

KOALA INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Sample Paper B1

Time: 60 minutes

Answer all 40 questions

Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

Use black or dark blue pen NOT pencil

At the end of the test the supervisor will collect your paper and answer sheet

Instructions are also given in your language by your supervisor

Good luck!

▪ Part 1 ▪

Questions 1 – 5

Read the text below and answer the questions 1 - 5.

Mark the answers **A, B, C** or **D** on your answer sheet

What Makes a Tall Tale?

A tall tale is a story with unbelievable elements, told as if it were true and factual. It is true that (1) _____ stories like these are exaggerations of real events, for example fish stories ("the fish that got away") such as, "That fish was so big, it nearly sank the boat when I pulled it in!"

In the (2) _____ people didn't have TV, computers or electric lights to read by, so they told stories for their entertainment. These stories were usually (3) _____ a hero who was a simple man and used ordinary language. There was always a problem to be solved but the story had many exaggerations (4) _____ it. The stories included a lot of action and were always funny and impossible or silly. Of course, nobody really believed these stories and there is no doubt that the stories were (5) _____ but they liked hearing them because they were exaggerated beyond belief.



1. **A)** some **B)** these **C)** one **D)** this
2. **A)** past **B)** times **C)** days **D)** present
3. **A)** over **B)** about **C)** full **D)** round
4. **A)** by **B)** in **C)** on **D)** into
5. **A)** unreal **B)** real **C)** true **D)** truth

▪ Part 2 ▪

Questions 6 – 15

Complete the exchanges **6 – 15**

Mark the answers **A, B, C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

6 Would you pass me the salt please?

- A) Here I am.
- B) Here is it.
- C) Certainly.
- D) Thanks.

7 If we don't hurry up we will miss the plane.

- A) I am hurry now.
- B) I'm ready.
- C) Yes, we miss it.
- D) I don't miss it.

8 I was on TV last week playing the guitar.

- A) Really!
- B) The TV is not on.
- C) I miss it.
- D) I will see.

9 I can't come to your party tomorrow because I have to go to the doctor's.

- A) Why you can't come?
- B) What a pity!
- C) I will come to the party.
- D) I don't know it.

10 Our new house is very large.

- A) Why large?
- B) Who large?
- C) How large?
- D) What large?

11 What's the best place to visit here?

- A) You don't want here.
- b) Actually, that's a difficult question.
- c) I would like to visit them all too.
- d) I don't know here.

12 Sorry, but I have another question.

- A) Please put it.
- B) Yes, I know it.
- C) No problem. I'm here to help.
- D) No problem. You have too many questions.

13 What time should we meet you at the castle?

- A) I can call you if I need you again.
- B) At 12:45 sharp.
- C) At the same time as now.
- D) At 5:00 am I will be at the boarding gate for the London flight.

14 How many languages do you speak?

- A) I try a lot.
- B) Not the same number of languages.
- C) Not as many as I would like to.
- D) Not as many as the other languages you speak.

15 If you had more free time, what would you do with it?

- A) I don't know what we do with free time.
- B) The free time I have is always for me.
- C) I can't imagine what you want with free time.
- D) There are at least three things I would like to do.

▪ Part 3 ▪

Questions 16 - 20

Read the story about a talking donkey and answer questions **16 - 20**

Mark the answers **A, B, C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

The Talking Donkey



A farmer owned a donkey which he used for work all week. But he let the donkey rest on Sundays.

One Sunday, the farmer had to go to a funeral. So he sent his son to saddle the donkey.



saddle

"Since when do I have to work on Sunday?" asked the donkey.

The boy was terrified and dropped the saddle and ran to the house.

"Father, the donkey talked!," he shouted.

"Can't you even do the simplest thing?" asked the farmer.

"But father, the donkey doesn't want to work on Sunday," the boy insisted.

The farmer told the boy to go to his room and to stop acting like a crazy fool.

The farmer went out to saddle the donkey.

"Move over," he said to the donkey.

"Where's my dinner?" asked the donkey.

The farmer dropped the saddle in the same spot as his boy and ran out of the barn, followed by the dog.

"I have never heard a donkey talk before," he gasped.

"Me neither," said the dog.

The farmer ran for the house and slammed the door shut.

"The donkey talked!" he told his wife.

"What!?" said his wife.

"Yes, and when I said: "I have never heard a donkey talk before", the dog said:

"Me neither".

"That's crazy," said his wife.

"What's so crazy about that?" asked the cat. "Haven't you ever heard of a talking donkey?"

16 Why did the farmer let the donkey rest on Sundays?

- A. The donkey did not want to work on Sundays.
- B. Because the donkey worked all the other days of the week.
- C. Because he wanted the donkey to talk.
- D. The donkey did not work from Monday to Saturday.

17 Why did the farmer ask his son to saddle the donkey?

- A. Because the donkey liked funerals.
- B. Because he wanted to go to a funeral.
- C. The donkey took him to funerals on Sundays.
- D. The son wanted to go to a funeral.

18 Why did the farmer tell his son to go to his room?

- A. Because his son was an actor and a fool.
- B. The farmer knew his son talked to donkeys.
- C. Because he was angry with his son.
- D. Because the donkey told him to.

19 The farmer's wife thought...

- A. the farmer was crazy.
- B. the donkey was crazy.
- C. what she was hearing was crazy.
- D. the cat was the only animal that could talk.

20 What is true about this story?

- A. The donkey wanted to work on Sundays.
- B. The farmer and his son were shocked to hear the donkey talk.
- C. The farmer's wife had only heard the cat talk before but not the donkey or dog.
- D. The cat was very surprised that the donkey talked.

▪ Part 4 ▪

Questions 21 – 25

Read the reviews below.

For questions 21 - 25 choose the best answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

Mark the answers on your answer sheet.



Ice and Salt Restaurant Reviews

A. Reviewer 1

We had dinner here a few years ago and it wasn't fantastic. Of course, we went back again thinking it might have improved. Lovely helpful staff but the food is very average especially taking into account that it is quite expensive. Wouldn't really recommend it unless you're stuck.

B. Reviewer 2

Great location and facilities especially with children as they can join in with the live music while you are at dinner; if you have a table on the terrace. Food is always good, basic menu but done well. I feel desserts are overpriced and not great especially for children but we always make a trip here when in the area.

C. Reviewer 3

Food looked like it was pre-frozen and heated up and tasted so. It was not unpleasant but not worth the money being charged. Very attentive staff and service was good.

D. Reviewer 4

We chose from an uninteresting menu, the food was O.K. The service was good but it's becoming a bit too pricy for what it is. I like the restaurant but upon leaving we thought it was all just OK.

Which reviewer states the following?

The menu was not very exciting.

The food was good but some things are quite expensive.

The food was not freshly cooked.

The staff was the only really good thing about the restaurant.

Would only suggest you eat there if you really have to.

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▪ Part 6 ▪

Questions 36 – 40

For questions 36 – 40 choose the correct word with the correct spelling.
Mark the answers A, B or C on your answer sheet.



- 36 I don't know which one to buy. Which would you _____ ?
A) recomend b) racommend c) recommend
- 37 I would be really grateful for your _____ .
A) advise b) advice c) advoice
- 38 It's really difficult to make a _____ on my own.
A) decision b) decisoin c) decide
- 39 I need something new to wear to the U2 _____ in Paris next week.
A) conference b) concert c) consert
- 40 Of course I will only go if I can find _____ .
A) accommodation b) acommodation c) accomodate