Grade 8: A Community Repair Day

Paper 1 - Student paper

Free original EWS skills practice | Grade 8 | 20 practice marks

Independent English language skills practice. Confirm the exact Pearson qualification and paper code before using an exam-specific mock.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Suggested time: 25-40 minutes. For speaking tasks, say your response before writing. Use extra paper where necessary.

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A. Read and understand - 5 marks

Read the text and answer the five questions. Each earns 1 mark.

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The residents planned to throw away a damaged bench outside the community hall. Then a volunteer suggested repairing it. An experienced carpenter checked that the frame was safe, and adults replaced the broken boards. Younger volunteers cleaned the area and painted a small sign asking people to keep it tidy. The repair cost less than a new bench, although it required time and cooperation. The group now plans to inspect the shared space every month.

1. What was the original plan for the bench? [1 mark]

2. Who checked the frame? [1 mark]

3. What did younger volunteers do? [1 mark]

4. What advantage did repairing have? [1 mark]

5. What does the monthly inspection plan suggest? [1 mark]

B. Language practice - 5 marks

Choose or write the correct answer. Each earns 1 mark.

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1. The bench ___ repaired last week. (was / were) [1 mark]

2. If we share the work, we ___ sooner. (will finish / would finished) [1 mark]

3. They have worked together ___ two hours. (for / since) [1 mark]

4. Join with although: It took time. The repair saved money. [1 mark]

5. Correct: Everyone have a task. [1 mark]

C. Write for a purpose - 10 marks

Write 120-150 words for a school newsletter about a community project. Explain the problem, actions, benefits and one difficulty.

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1. Write your response below. [10 marks]

Extra practice: balance a report

FREE EXTENDED PRACTICE - STUDENT WORKSHEET

Read: The student council proposed a refill station to reduce disposable bottles. A one-week count found forty empty plastic bottles in classroom bins. However, the count did not include bottles taken home. The caretaker said that the existing tap worked safely but was difficult to reach when pupils crowded the corridor. The council recommended a marked waiting space and another count after the change. It delayed asking for new equipment until it had more evidence.

1. Identify one piece of evidence and one limitation of that evidence.

2. Why did the council suggest a marked waiting space?

3. What does delaying the equipment request suggest about the council?

4. Replace the vague sentence They had a problem there with a precise sentence based on the passage.

Use an extra sheet for longer writing if needed. Check the separate guide after your attempt.

Extra practice: make a reasoned recommendation

FREE EXTENDED PRACTICE - STUDENT WORKSHEET

Situation: Your head teacher asks whether the school should buy a refill station immediately or first try the marked waiting space.

1. Write a topic sentence that gives a recommendation and a reason.

2. Write one fair sentence acknowledging a different view.

3. Write a 120-150 word report for the head teacher. Use the passage evidence, identify its limit, compare the options and recommend a next step.

Use an extra sheet for longer writing if needed. Check the separate guide after your attempt.