



Examination for the Enlistment of Soldiers in the Armed Forces of Malta

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Subject: English
Time: 15:30 – 16:30 (One Hour)

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Instructions to candidates:

- This examination paper consists of **THREE** sections: **A**, **B** and **C**. Read carefully each passage and then answer **ALL** the questions within each passage (there is a total of **50** questions).
- Each question contains four possible answers, but only **ONE** is correct.
- Enter your answers on the Answer Sheet provided. Mark **ONLY** the correct answer by using a pencil.

e.g. If answer **C** is selected, fill in the appropriate circle as shown below.

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- Each question carries two (2) marks.

SECTION A

Read the passage carefully and then answer ALL the questions (from 1 to 15) that follow:

It was early May and the garden was in full bloom. Sophie opened the garden gate and looked in the mailbox. There was usually a lot of junk mail and a few big envelopes for her mother, a pile to dump on the kitchen table before she went up to her room to start her homework.

From time to time there would be a few letters from the bank for her father, but then he was not a normal father. Sophie's father was the captain of a big oil tanker, and was away for most of the year. During the few weeks at a time when he was at home, he would shuffle around the house making it nice and cozy for Sophie and her mother. But when he was at sea he could seem very distant.

There was only one letter in the mailbox – and it was for her. The white envelope read 'Sophie, 3 Clover Close.' That was all; it did not say who it was from. There was no stamp on it either.

As soon as Sophie closed the gate behind her she opened the envelope. It contained only a slip of paper no bigger than the envelope. It read: Who are you?

Nothing else, only the three words, written by hand, and followed by a large question mark.

She looked at the envelope again. The letter was evidently for her. Who could have dropped it in the mailbox?

Sophie let herself quickly into the red house. As always, her cat Sherekan managed to slink out of the bushes, jump onto the front step, and slip through the door before she closed it behind her.

Questions:

1. The phrase "in full bloom" indicates that the garden was
 - a) large
 - b) full of weeds
 - c) full of flowers
 - d) too small.

2. Which of the following sentences is correct?
 - a) The mailbox was usually full of important documents.
 - b) There was only one letter in the mailbox.
 - c) The mailbox was usually full of letters from creditors.
 - d) The mailbox was painted green.

3. When Sophie's father was at home
 - a) he was a difficult person to live with
 - b) they did not engage in family activities
 - c) Sophie and her mother loved having him around the house
 - d) he used to get drunk.

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47. The noun in the following sentence is

- a) inspired
- b) large
- c) crowds
- d) with.

48. Martin Luther King day is celebrated on the third

- a) Monday of January each year
- b) Monday of April each year
- c) Sunday of December each year
- d) Thursday of July each year.

49. From 'just' we make 'unjust'; from natural we make

- a) unnaturally
- b) unnatural
- c) innatural
- d) disnatural.

50. Which of the following is an adverb?

- a) he was
- b) often
- c) arrested
- d) during his lifetime.

(20 x 2 marks = 40 marks)

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4. Sophie's father was

- a) a carpenter by trade
- b) owner of a yacht
- c) a merchant
- d) an oil tanker officer.

5. What was so strange with the envelope?

- a) It was white.
- b) There was no stamp affixed.
- c) It was too large to fit in the mailbox.
- d) The address was smudged.

6. The inside of the envelope contained

- a) a long letter
- b) a strange message on a piece of paper
- c) a cheque
- d) a plea for charity.

7. Which word in the text means "without any doubt"?

- a) evidently
- b) rarely
- c) playfully
- d) cozily.

8. The use of questions in the text create in the reader:

- a) Fear
- b) Anger
- c) Curiosity
- d) Humour.

9. Sophie's house was

- a) green
- b) dark brown
- c) red
- d) grey.

10. Which of the following words is NOT a verb?

- a) Slink
- b) Jump
- c) Slip
- d) Always

11. Why is Sophie's father "not a normal father"?

- a) He was away from home for most of the year.
- b) He didn't love his family.
- c) He was a sickly person.
- d) He hated being at home with the family.

12. If from the verb write we get written, what do we get from bite?
- Biten
 - Bitten
 - Bit
 - Bitter

13. A "pile" as used in the text is another word for:
- a musical instrument
 - a mechanical tool
 - a heap
 - a children's game.

14. "Shuffle" as used in the text is
- an adjective
 - an adverb
 - a pronoun
 - a verb.

15. Which of the following statements is NOT correct?
- There was no name of sender.
 - There was no stamp on the envelope.
 - The words on the slip of paper were typed.
 - The father was a captain of an oil tanker.

(15 x 2 = 30 marks)

SECTION B

Read the passage carefully and then answer ALL the questions (from 16 to 30) that follow:

In their search for venison, the hunting party moved till Martin, who was in the advance, made a signal to those who followed that the deer were in sight. After a moment or two reconnoitering he informed them that there were twelve or thirteen deer scraping up the snow about a hundred yards ahead. They crept forward; Malachi told each of them which animal to fire at, and they fired nearly simultaneously. Three of the beasts fell, two others were wounded, the rest of the herd bounded off like the wind.

Alfred had fired at a fine buck which stood apart from the rest, and the animal was badly wounded, and Alfred saw it flounder into a thicket. They all ran up to where the dead animals lay, and as soon as they reloaded their rifles Alfred and Martin went on the track of the one which was badly wounded. They had forced their way through the thicket for about fifty yards, guided by the track of the animal, when they started back to the loud growl of some beast.

Alfred saw that a puma had taken possession of the deer and was lying over the carcass. He levelled the rifle and fired; the beast, although badly wounded, immediately sprang at him and seized him by the shoulder. Alfred was sinking under the animal's weight and from the pain he was suffering, when Martin came to his rescue and put his rifle ball through the head of the beast, which fell dead.

40. The speech 'I have a dream' was delivered by King in
- Selma, Montgomery
 - Oslo, Norway
 - Alabama, Georgia
 - Washington D.C.

41. The phrase that the speech 'boosted public support' means that
- it ended the support of the people for King
 - it increased the support for the fight for equality and justice
 - it did not effect the general public opinion
 - it was not well received by the people.

42. Another word for 'jail' with the same meaning is
- college
 - memorial
 - balcony
 - prison.

43. 'Received' is a verb in the
- present tense
 - future tense
 - past tense
 - present continuous tense.

44. If 'he's' is short form for 'he is'; 'I'm' is short for
- I am
 - I must
 - mine
 - myself.

45. The past tense of 'win' is
- wins
 - winned
 - one
 - won.

46. Gunnar Jahn was the man
- that shot King
 - that presented the Nobel Prize for Peace to King
 - elected as Preseident in 1968
 - chosen as leader after King's death.

33. King was in favour of
- achieving rights by using violence and military force
 - achieving rights by peaceful disobedience of unjust laws
 - overthrowing the government and take over the administration
 - disobeying all rules set by the government.
34. The five-day march is famous because
- it started in Selma Alabama
 - it was led by King and his wife themselves
 - it ended in the state capitol of Montgomery
 - it was attended by thousands of non-violent demonstrators.
35. The number 54 mentioned in the text represents
- the age of King when he started in politics
 - the length of the march from Selma to Montgomery
 - the number of times King was arrested
 - the number of protesters killed in the Selma march.
36. From 'peace' we have 'peaceful'; from 'grace' we have
- gracely
 - gracey
 - gracefull
 - graceful.
37. The preposition in the following is
- racial
 - prejudice
 - from
 - the time.
38. Part of the credit for Kennedy to win the election for President was the fact
- that he was instrumental in releasing King from jail
 - that he paid King a lot of money to mention him in his speeches
 - that both Kennedy and King attended Black College as students
 - that King favoured Kennedy and asked his audiences to vote for him.
39. In the US history, today King is considered as
- a great mathematician
 - a successful business man
 - one of the best political speakers of all times
 - a well loved President of the US.

Questions:

16. What was the party hunting?
- Tigers
 - Bison
 - Deer
 - Eagles.
17. Who saw the deer first?
- Alfred
 - John
 - Peter
 - Martin.
18. Why, do you think, did the deer scrape up the snow?
- To find water
 - To search for food
 - To play about
 - To look for mushrooms.
19. Who gave the order to fire?
- Benjamin
 - Martin
 - Alfred
 - Malachi.
20. Was Malachi's plan a wise one?
- I think it was a wise one.
 - I do not think it was a wise one.
 - I think it could have been better.
 - I think he should have thought of another plan.
21. How far away were the deer?
- About three hundred yards away.
 - About one hundred yards away.
 - About fifty yards away.
 - About twenty yards away.
22. How many of the beasts fell?
- One beast fell.
 - Two beasts fell.
 - Three beasts fell.
 - Four beasts fell.
23. What happened to the buck that Alfred wounded?
- It floundered into a thicket.
 - It went for a walk.
 - It kept on grazing.
 - It posed for another shot.

24. What did every member of the party do after firing?
- They all started singing.
 - They all shook hands.
 - They all ran up to where the dead animals lay.
 - They could not believe their eyes.
25. What precaution did Alfred and Martin take before looking for the wounded buck?
- They prepared some lunch.
 - They reloaded their rifles.
 - They informed their friends.
 - They took more ammunition.
26. What animal gave the loud growl at which they started back?
- A puma
 - A leopard
 - A mountain lion
 - A tiger.
27. Why did Alfred sink to the ground?
- Because he was hit in the leg.
 - Because he had lost his foothold.
 - Because of the animal's weight and the pain he was suffering.
 - Because he had fainted.
28. What did the hunters use to shoot the deer?
- Bazookas
 - Cannons
 - Rifles
 - Machine guns.
29. Which part of Alfred's body did the wounded puma seize?
- The shoulder
 - The leg
 - The chest
 - The back.
30. What type of shots did they fire from their rifles?
- Arrows
 - Darts
 - Balls
 - Bullets.

SECTION C

Read the passage carefully and then answer ALL the questions (from 31 to 50) that follow:

HERO FOR ALL: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1929. At the time in that part of the country, segregation—or the separation of races in places like schools, buses, and restaurants—was the law. He experienced racial prejudice from the time he was very young, which inspired him to dedicate his life to achieving equality and justice for Americans of all colours. King believed that peaceful refusal to obey unjust law was the best way to bring about social change.

King and his wife, Coretta Scott King, led several peaceful demonstrations, among the most famous was the historic five-day march in 1965. This started in Selma, Alabama, with King leading thousands of non-violent demonstrators 54 miles to the state capitol of Montgomery.

He was often arrested during his lifetime. In 1960, he joined Black college students in a sit-in at a segregated lunch counter. Presidential candidate John F. Kennedy intervened to have King released from jail, an action that is credited with helping Kennedy win the presidency.

King inspired large crowds with his many speeches. Raised in a family of preachers, he's considered one of the greatest speakers in U.S. history. Amongst his most famous speeches, one finds that known as the "I Have a Dream" speech, which boosted public support for civil rights. It was delivered by King from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. during the March on Washington.

King also received the Nobel Prize for Peace from Gunnar Jahn, President of the Nobel Prize Committee, in Oslo, Norway, on December 10, 1964.

King was shot by James Earl Ray on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in April 4, 1968. Americans honour the civil rights activist on the third Monday of January each year, Martin Luther King Day.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

31. This text is considered as
- philosophical
 - religious
 - biographical
 - scientific.
32. The main theme of this text is the
- fight against poverty
 - fight against American rule
 - fight against racial prejudice
 - fight for LGBTIQ rights.