
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

REVISED SPECIMEN PAPER

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Instructions

Answer **all** questions in **both** Section A and Section B

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

SECTION A: READING (40 Marks)

1 Read the following text

1. Shakira is now a global superstar. But what do we really know about her?

She was born on 2 February 1977 in Barranquilla, Colombia. Her full name is Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll and she is the only child of her parents, Nidya Torrado and William Chadid. Her name means ‘thankful’ in Arabic.

2. Her first album, *Magia*, was released in 1991 when she was just fourteen years old. Since then, she has released six other albums, including one in English. Her biggest hit to date has been *Hips Don't Lie*, which has sold over eight million copies worldwide. Shakira also collaborated with the South African group *Freshlyground* to perform the official song of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa, *Waka Waka, This Time for Africa*. This song has also become a worldwide hit.
3. Shakira is heavily involved in charity work. She is an ambassador for UNICEF, which helps children in need across the planet. On top of that, she has launched her own charity called *Latin America in Solidarity Action*, which supports poor children in Latin America by providing them with free healthcare. It is reported that she donates approximately \$55,000 to charity yearly. In 2009, on her 32nd birthday, Shakira opened a new school worth 6 million dollars in her hometown, Barranquilla.
4. Shakira has a great passion for world history. She frequently studies the history and languages of the countries she visits. Her other hobbies include writing poetry, and she wrote her first poem, *The Crystal Rose*, when she was just four years old. She also says that she is very fond of outdoor sports and trying out the different types of food around the world.
5. Shakira is always looking to try new things and in 2008, she appeared in the popular MTV show, *The Wizards of Waverly Place*. She is hoping to get the opportunity to act in more films one day as well.
6. Shakira is engaged to Antonio de la Rúa, son of a former Argentine president. They currently live in the Bahamas and are planning to get married soon.

Answer the following questions

a) Indicate whether the following statements are true or false by writing T or F in the given boxes. For each question, copy the sentence which enabled you to find the answer. The first one has been done for you.

i. Shakira is not very famous.

"Shakira is now a global superstar."

ii. Shakira has many brothers and sisters. [2 marks]

iii. *Waka Waka, This time for Africa* is the work of Shakira alone. [2 marks]

iv. Shakira cares about children who are in need. [2 marks]

b) Use numbers 1 to 6 to indicate in which paragraph you find the following ideas [6 marks]

- Details of Shakira's wedding plans Paragraph number _____
- Shakira's hobbies Paragraph number _____
- Shakira's new career projects Paragraph number _____
- The names of Shakira's parents Paragraph number _____
- Information about Shakira's music career Paragraph number _____
- Details of Shakira's charity work Paragraph number _____

c) What, according to you, would be the most suitable title for this text? Tick the right box [1 mark]

▪ The suffering of children

▪ The origin of the song *Waka Waka, This time for Africa*

▪ Shakira

▪ The poetry of a young girl

d) In which country was Shakira born? [1 mark]

e) How old was Shakira when she released her first album? [1 mark]

f) How does *Latin America in Solidarity Action* help poor children? [1 mark]

g) What was the title of the first poem written by Shakira? [1 mark]

h) In which country does Shakira currently live? [1 mark]

i) How would you describe Shakira's character? Why? [2 marks]

j) Explain the meaning of **five** of the following words as they have been used in the text.
[5 marks]

- i. collaborated (Para 2): _____
- ii. worldwide (Para 2): _____
- iii. heavily (Para 3): _____
- iv. supports (Para 3): _____
- v. frequently (Para 4): _____
- vi. fond (Para 4): _____
- vii. opportunity: (Para 5): _____
- viii. currently: (Para 6): _____

(25 marks)

2 Read the following text

Alligator Attack

- 1 Florida, a state in the USA, is well-known for having a large population of alligators. It is in fact estimated that there are more than a million of these dangerous reptiles living there. The big alligator population has become an increased threat to people, including tourists. Last year, alligators were blamed for killing three women in three separate attacks.
- 2 With all these dangerous animals swimming around, there is plenty of work for alligator hunters in Florida. Todd Hardwick, 41 years old, was one such alligator hunter. He owned a company called Pesky Critters animal removal service, which specialized in chasing down alligators. On the 7th of April 2005, he got a phone call from a concerned member of the public, who had seen a three-metre alligator swimming in one of the canals that were common in the city.
- 3 When Todd arrived at the scene, a crowd had gathered on the banks of the canal, watching the alligator. Todd removed a piece of rotten meat from his van and threw it at the animal, but the latter ignored it. So he moved to Plan B. He returned to his van and pulled out his heavy-duty fishing pole, which could withstand very heavy weights. He was planning to hook the alligator and pull it out of the canal, despite its obvious heavy weight.
- 4 It took Todd a long time to manage to get the hook in the alligator's thick, leathery skin, but eventually he managed to do so. He hoped he would struggle with the animal for a while until it got tired, and then he would pull it to the surface. Finally the alligator appeared to tire and Todd started to pull him out of the water.
- 5 Suddenly, the reptile got another jolt of energy – as if he had switched over to spare batteries and Todd found himself staring straight into the alligator's open jaws. The animal lunged at him, but luckily, Todd managed to jump out of the way. The crowd of people who had gathered around the canal were watching the scene unfold in horror. The alligator tried to dive down the canal once more, dragging Todd along with him. Somehow, the hook had come loose and had lodged itself in Todd's arm, causing him intense pain.
- 6 By now, a brave member of the public called Moises Rojas had decided that he needed to do something about the situation. He clambered to the water's edge and shouted to Todd, "What can I do?"

"Grab the lines and pull us out!" came the anguished answer. So Rojas grabbed and pulled, despite knowing that this was going to cause great pain to Todd. He also knew, however, that this was the only way to prevent the alligator from dragging him away in the canal. Eventually, Rojas managed to pull man and beast to shore. Both men combined their efforts to slam the alligator down and managed to tape its mouth shut – the animal had finally been rendered harmless.
- 7 Todd was quite seriously injured by the hook that had lodged itself in his arm. There was a big gash and blood was oozing out. He was quickly taken to hospital, where doctors greeted him with a mixture of antibiotics and awe. Asked whether he felt any grudge against the alligator, he said: "I respected him for being such a good adversary, so I will bury him in my own garden." To Todd, it seemed like a fitting resting place for such a formidable foe.

Answer the following questions

a) What unique service does ‘Pesky Critters’ offer to the people of Florida? [1 mark]

b) How did Todd Hardwick intend to make the alligator harmless? [1 mark]

c) Why did it take Todd so long to hook the alligator? [1 mark]

d) At the hospital, Todd was greeted with a ‘mixture of antibiotics and awe.’ What do you understand by this sentence? [2 marks]

e) Put the following actions in the order they happened. [5 marks]

- crowd gathers at canal
- alligator lunges at Todd
- Moises Rojas tries to help
- Alligator is spotted
- Todd is injured by the hook

f) Explain the meaning of five of the following words as they have been used in the passage. [5 marks]

i) concerned (Para 2) _____

ii) common (Para 2) _____

iii) appeared (Para 4) _____

iv) luckily (Para 5) _____

v) dragging (Para 5) _____

vi) anguished (Para 6) _____

vii) eventually (Para 6) _____

viii) oozing (Para 7) _____

SECTION B: GRAMMAR AND WRITING (60 marks)

3 Read the following text

Today, a boy is told that he is going to a new school. He feels he will be happier but he is also worried about how the children in the new school will behave towards him.

Rewrite this text, starting with *Last week, two boys were told that...*

You will have to pay attention to tenses, agreement and pronouns. [5 marks]

Last week, two boys were told that...

4 Punctuate the following [5 marks]. The first capital letter and final full stop are given.

We are going out why don't you ask your mother if you can come too suggested my friend.

5 You have received the following letter from a friend, but it is full of mistakes.

A In this part, the mistakes have been underlined for you. Correct them. [5 marks]

Hi! It's really nice to wrote to you again! How is you? I meet your mother at the
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supermarket yesterday and he told me that you had hurted your leg while playing at

school. I was really sori to hear that!

B In this part, the mistakes have not been underlined. Find them and correct them.
[5 marks]

Your mother also told me that you has to go to the hospital regularly for treatment.

Anyway, I hope the doctors and nurses is treating you well. I will came to visit when

I can. Don't forgot to wrote back when you can!

Yours,
Pat

6 Read the following text and transform the reported conversation into direct speech. The first one has been done for you. [5 marks]

Mr Weasley asked Harry to promise that he would be a good boy. He also ordered Harry not to go looking for Sirius Black. Harry replied that he did not intend to go looking for Sirius Black. He added that he planned to stay at Hogwarts. Mr Weasley said he was happy with that decision. He finally advised Harry to be careful.

(Adapted from Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban)

“Promise me you will be a good boy,” Mr Weasley asked Harry.

7 Write the correct form of the word in brackets. The first one has been done for you. [5 marks]

Novak Djokovic said he was _____ **ecstatic** _____ (*ecstasy*) after winning Wimbledon.

“ It is an _____ (*amaze*) feeling to win here, ” the 24 year old said. He

added that winning Wimbledon was his _____ (*child*) dream come

true. “ I am indeed very _____ (*please*) to have achieved this goal. But I

am very _____ (*ambition*) and hope to win many more Grand Slam

tournaments. This is only the very _____ (*begin*) I hope. ”

(Source: BBC Website)

