 November 2022

Time: 11:00 – 12:30 (One and a half hours)

**END OF EXAMINATION PAPER**

This examination paper consists of THREE sections. Candidates are requested to attempt ALL sections and to read carefully the instructions within each section. ALL answers are to be written on the booklet provided.

### Section A: Composition

Choose ONE title and write about 200 words on the subject.

- a. On a hot summer afternoon.
- b. Things I do not like.
- c. If I were a rich person.
- d. My biggest wish.
- e. A winter adventure.
- f. My job.

(40 marks)

### Section B: Comprehension

Read carefully the following extract and then answer all the questions that follow. This section contains 40 marks.

#### The History of Coffee

The origin of coffee as a drink or a plant dates to the middle of the 15th century in the Sufi Muslim monasteries around *Mocha* in Yemen. It was in Arabia that coffee seeds were first roasted and brewed, in a similar way to how it is now prepared. By the 16th century, it had reached the rest of the Middle East, Persia, Turkey, and Northern Africa.

The first coffee smuggled out of the Middle East was by Sufi Baba Budan from Yemen to India in 1670. Before then, all exported coffee was boiled or otherwise sterilized. Portraits of Baba Budan depict him as having smuggled seven coffee seeds by strapping them to his chest. The first plants grown from these smuggled seeds were planted in Mysore, in the state of Karnataka, India. Coffee then spread to Italy, and to the rest of Europe, to Indonesia, and to the Americas.

When coffee reached North America during the Colonial Period, it was initially not as successful as it had been in Europe as alcoholic beverages remained more popular. During the Revolutionary War, the demand for coffee increased so much that dealers had to gather their scarce supplies and raise prices dramatically.

Coffee was introduced to Brazil in 1727 although its cultivation did not gather momentum until Independence in 1822. After this time massive tracts of rainforest were cleared for coffee plantations, first in the vicinity of Rio de Janeiro and later São Paulo.

(text adapted from <https://www.myenglishpages>)

### 1. Answer the following questions:

- a) In which century were coffee plants roasted and brewed in Arabia?
- b) Mention TWO methods used to prevent exported coffee beans from being grown outside Arabia.
- c) How and by whom were the first coffee seeds smuggled outside Arabia?
- d) In which country were these seeds planted and grown?
- e) Mention TWO places that coffee spread to from India.

(4 marks x 5 = 20 marks)

### 2. Mark the following statements if they are TRUE or FALSE according to the information read in the text.

- a) During the Colonial War in North America, coffee became very popular when it was first introduced. TRUE or FALSE?
- b) At first, in North America, alcoholic beverages remained very popular despite the introduction of coffee. TRUE or FALSE?
- c) Coffee dealers made good money from selling coffee during the Revolutionary War in America. TRUE or FALSE?
- d) Brazil started cultivating coffee plants on a commercial scale before 1822. TRUE or FALSE?
- e) Coffee plants do not grow in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paolo. TRUE or FALSE?

(2 marks x 5 = 10 marks)

### 3. Choose the correct answer for the following:

- a) The word **brewing** refers to the process of
  - i) sowing coffee beans
  - ii) boiling coffee beans
  - iii) harvesting coffee plants
  - iv) exporting coffee.
- b) Surrounding Mocha in Yemen were several
  - i) monasteries
  - ii) churches
  - iii) plantations
  - iv) mosques.
- c) The word **smuggled** in the text means
  - i) exported legally
  - ii) travelled by sea
  - iii) taken out or in of the country illegally
  - iv) sold for a high price.
- d) The number **seven** in the text refers to the number of
  - i) countries to which coffee was exported by the 16th century
  - ii) times coffee needs to be brewed till ready
  - iii) coffee plantations that were set up in Brazil
  - iv) coffee seeds that Budan had hidden under his clothes.