Qualifying Examination for
Supply Learning Support Educators

June 2025

Subject: English Language

Date: 25th June 2025

Time: 09:00 – 10:30 (One hour and thirty minutes)

Instructions to candidates:

This examination paper consists of THREE sections. Read the instructions for each section carefully.

Answer Section A on the booklet provided, clearly indicating the question you are answering.

Answer Section B and C in the space provided on this paper.

On the booklet provided, write between 180 and 200 words on ONE of the tasks below. You are advised to:

- pay attention to layout, paragraphing, vocabulary, grammar, spelling and punctuation;

- keep your writing to the number of words indicated.

You will be penalised if you write less than 180 or more than 200 words.

1. Your local council has announced plans to close the main square to traffic every Sunday. Write an **article** for your local council's online newsletter in which you give your opinion on this initiative.

2. You are on the school fundraising committee and plan to organise a day of activities to collect money for the school. Write your proposal **report** to the Head of School outlining your suggestions for the day.

Read the following text carefully and answer all of the questions that follow on the lines provided.

B B C

Home   News   Sport   Business   Innovation   Culture   Arts   Travel   Earth   Audio   Video   Live

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By Liv McMahon & Imran Rahman-Jones

When scrolling through social media, **you** may have recently seen friends and
5   family appearing in miniature.

It's part of a new trend where people use generative artificial intelligence (AI)
tools like ChatGPT and Copilot to re-package themselves - literally - as pocket-
sized dolls and action figures.

It has taken off online, with brands and influencers dabbling in creating **their**
10   mini-me.

> ## Subheading A

It may sound complicated, but the process is simple.

People take a photo of themselves using their smartphone and upload it to a tool
15   like ChatGPT, along with written prompts that explain how they want the final
picture to look.

These instructions are crucial. **They** tell the AI tool everything **it** is meant to
generate, from the items a person wants to appear with to the kind of packaging
they should be in - which includes mimicking the box and font of popular toys
20   like Barbie.

A word of caution: on a rare occasion, it does not work, and many have also
shared some of the amusing mistakes the tools made, where the action dolls
look nothing like them.

Like other generative AI tools, image generators are also prone to making things
25   up and may make assumptions about how someone should look.

And it's not just regular people using it - the trend has been seized upon by a
wealth of brands online including beauty company Mario Badescu and even
Royal Mail.

Subheading B

Trends come and go - but by their very nature can make people feel compelled to participate to avoid missing out.

"Generative AI makes it effortless and swifter for people to create and jump on trends," says Jasmine Enberg, social media analyst at eMarketer. But she believes AI-driven trends will become a more regular appearance on our feeds "as the tech becomes a more regular part of our digital lives".

Subheading C

While **its** light-hearted nature may have drawn people to it, the trend has drawn criticism from some concerned about its impact.

Professor Gina Neff tells the BBC that ChatGPT is "burning through energy", and the data centres used to power it consume more electricity in a year than 117 countries. "**We** have a joke in my house that every time we create one of these AI memes, it kills a tree," says Lance Ulanoff, US editor of TechRadar. "That's hyperbole, of course, but it's safe to say that AI content generation is not without costs, and perhaps we should be thinking about it and using it differently."

People have also highlighted concerns that copyrighted data may have been used to create the technology **which** generates images without paying for it. "While the personalisation might feel nice, these systems are putting brands and characters into a blender with no responsibility for the slop that emerges."

Privacy issues also loom large, as users upload personal images to create AI-generated dolls, leading to potential data breaches and misuse. "I was shocked to learn how much data my AI-generated doll had collected about me," remarks John, a concerned user.

And Jo Bromilow, director at PR, asks: "Is a cute, funny result really worth it? If we're going to really use AI properly, we have to set guardrails around how we use it conscientiously."

Subheading D

I started by finding a suggested prompt or a list of instructions online. Then I selected a reputable AI tool designed for creating AI dolls such as ChatGPT in which I uploaded my own selfie with my prompt. Using the tool's customisation features, I adjusted my doll's appearance, the colour of the box and added the accessories.

When it came to providing my job title, my first attempt was declined because I included BBC News and was told this violated content policy.

Once you do get an image, you're likely to want to tweak it further. My first attempt was too cartoon-like. The following, more realistic version made me look considerably older than I am, then too child-like, and I gave up in the end!

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It took a couple of minutes to generate each version and overall, the process was slower than I would have liked. Once I was somewhat satisfied with the customisation, I saved and downloaded the final image so I could then upload it to my social media platforms.

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It did start to feel like a lot of work for a passing trend, and it isn't perfect. But more importantly, somewhere in a data centre, some hot computer servers were toiling away to make my Action Figure.

They almost certainly could have been put to work on worthier causes.

More on this story

Underline the correct answer in questions 1-4.   (4 marks)

1. In which section of an online newspaper would you find this article?

   a.   News

   b.   Business

   c.   Innovation

2. The main purpose of this article is to

   a. explain how generative AI tools work in creating miniature figures.

   b. highlight the various concerns associated with the AI doll trend.

   c. showcase the popularity of the AI doll trend among influencers.

3. Which title would best fit this article?

   a. The Rise of AI-Generated Action Figures: Is it that popular?

   b. How to Create Your Own AI-Generated Action Figure

   c. Jumping on the AI Doll Trend: Is it just fun and games?

4. People interested in this text are most likely

   a. social media users curious about new trends.

   b. environmental activists concerned about the impact of AI.

   c. tech enthusiasts interested in AI advancements.

5. Tick (✓) the three topics this text is associated with.   (1½ mark)

Horror	Social media	Efficient energy use	Social media influencers	Artificial intelligence	Technology	Fashion

6. What is this new trend?   (1 mark)

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7. Between lines 5-8 find a word used to emphasise the physical nature of the trend.   (1 mark)

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8. Are the following statements True or False? Underline the correct answer and give a reason from the text.   (8 marks)

a. According to the writer, it's very easy to generate an AI doll.

True / False because

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b. To create this doll image, one needs to take a selfie using AI tools.

True / False because

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c. One's photo is enough to create this AI doll image.

True / False because

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d. The AI doll looks like toys that actually exist.

True / False because

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e. All AI dolls need to include personal details of the one creating them.

True / False because

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f. Sometimes these AI tools are unsuccessful.

True / False because

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g. Some of these AI generated dolls can make people look funny.

True / False because

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h. This trend is common amongst people who love wearing branded clothes.

True / False because

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9. According to the text, why do people take part in trends?   (1 mark)

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10. In your own words, in what two ways do AI tools help people take part in trends?   (2 marks)

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11. Underline the correct answer.   (1 mark)

According to Enberg, technology will (be less visible, be more integrated, remain unchanged, be phased out) in our daily digital interactions.

12. What advice does Jo Bromilow give?   (1 mark)

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13. In between 50 to 60 of your own words, summarise the negative impact of the AI doll trend found between lines 38-57.   (10 marks)

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14. Using the text, write six instructions one has to follow to create an AI doll.
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15. The writer had two issues while generating her AI doll. What were they?
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i._____

ii._____

16. How does the writer feel about the finished AI doll product?   (1 mark)

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17. i. Underline the correct word. The writer's attitude towards this AI doll trend
    is a (positive / negative / neutral) one.   (1 mark)

    ii. Quote a sentence to support your answer.   (1 mark)

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18. What do the following words in **bold** refer to in the passage?   (4½ marks)

    a. **you** (line 4)   _____

    b. **It** (line 9)   _____

    c. **their** (line 9)   _____

    d. **It** (line 13)   _____

    e. **They** (line 17)   _____

    f. **it** (line 17)   _____

    g. **its** (line 39)   _____

    h. **We** (line 43)   _____

    i. **which** (line 49)   _____

19. Between lines 9 and 32, find ONE word which means: (4 marks)

    a. experimenting   _____

    b. very important   _____

    c. create   _____

    d. copying   _____

    e. warning   _____

    f. likely   _____

    g. taken   _____

    h. forced   _____

20. Match the missing subheadings in the text by writing the correct letter (A-D).

(2 marks)

Subheadings	Letter
What are the big concerns?	
How does the AI doll generator work?	
Testing the AI doll trend	
What's the appeal?	

21. Tick (✓) the picture which best fits this text. (1 mark)

22. Underline the correct answer. At the end of this text, there is a section entitled **More on this story.** Which one of these would not be there? (1 mark)

   a. 'Chubby filter' pulled from social media after user backlash

   b. H&M to use digital clones of models in ads and social media

   c. When video games spill into the physical world

   d. Electricity grids creak as AI demands soar

You are Pat Smith. You are in charge of a teenagers' group at the local youth club. In between 50 and 60 words, write an email to the leader of the club to report and describe an incident that occurred to one of the teenagers while on an outing.

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To:	leaderofyouthclub@zmail.com
Subject:	Outing incident

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