



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

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Subject: English

Time: 10.30 – 11.30 (One hour)

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### SUPPLEMENTARY PAPER

#### 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:

Peppino and Violetta were everything to each other. They were a familiar sight in Assisi and its neighbouring villages – the thin brown boy, ragged and bare-footed, with enormous dark eyes, and dusty-coloured little donkey with the Mona Lisa smile.

Peppino was ten years old and an orphan. In wisdom, behaviour and self reliance he was, of course, much older, a situation caused by his independence; for Peppino was an unusual orphan in that having a heritage, he did not need to rely on anyone. Peppino's heritage was Violetta.

She was a good, useful and docile donkey as any other, with friendly gentle eyes, but with one exception that distinguished her. Violetta had a curious expression about the corners of her mouth, as though she was smiling gently over something that amused or pleased her. Peppino's dark lustrous eyes and Violetta's smile were so well-matched that people favoured them and they were able not only to earn for their keep, but to save a little as well.

Questions:

1. In which town did Peppino and Violetta live?
  - a) In Valletta
  - b) In Birkirkara
  - c) In Assisi
  - d) In Birgu.
  
2. What type of animal was Violetta?
  - a) A horse
  - b) A donkey
  - c) A zebra
  - d) A mule
  
3. What colour was Violetta?
  - a) Brown
  - b) Black
  - c) White
  - d) Dust-coloured.
  
4. Peppino was.....
  - a) A thin, brown boy
  - b) A fat, pink boy
  - c) A big, muscled boy
  - d) A short, chubby boy.

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49. One of the following is in a different tense from the others. Which?

- a) told
- b) joins
- c) wounded
- d) died

50. Which word is a synonym of "curious" as used in the extract?

- a) bad
- b) back
- c) most
- d) inquisitive.

(20 x 2 marks = 40 marks)

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5. Peppino's eyes were.....

- a) beady dark eyes
- b) enormous dark eyes
- c) small bluish eyes
- d) greenish eyes.

6. How old was Peppino?

- a) Peppino was nine years old.
- b) Peppino was twelve years old.
- c) Peppino was fifteen years old.
- d) Peppino was ten years old.

7. Who was Peppino?

- a) Peppino was a baby.
- b) Peppino was a young man.
- c) Peppino was an orphan.
- d) Peppino was a rich boy.

8. What kind of a smile did Violetta have?

- a) A funny kind of smile
- b) The Mona Lisa smile
- c) A giggly kind of smile
- d) A serious kind of smile.

9. What was Peppino's heritage?

- a) Peppino's heritage was Violetta.
- b) Peppino's heritage was a big palace.
- c) Peppino's heritage was plenty of money.
- d) Peppino's heritage was a golden chain.

10. Which of these adjectives describes Violetta?

- a) lazy
- b) docile
- c) wild
- d) moody.

11. Violetta had.....

- a) a long pointed nose
- b) long eye lashes
- c) always worn a necklace
- d) a curious expression about the corners of her mouth.

12. Why did people favour Peppino and Violetta?
- Because of Peppino's dark lustrous eyes and Violetta's smile.
  - Because they knew how to dance.
  - Because they enjoyed eating beans.
  - Because they were always happy.
13. What did Violetta have around the corners of its mouth?
- a lot of glitter
  - a diamond stud
  - a curious expression
  - a piece of chewing gum.
14. How were Peppino and Violetta considered by the people?
- as an odd couple
  - not suited for each other
  - well-suited for each other
  - well-matched.
15. Which of these verbs is found in the last paragraph?
- caused
  - amused
  - attended
  - noticed.

(15 x 2 = 30 marks)

## SECTION B

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

### THE EAGLE HAS LANDED

July 1969. It's a little over eight years since the flights of Gagarin and Shepard, followed quickly by President Kennedy's challenge to put a man on the moon before the decade is out. On the morning of July 16, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins sit atop another Saturn V, the 363-foot rocket which will propel them into space and into history.

After one and a half orbits, Apollo 11 gets a "go" for what mission controllers call "Translunar Injection" - in other words, it's time to head for the moon. Three days later the crew is in lunar orbit. A day after that, Armstrong and Aldrin climb into the lunar module Eagle and begin the descent, while Collins orbits in the command module Columbia.

When it comes time to set Eagle down in the Sea of Tranquility, Armstrong improvises, manually piloting the ship past an area littered with boulders. During the final seconds of descent, Eagle's computer is sounding alarms. It turns out to be a simple case of the computer trying to do too many things at once, but as Aldrin will later point out, "unfortunately it came up when we did not want to be trying to solve these particular problems."

41. "Rage" as used in the passage means
- desire
  - anger
  - resignation
  - tranquility.
42. Its body was a mountain of flesh. What does this sentence tell the reader?
- The bear was a huge animal.
  - The bear lived in the mountains.
  - The bear was rather skinny.
  - The bear wasn't so enormous.
43. Why do you think that the bear would drop on all four feet when it attacks?
- So as not to get tired too quickly.
  - So that it could jump better.
  - On all fours it can run fast and catch its prey.
  - It can devour its prey better.
44. The phrase "Something passed him in a flash" shows
- that David did not see his dog coming from behind him
  - that there was a flash of lightning
  - that Jup must have attacked from the bear's side
  - that it wanted to play with the bear.
45. "Raised" is the opposite of
- lowered
  - jumped
  - ran
  - cuddled.
46. One of the following sentences is incorrect. Choose it.
- The boy wasn't afraid of the bear.
  - The bear was huge.
  - The dog reacted swiftly.
  - The boy didn't immediately shoot at the bear.
47. As used in the extract, "charge" is functioning as
- a noun
  - an adjective
  - an adverb
  - a verb.
48. The word "loudest" is
- a noun
  - a verb
  - an adverb
  - a superlative.

33. Jup's teeth were bared wickedly. Does this mean ...
- the dog wanted to show them off?
  - he was attacking the bear with his teeth?
  - he was in a good mood?
  - he was glad to see his master?
34. David cocked his rifle. Which of the following statements is CORRECT?
- He cleaned it.
  - He put it in front of him.
  - He wasn't going to use it.
  - He got it ready to fire.
35. Which of the following is NOT CORRECT?
- The bear was black.
  - The bear's eyes stared at him.
  - Its head was weaving from side to side.
  - Its fur was thick.
36. What did David aim at?
- The eyes
  - The shoulder
  - The head
  - The feet
37. The bear roared with anger and pain. Which word shows this?
- bared
  - raised
  - lashed
  - bellowed.
38. Why did David not fire at the bear?
- He was afraid that he might hit his dog.
  - The bear was too far away.
  - His rifle was not working properly.
  - He was terrified.
39. Jup bit the bear ...
- in his left leg
  - in his stomach
  - between the eyes
  - in the left ear.
40. The bear raked the side of Jup. What does this mean? Choose One.
- He bit him.
  - He tore Jup's side with his paws.
  - He took hold of him.
  - He ate the dog's sides.

When the lunar module lands at 4:17 p.m, only 30 seconds of fuel remain. Armstrong radios "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed." Mission control erupts in celebration as the tension breaks. At 10:56 p.m. Armstrong is ready to plant the first human foot on another world. With more than half a billion people watching on television, he climbs down the ladder and proclaims: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Aldrin joins him shortly and together they explore the surface for two and a half hours, collecting samples and taking photographs.

They leave behind an American flag, a patch honouring the fallen Apollo 1 crew, and a plaque on one of Eagle's legs. It reads, "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the moon. July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind."

The crew splashes down off Hawaii on July 24. Kennedy's challenge has been met. Men from Earth have walked on the moon and returned safely home.

**Answer the following:**

16. The title of this text is
- a metaphor
  - an alliteration
  - an onomatopoea
  - a rhyme line.
17. What was President Kennedy's challenge?
- That he himself goes to the moon.
  - That Man sets foot on the moon before the end of the year.
  - That the Americans invade and conquer the moon.
  - That the USA invest more in space technology.
18. 'Eagle' was the name given to
- the rocket that sent the astronauts to the moon
  - the spaceship that transported the astronauts back to earth
  - the leader of the astronauts
  - the vehicle that the astronauts used to set on the moon surface.
19. The phrase 'Armstrong improvises' means that
- the astronauts met with something unexpected
  - it was planned beforehand
  - Armstrong was not able to do anything
  - Armstrong let the vehicle go by itself.
20. The word 'boulder' means
- big blocks of concrete
  - big mounds of sand
  - small trees and shrubs
  - big rocks sitting on the ground.

21. Before landing on the moon, the vehicle had
- a fire alarm
  - a computer malfunction alarm
  - an engine malfunction alarm
  - a fuel leak alarm.
22. Going down is 'descent' whilst going up is
- ascent
  - crescent
  - decease
  - effervescent.
23. The verb in this sentence is
- time
  - to head
  - for
  - the moon.
24. The adjective from 'moon' is
- solar
  - modular
  - lunar
  - orbital.
25. Which one of the following phrases shows that the landing was seen as a risky mission:
- the Eagle has landed
  - as the tension breaks
  - one small step for a man
  - one giant leap for mankind.
26. Walking on the moon, the astronauts spent
- 3 days
  - 8 days
  - only 30 seconds
  - 2.5 hours.
27. From 'collect' we write 'collecting'; from 'gather' we write
- gathering
  - gadering
  - gatering
  - gattering.
28. The plural for 'patch' is
- patches
  - patchs
  - patchies
  - patchys.

29. The phrase 'crew splashed down' means that
- the crew returned safely and went swimming in Hawaii
  - the crew drowned near Hawaii
  - the crew's return craft fell in the sea
  - It was a rainy day when the crew returned on earth.
30. The adverb in this sentence is
- and
  - returned
  - safely
  - home.

(15 x 2 = 30 marks)

### SECTION C

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

David saw the bear. It was returning to its kill. The bear saw him at the same time. Rising on its hind feet, it stared at him, its small near-sighted eyes curious, its head weaving from side to side. It was the biggest animal David had ever seen. The brown fur, tipped with grey, was shaggy and thick. Its body was a mountain of flesh with a large lump between the shoulders. He remembered what his father had told him - when the bear was ready to charge he would drop on all four feet. He cocked his rifle and put his finger on the trigger. He would aim for the shoulder and hope.

Something passed him in a flash, to lunge at the bear. It was his dog Jup, his black-and-white coat bristling. His teeth bared wickedly.

Jup flung himself upwards, his sharp teeth digging into the skin between the bear's eyes. The bear's great jaws were opened wide and he bellowed in surprise and rage. David felt his hair rise. It was the loudest, most horrible noise he had ever heard. The grizzly stepped backwards, Jup's body lashing through the air as he kept his hold on the bear. Maddened, the bear raised his paw and raked the side of the dog with his claws, but Jup held on. The boy didn't dare shoot for fear of hitting Jup.

Questions:

31. The bear saw David when it
- was coming to gather berries
  - was digging a hole with its paws
  - came for the prey it had killed before the encounter with David
  - was eating.
32. David remembered
- his father's words of warning
  - the day his father was really upset
  - the fun he used to have with his father
  - the time he went looking for bears with his father.