SECTION 1_

TASK 1

Spelling

word in the box provided for each line.

There is one incorrectly spelt word in each line. Draw a circle

around the incorrectly spelt word. Write the correctly spelt

The COVID-19 is a visious) respiratory illness that	1. vicious
	2 transmitted
is(transmited)through microbes in saliva, when an	2. transmitted
infected person coughs. Protecshion is possible if	3. Protection
one uses a mask and sterilises one's hands frequintly.)	4. frequently
While sanitiseing, use water and antiseptic soap. Their	5. sanitizing
effectiveness can help one acheive good hygiene.	6. achieve

(12 marks)

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Punctuation and Capitalisation

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Some punctuation marks and capital letters have been left out in the passage below. There is one mistake in every line. Write the missing punctuation mark or capital letter.

What an exceptional gift! My long-awaited, delightful video

7.

game, "Adventures within the Nylon Pool", was finally here.

8.

I looked happily at the contents of the package: bubble wrap,

gaming console, power cord and instruction manual. Excitedly,

I inserted the plug in the outlet. As soon as the game was

11.

powered up, I yelled to myself, "Let the games begin!"

(6 marks)



GRAMMAR

TASK 3

There is one grammar error in every line, in the passage below. Place a circle around each error and write the correct form of the word in the box provided.

Neither the students nor the coach were able to explain	13. was
their success. They had struggled to find a sponsor with	14. for
their uniforms and couldn't locate a field on whom to	15. which
practise, so eventually, everything came together. Their	16. but
victory, in addition to their publicity, were almost	17. was
unbelievable too much to bear, but they began believing!	18. unbelievably

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Comprehension

TASK 4 - Non-Fiction

Read the passage on this page. Using complete sentences, answer questions 19 to 24.

100-Year-old Turtle and Hatchlings at Emperor Valley Zoo

A 100-year-old South American river turtle that laid eggs during the coronavirus shutdown is now a proud mother to eighteen hatchlings at the Emperor Valley Zoo. Coincidentally, the news was announced on World Environment Day that is celebrated on June 5 every year. The Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries said that the event was an auspicious one. "100 years old, eighteen babies! Today on World Environment Day 2020, we celebrate the arrival of eighteen hatchlings from the eggs laid during the COVID-19 lockdown by the Emperor Valley Zoo's 100-year-old South American River turtle."

Just over two months ago the Zoo announced that the turtle laid eggs on land within its enclosure, instead of the pond it had previously occupied. The Zoo felt this was due to the closure of the facility in mid-March and the comfort the turtle may have felt in venturing out of the pond and onto the sandy area to deposit the eggs. The hatching was excellent news and demonstrated the importance on World Environment Day, of striking the balance between human activity and care for nature. As the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said in his 2020 message, "To care for humanity, we must care for nature."

15 The turtle laid the eggs in April 2020 while the Zoo was closed during the coronavirus lockdown. Zoological officers believe that with less foot traffic, the turtle felt comfortable enough to finally make a burrow on land and lay her eggs. Zoological officer, Sharlene Khan said the South American river turtle is one of the largest freshwater turtle species in the world.

The giant South American river turtles are highly aquatic. Typically, the females only leave the water to bask and lay 50–150 eggs at communal nesting sites during the dry season. They eat primarily fallen fruits and seeds. Other items in their diet include vegetation, aquatic invertebrates, and insects. The South American river turtle is listed as Conservation Dependent by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). This means that its survival is dependent on conservation efforts to prevent it from becoming threatened with extinction.

Adapted from https://www.looptt.com/content/100-year-old-turtle-gives-birth-18-babiesemperor-valley-zoo

Questions: 100-Year-old Turtle and Hatchlings at Emperor Valley Zoo

- 19. '100 years old, eighteen babies!' lines 4 to 5.
 - i. When was this announcement made?

The announcement was made on June 5^{th} 2020.

ii. On what occasion was the announcement made?

The occasion was World Environment Day.

(2 marks)

20. Give the meaning of the word, 'auspicious' as used in line 4.

The meaning of the word 'auspicious' as used in line 4 is 'significant' / 'special' / 'important'.

(1 mark)

21. "...to care for humanity, we must care for nature" – line 14. Do you agree with the opinion of Antonio Guterres? Explain your answer.

Yes, I agree with this statement because if we take care of nature and the environment it will in turn benefit us as we live in the environment. (SUBJECTIVE ANSWER)

(2 marks)

22. Why did the turtle lay eggs after such a long time?

The turtles laid eggs after such a long time because of the closure due to the lockdown, which made the turtles comfortable enough to leave the pond and deposit their eggs on the sand.

23. What are two foods eaten by a river turtle?

Two foods eaten by the river turtle are: fallen fruits and seeds / vegetation / aquatic invertebrates and insects, (any of these two).

(2 marks)

24. Select two (2) pieces of evidence in paragraph four that suggest that the river turtle can become an endangered species.

Two pieces of evidence that suggests that the river turtle can become an endangered species are: (i) "The South American river turtle is listed as Conservation Dependent by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and (ii) its survival is dependent on conservation efforts to prevent it from becoming threatened with extinction.

(2 marks)

25. If you worked at the Zoo, what would you do to encourage the turtle to lay more eggs?

If I worked at the zoo, I would implement a rule that during the season when the turtles are nesting, the public would not be allowed to visit that area so the turtles would feel comfortable and encouraged to lay their eggs. (SUBJECTIVE ANSWER)

(2 marks)

(13 marks)

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TASK 4 - Poetry

Read the poem *A Dog's Mistake* on this page. Using complete sentences, answer questions 26 to 32.

A Dog's Mistake

He had drifted in among us as a straw drifts with the tide,
He was just a wand'ring mongrel from the weary world outside;
He was not aristocratic, being mostly ribs and hair,
With a hint of spaniel parents and a touch of native bear.

He was very poor and humble and content with what he got,
So we fed him bones and biscuits, till he heartened up a lot;
Then he growled and grew aggressive, treating orders with disdain,
Till at last he bit the butcher, which would argue want of brain.

Now the butcher, noble fellow, was a sport beyond belief,

And instead of bringing actions he brought half a shin of beef,

Which he handed on to Fido, who received it as a right

And removed it to the garden, where he buried it at night.

'Twas the means of his undoing, for my wife, who'd stood his friend, To adopt a slang expression, "went in off the deepest end",

For among the pinks and pansies, the gloxinias and the gorse He had made an excavation like a graveyard for a horse.

Then we held a consultation which decided on his fate:

'Twas in anger more than sorrow that we led him to the gate,

And we handed him the beef-bone as provision for the day,

Then we opened wide the portal and we told him, "On your way."

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^{*}gloxinia is a flowering houseplant

^{*}gorse is a dark green bush with small, yellow flowers

Questions: A Dog's Mistake

26. What action of the dog in stanza two shows that it was not very smart?

The dog biting the butcher in stanza two shows that it was not very smart.

(1 mark)

27. "He was just a wand'ring mongrel..." (line 2)

Why is this an appropriate description of Fido?

This is an appropriate description of Fido because he was a stray dog who had no owner or home.

(2 marks)

28. Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the poem.

heartened (line 6) – *fattened / grew*

portal (line 20) – *gate / exit*

(2 marks)

29. Identify a simile used in the poem.

A simile in the poem is, "He had drifted in among us as a straw drifts with the tide,"

(line 1).

(1 mark)

30. What do you understand about the wife's behaviour from the line, "went in off the deepest end"?

I understand that the wife's behaviour from the line expresses that she was very angry for what Fido did to her garden. (SUBJECTIVE ANSWER)

31. Complete the table below with evidence to support your answers.

Persons in the	Quality	Evidence from the poem
poem		
The wife	kind	"Twas the means of his undoing, for my wife,
		who'd stood his friend," (line 13)
Fido	disobedient /	'Then he growled and grew aggressive, treating
	<u>untrained</u>	orders with disdain,' (line 7)/
		'Till at last he bit the butcher, which would argue
		want of brain.' (line 8)

(3 marks)

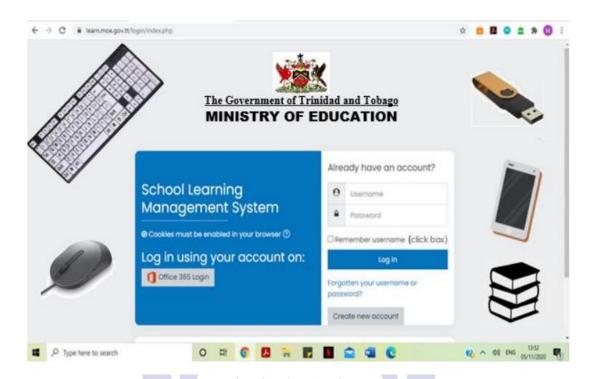
32. If you were the butcher, would you have brought beef for Fido? Give a reason for your answer.

No, I would not have brought beef for Fido if I was the butcher because Fido did something wrong and deserved to be punished in order to learn that he shouldn't do that again. (SUBJECTIVE ANSWER)



TASK 4 – Graphic

Read *the webpage* below. Using complete sentences, answer questions 33 to 36.



33. List two (2) pieces of information required to access the webpage.

Two pieces of information required to access the webpage are: (i) username and (ii) password.

(2 marks)

34. Give two (2) reasons why the 'Remember username' feature is on the webpage.

Two reasons why the 'Remember username' feature is on the webpage are: (i) in case you forget your username and (ii) to make log in easier the next time you have to sign in.

- 35. Select two (2) images used on the webpage and state their purpose.
 - i. keyboard: used for typing
 - ii. mouse: used to move around the webpage to click and select on the webpage (or any others that are well-explained)

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36. Does this web page encourage you to visit the site? Give a reason for your response.

Yes, this page encourages me to visit the site because of how simple and easy the layout is to follow. OR

No, this page does not encourage me to visit the site because it looks boring or complicated to use. (2 marks) CIENTIA ET SAPIENTIN