

YEAR 8 END OF TERM TWO ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM BLUE PRINT

There shall be 11 questions

1 – 9. READING COMPREHENSION

(20mks)

The reading **comprehension part** will have 9 questions coming from any of these sections

Skills to be evaluated	Nature of Questions	Number of Items/ marks
Reading		20 marks (to be distributed as indicated below)
Literal comprehension Identify main idea and concepts with supporting details Recall of facts	MCQ, FIB, VSA	8
Inferential understanding Draw inferences, conclusions, generalizations, comparisons, predictions, cause-effect relationship, facts and fiction, summary and paraphrasing	SA, LA	9
Vocabulary and concept development Using words precisely/ giving meanings	MCQ, VSA	3

8. GRAMMAR (LANGUAGE)

(20mks)

The Grammar section will have 1 question divided into 5 different sections

Skills to be evaluated	Nature of Questions	Number of Items/ marks
Grammar (Language)		20 marks (to be distributed as indicated below)
Verb Subject Agreement	MCQ, FIB, VSA	5
Direct / Indirect Speech	SA, LA	

Phrasal verbs	MCQ, VSA	5
Prepositions		5
homophones		10

9. WRITING

(20mks)

The writing part will have 3 questions from any of these sections out of which the candidate will choose one

Skills to be evaluated	Nature of Questions	Number of Items/ marks
<p>Type of writing:</p> <p>Narrative: Write a narrative with character, plot, setting, conflict, dialogue, and sequence of events</p> <p>Descriptive: write a descriptive essay on person or place or situation or feeling, using descriptive words, sensory details, personal thoughts, feelings</p> <p>Explanatory : Write a persuasive piece to present an opinion on an issue, concern, or an idea</p>	LA, Optional	20 marks (to be distributed as indicated below)
Main ideas supported by details		5
Organization		2
Voice: writing is expressive and engaging		3
Word choice: words are vivid and clear, correct spelling		2
Conventions: use of correct grammar, sentence fluency		2
Handwriting: writes legibly		2
Conventions: uses a wide range of correct punctuation		2
Paragraphing: creates multiple paragraph compositions		2