



WEEDS
Counseling and Talent Management



GRADE 8 AND GRADE 9



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Duration: 60 Minutes

Total Marks: 80

Sections: 3

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Use a pencil.
3. Choose only one option for each question.
4. Double marking will be considered as zero.
5. Participants are encouraged to follow the sequence of questions.
6. Each question carries two marks.

Let the fun and brain-teasing begin! Good Luck to all participants!

ASSESSMENT BREAKUP

**SECTION 1: CRITICAL THINKING AND COGNITIVE SKILLS
(TOTAL MARKS: 30)**

**SECTION 2: VOCABULARY AND COGNITIVE SKILLS
(TOTAL MARKS: 30)**

SECTION 3: VOCABULARY (TOTAL MARKS: 20)

SECTION 1: CRITICAL THINKING AND COGNITIVE SKILLS
(Advised Time: 15 to 20 minutes)

(To be answered in OCR Based MCQs Answer Sheet)

Question 1

Carola is forming the four-digit number 2022 using some matches from a box. The box originally contained 30 matches. She has already started and formed the first two digits, as shown in the diagram. How many matches will remain in the box when she has finished forming 2022?



(A) 20
(D) 9

(B) 19
(E) 5

(C) 10

Question 2

Which of the following traffic signs has the largest number of axes of symmetry?



Question 3

What is the time 17 hours after 17:00?

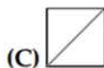
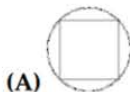
(A) 8:00
(D) 12:00

(B) 10:00
(E) 13:00

(C) 11:00

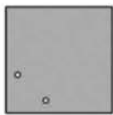
Question 4

Which of the diagrams below cannot be drawn without lifting your pencil off the page and without drawing along the same line twice?

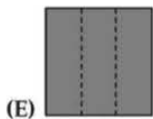
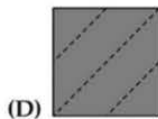
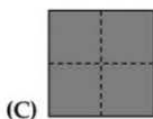
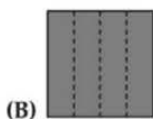
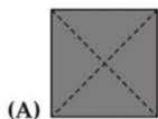


Question 5

Bob folded a piece of paper twice and then punched one hole in the folded piece of paper. When he unfolded the paper, he saw the arrangement shown in the diagram.



How had Bob folded his piece of paper?

**Question 6**

The value of houses in our neighbourhood sharply last year, which has our hopes of selling our house for a big profit.

- A) raised/ rising
D) rose/ risen

- B) raised/ raise
E) rose/ rising

- C) rose/ raised

Question 7

Jack wants to improve his public speaking skills. Which word from the list best describes the quality he should focus on?

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| a) Altruistic | b) Intricate |
| c) Passionate | d) Concise |

Question 8

If a company aims to foster a positive work environment where everyone feels valued and respected, which word best represents its goal?

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|---------------|---------------|
| a) Injunction | b) Altruistic |
| c) Inclusive | d) Indirect |

Odd one out

Which of these clock faces is the odd one out?



A



B



C



D



E

Question 10

What situation demonstrates resilience?

- a) Giving up on a dream after facing initial setbacks.
- b) Overcoming challenges to achieve a long-term goal.
- c) Avoiding difficult tasks to maintain comfort.
- d) Succumbing to pressure and abandoning personal values.

Question 11

If all A's are B's and some B's are C's, which of the following statements must be true?

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| a) All A's are C's. | b) Some A's are C's. |
| c) All C's are B's. | d) Some C's are B's. |

Question 12

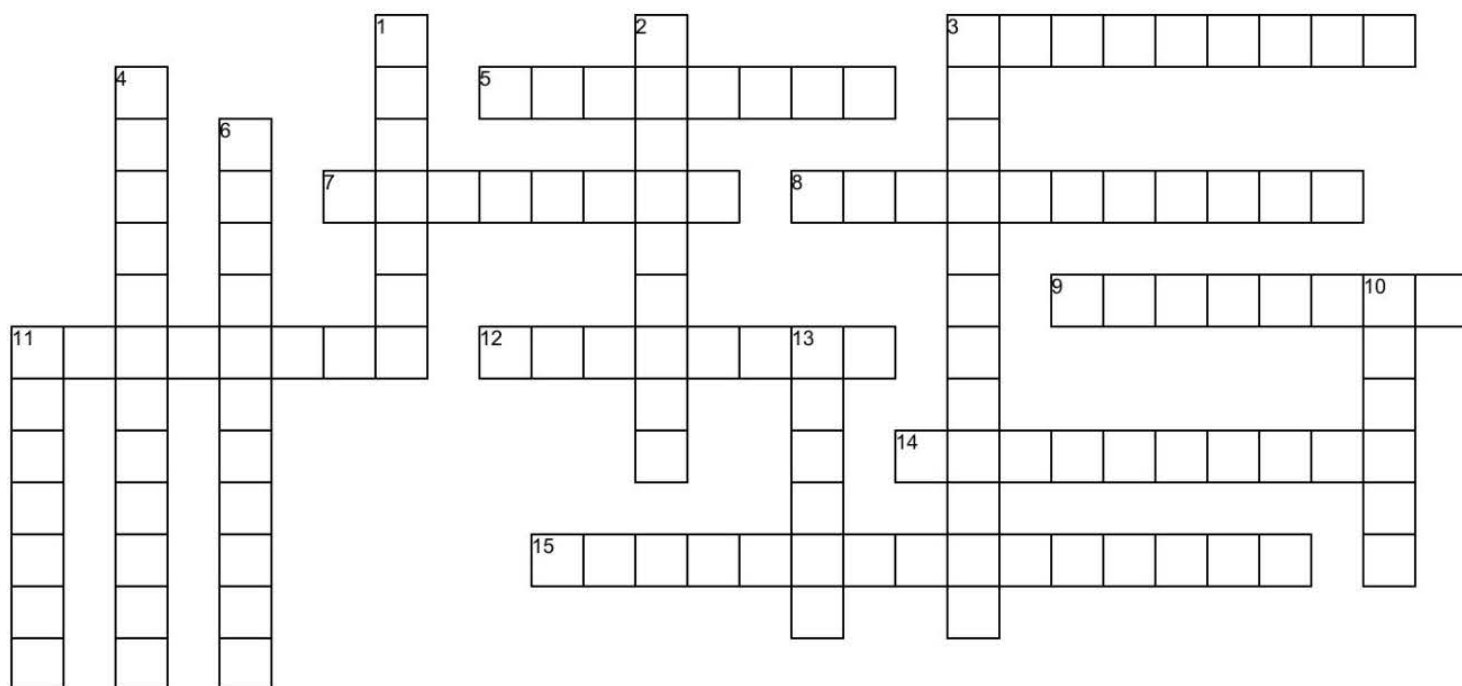
What is the next letter in the sequence: A, C, E, G, __?

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| a) H | b) I |
| c) J | d) K |

SECTION 2: VOCABULARY AND COGNITIVE SKILLS

(Advised Time: 15 to 20 minutes)

1. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

3. Clarity; logical connection.
5. Method or style of doing something.
7. Parts of which things are made up.
8. Special; different from others
9. Vital; very important.
11. Judge the quality of.
12. Way of thinking about or viewing something.
14. Clearly express in words.
15. Qualities or features of something.

DOWN

1. Examine in detail.
2. Analysis and judgement of a work's strengths and weaknesses.
3. In the style of present time; modern
4. Connections in the mind between different things.
6. Uniformity; regularity.
10. One part of a situation, plan, or subject.
11. Complicated; difficult.
13. Method used to produce a specific effect.

contemporary
analyze
approach
characteristics
consistency
critical

complex
elements
associations
critique
criticism
attitude

coherence
aspect
articulate
distinctive
device

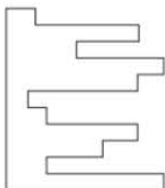
Question 13

Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?

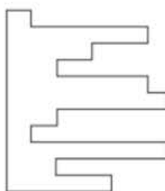
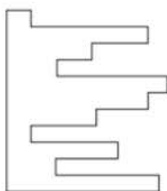
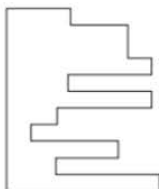
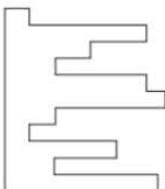
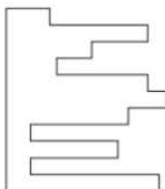
- a) Nunu b) Mary c) Nina d) Nono

Question 14

Peter wrote the word KANGAROO on a piece of transparent glass (see figure). What will he see if he turns this piece over around its right side and then rotates it one half-turn?

**Question 15**

Which piece below, when fitted into the piece on the left, will form a perfect square?



SECTION 3: VOCABULARY
(ADVISED TIME: 10 – 15 MINUTES)

(To be answered in OCR Based MCQs Answer Sheet)

1. Which word is a synonym for "ephemeral" in the sentence:
"The beauty of the cherry blossoms is ephemeral, lasting only a few weeks each spring"?
 - a) Permanent
 - b) Brief or short-lived
 - c) Endless
 - d) Intense

2. What is the meaning of the word "exacerbate" in the phrase:
"Her criticism only served to exacerbate the situation"?
 - a) Improve
 - b) Worsen or make more severe
 - c) Ignore
 - d) Understand

3. Which word is a synonym for "ubiquitous" in the sentence:
"Cell phones have become ubiquitous in modern society"?
 - a) Rare
 - b) Commonplace
 - c) Frustrating
 - d) Unnecessary

4. What is the meaning of the word "exemplary" in the phrase:
"She set an exemplary standard for her classmates to follow"?
 - a) Below average
 - b) Perfect
 - c) Worthy of imitation
 - d) Ordinary

5. In the sentence "The old house had a dilapidated appearance," what does "dilapidated" mean?

- a) Modern and new
- b) Falling apart or in a state of disrepair
- c) Beautifully decorated
- d) Strong and sturdy

6. What is the synonym for "alleviate" in the sentence: "The medicine helped alleviate her pain"?

- a) Worsen
- b) Reduce or relieve
- c) Cause
- d) Ignore

7. What does the word "conundrum" mean in the sentence: "Solving the puzzle proved to be quite a conundrum for the group"?

- a) Simple problem
- b) Difficult and confusing problem
- c) Easily solvable
- d) Unsolvable

8. Which word is an antonym for "prolific" in the sentence: "The author was known for her prolific output of novels"?

- a) Abundant
- b) Fruitful
- c) Prolonged
- d) Limited

9. What is the meaning of the word "pervasive" in the phrase: "The smell of fresh bread was pervasive throughout the bakery"?

- a) Strong and distinct
- b) Unpleasant
- c) All-encompassing or widespread
- d) Hidden

10. In the sentence "The teacher praised the student for his fortitude in facing difficult challenges," what does "fortitude" mean?

- a) Weakness
- b) Courage or strength of mind
- c) Laziness
- d) Distractedness

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