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# Introduction

Towards the end of this year, you will write a multiple-choice Curriculum Based Test in Language Arts. This book is designed to help you prepare for this test by making sure that you know what to expect and how to answer questions so that you can do your very best.

## What to expect

The Curriculum Based Test is a multiple-choice test. For each question, you will be given at least four different answers. Most questions have one correct answer, but some will have more. Although you just shade the correct answer(s), you will still need to do some working out to decide what is correct. You can do this on the test paper or on a separate sheet.

You will be expected to answer 40 questions and you will have 1 hour and 30 minutes to complete the test.

## How can you prepare for the Curriculum Based Test?

There are ten practice tests in this book. You can use these to revise your work and prepare for your in-school test.

- Work through the tests on your own or with a partner. Remember that working in pairs or groups can help you learn.
- Check your own answers.
- Reflect on your work. Identify what you did well and which areas you need to improve. Decide what you will do to make the improvements you need.

## Developing good techniques

Practice tests can help you develop some good techniques for managing your in-class tests. These include:

- Managing your time.
- Reading and making sense of questions and what you need to do.
- Choosing suitable strategies for different types of questions.
- Showing your answer choices clearly.

Practising and learning how to complete tests can also help you feel less anxious and pressurised because you are prepared and you have practised answering lots of different questions on the topics you have learned.

For more help on what to expect, well-being tips and tips for answering questions, please go to the Hachette Learning website.

Answers to all the questions can also be found on the Hachette Learning website.

# Practice test 1

Time allowed: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Instructions: Carefully read and answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer and shade A, B, C or D to show your choice.  
You can use the space around each question to do any working you need.



## Example

1 Choose a synonym for the underlined phrase in the sentence below.

The Jamaican iguana is facing extinction in Jamaica.

(A) endemic    (B) endangered    (C) protected    (D) prominent

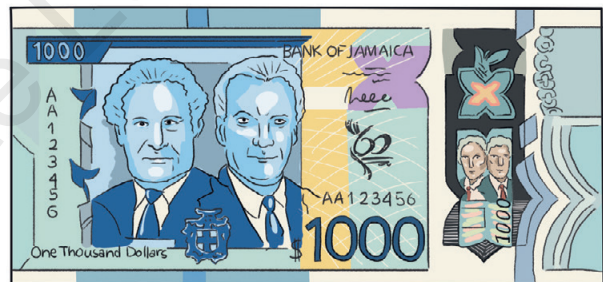
“(B)” is shaded because it is the only correct answer.

Read the passage carefully, then use it to answer items 1 to 8.

Norman Manley and his cousin Alexander Bustamante helped make Jamaica stronger. They did not always see eye to eye on how it should be done, but they both wanted Jamaica to be a better place for all the citizens.

Manley started the People's National Party in 1938 to stand up for voting and worker's rights for everyone. He believed that the citizens of Jamaica should have a say in the things that affect their lives. For example, he became Jamaica's first premier in 1959 and by 1961, the citizens voted on if the country should remain part of the West Indies Federation.

Bustamante is remembered as one of Jamaica's leading trade unionists. He started the Jamaica Labour Party in 1943 because he also believed that the



**Figure 1.1:** Jamaican \$1000 bank note with national heroes Alexander Bustamante and Norman Manley on its face

people of Jamaica should govern their own country. He became Jamaica's first Prime Minister and helped create the constitution when the country gained independence from Britain in 1962. These national heroes' mark on Jamaica cannot be forgotten, and if a reminder is needed, they are together on the country's \$1000 bank note!

- 1 Which pronoun can be used to replace the underlined phrase?  
“Norman Manley and his cousin Alexander Bustamante helped make Jamaica stronger.”
- (A) You
  - (B) We
  - (C) They
  - (D) Them
- 2 Which word is the underlined pronoun referring to?  
“He believed that the citizens of Jamaica should have a say in the things that affect their lives.”
- (A) he
  - (B) citizens
  - (C) things
  - (D) lives
- 3 Which word best replaces the underlined phrase?  
“They did not always see eye to eye on how it should be done ...”
- (A) debate
  - (B) argue
  - (C) differ
  - (D) agree
- 4 Which word best replaces the underlined words?  
“These national heroes’ mark on Jamaica cannot be forgotten ...”
- (A) debt
  - (B) legacy
  - (C) motives
  - (D) existence
- 5 What part of speech is the underlined words?  
“... he also believed that the people of Jamaica should govern their own country.”
- (A) adverb
  - (B) adjective
  - (C) verb
  - (D) noun

- 6 What part of speech is the underlined word?  
“He started the Jamaica Labour Party in 1943 because he also believed that the people of Jamaica should govern their own country.”
- (A) verb (B) conjunction  
(C) preposition (D) adverb
- 7 Which of the options given is opposite in meaning to the underlined word?  
“He became Jamaica’s first Prime Minister and helped create the constitution when the country gained independence from Britain in 1962.”
- (A) learned  
(B) obtained  
(C) lost  
(D) misplaced
- 8 Which of the options given is opposite in meaning to the underlined word?  
“Bustamante is remembered as one of Jamaica’s leading trade unionists.”
- (A) described  
(B) honoured  
(C) recalled  
(D) forgotten

Read the advertisement carefully, then use it to answer items 9 to 13.

## For sale: 2016 Hatchback (one careful owner)

**Price: \$3,500,000 (negotiable)**

This reliable and fuel-efficient car is ready for adventure on the Jamaican roads! Its 1.5l turbocharged inline-4 engine, reliable performance, practicality and comfortable interior make it a great choice for both daily commutes and city driving.



Jamaica is your oyster and you’ll be the envy of your friends as you drive around in the elegance of this pearl white exterior and alloy wheels.

*Available for supervised test drive as of 1st July.*

*Call or WhatsApp 8765550001 for more details.*

- 9** Why are the words “one careful driver” in brackets?
- (A) The seller only wants a careful driver to purchase the car.
  - (B) The seller wants to trick the buyer into thinking the car is new.
  - (C) Buyers believe that careful drivers take better care of their cars.
  - (D) The seller only wants a careful driver to purchase the car.
- 10** Why does the seller put the word “negotiable” in brackets beside the price?
- (A) to show that the seller will consider a reasonable offer that is close to the listed price
  - (B) to show that the seller will only accept the listed price
  - (C) to show that only people who can afford the listed price should consider buying the car
  - (D) to show that the seller is willing to accept more than the listed price
- 11** What figure of speech is the phrase “Jamaica is your oyster”?
- (A) simile
  - (B) metaphor
  - (C) personification
  - (D) alliteration
- 12** Why does the advertisement mention both daily commute and city driving?
- (A) The seller wants people to know that the car can handle the Jamaican road surfaces when driving into the city.
  - (B) The seller wants the buyer to know that the car performs better on city roads.
  - (C) The seller wants to convince the buyer that the car is suitable for someone who lives in the Jamaican countryside even if the road surfaces are not smooth.
  - (D) The seller wants to convince the buyer that the car is suitable for someone who needs to use the car daily for driving to work or for driving around the city which usually has lots of traffic.
- 13** What is the earliest date that someone can book a test drive?
- (A) 1 June
  - (B) 30 June
  - (C) 1 July
  - (D) 31 July

**Read the passage carefully, then use it to answer items 14 to 19.**

Netball is both the number one team sport and the number one women's sport in Jamaica, yet it does not get the same attention or sponsorship that cricket or football enjoys. Despite that, the sport remains popular at a majority of schools on the island and the national team, the Sunshine Girls, are a source of pride and inspiration for all Jamaican people.

The Sunshine Girls are one of the top netball teams in the world. They have participated in every Netball World Cup since 1963 and the team always places in the top six. In fact, they have claimed bronze medals in 1991, 2003, 2007 and 2023. Since they first competed in the Commonwealth Games netball event in 1998, they claimed three bronze medals

in 2002, 2014 and 2018 as well as a silver medal in 2022.

The Jamaica netball Under-21 and Under-16 teams have also achieved impressive results. The Under-21 team has taken a silver medal in 2000 and a bronze medal in 2009 and 2021 in the World Youth Netball championship. The Under-16 team has won the Caribbean Netball Association in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008. That is a total of six times!

No other team sport in Jamaica has seen this remarkable level of performance for so many years. Their results come from hard work and commitment. Imagine how much better they would do if they had the same sponsorship as the Reggae Boys.

**14** What sport do the Sunshine Girls represent Jamaica in according to the passage?

- (A) cricket
- (B) netball
- (C) football
- (D) all of the above

**15** How many medals have the Sunshine Girls earned from competing in the Netball World Cup?

- (A) 4
- (B) 8
- (C) 11
- (D) 17

**16** When did the Sunshine Girls first compete in the Commonwealth Games?

- (A) 1963
- (B) 1991
- (C) 1998
- (D) 2002

**17** In which competition have the Sunshine Girls performed the best?

- (A) Netball World Cup
- (B) Commonwealth Games
- (C) World Youth Netball Championship
- (D) Caribbean Netball Association

**18** Which sentence criticises the amount of recognition given to the Sunshine Girls?

- (A) "Imagine how much better they would do if they had the same sponsorship as the Reggae Boys."
- (B) "Their results come from hard work and commitment."
- (C) "The Jamaica netball Under-21 and Under-16 teams have also achieved impressive results."
- (D) "The Sunshine Girls are one of the top netball teams in the world."

**19** Which word best describes the writers feelings towards the Sunshine Girls?

- (A) disappointment
- (B) anger
- (C) pride
- (D) regret

**Read each sentence below, then carefully use the information to answer items 20 to 24.**

- 1 Our main food groups are vegetables, fruits, staples, fats and oils, food from animals and legumes and nuts.
- 2 A poor diet can lead to malnutrition and diseases, such as obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure.
- 3 In Jamaica, our balanced diet is based on the foods that we grow.

- 4 We use a plate to show the amount of food we should eat from each group.
- 5 Eating a balanced diet helps us get all the nutrients we need for good health and growth.
- 6 A quarter of the plate is covered with staples, one half is for vegetables and fruits, and the remaining quarter is covered with meat from animals or with legumes and nuts.

20 Which option places the sentences in the order to make a paragraph?

- (A) 2, 1, 3, 6, 4, 5
- (B) 1, 5, 2, 3, 4, 6
- (C) 5, 3, 1, 4, 6, 2
- (D) 3, 1, 4, 6, 5, 2

21 Which pair of sentences is an example of contrast?

- (A) 1 and 3
- (B) 2 and 5
- (C) 4 and 6
- (D) 5 and 1

22 Which sentences show the proportions of a balanced diet in Jamaica?

- (A) 1 and 2
- (B) 3 and 5
- (C) 4 and 6
- (D) 2 and 5

23 Which statement is true?

- (A) A balanced diet is not important to good health.
- (B) People in Jamaica eat more staples than vegetables.
- (C) Fats and oils are not part of a balanced diet.
- (D) A poor diet can lead to diseases, such as diabetes.

24 Which sentence best supports the idea of a healthy diet?

- (A) sentence 1
- (B) sentence 2
- (C) sentence 3
- (D) sentence 4

**Read the poem carefully, then use it to answer items 25 to 29.**

She sat and sang alway  
By the green margin of a stream,  
Watching the fishes leap and play  
Beneath the glad sunbeam.

<sup>5</sup> I sat and wept alway  
Beneath the Moon's most shadowy beam,  
Watching the blossoms of the May  
Weep leaves into the stream.

I wept for memory;

<sup>10</sup> She sang for hope that is so fair:  
My tears were swallowed by the sea;  
Her songs died on the air.

*By Christina Georgina Rossetti*

**25** “the green margin” (line 2) is another phrase for ...

- (A) a bridge stretching across the stream
- (B) a green rowboat floating on the stream
- (C) the trees hanging over the stream
- (D) the embankment of the stream

**26** Which of the following best describes the effectiveness of the figure of speech used in line 4?

- (A) It suggests that the girl's smile brightened the day.
- (B) It shows that it was a warm sunny day.
- (C) The Sun was only shining on the stream.
- (D) The Sun was happy to see the fish in the stream.

**27** Which line introduces a change in the mood of the poem?

- (A) line 3
- (B) line 5
- (C) line 7
- (D) line 9

28 “Watching the blossoms of the May / Weep leaves into the stream” (lines 7 and 8) is an example of which figure of speech?

- (A) simile
- (B) metaphor
- (C) alliteration
- (D) personification

29 What is the overall mood of the poem?

- (A) happiness
- (B) anger
- (C) sorrow
- (D) confusion

For items 30 to 40, indicate your response by shading the appropriate letter in each row of the table given. Only one letter is to be shaded in each row. An example is given below.



### Example

- 1 Look at each word in the left column of the table below, then indicate by shading whether it is used as a noun, verb, adverb or adjective in the following sentence:

Tariq cooks dinner with his father nearly every Sunday.

	Noun	Verb	Adverb	Adjective
every	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
cooks	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
nearly	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

The word “every” is an adjective so (D) is shaded.

The word “cooks” is a verb so (B) is shaded.

The word “nearly” is an adverb so (C) is shaded.

Read the two sources carefully, then use them to answer items 30 to 34.

### **SOURCE 1**

## **Letter to the editor**

Dear Editor,

Jamaica has lots of beautiful water features, so why are so many of us afraid of swimming? Every Jamaican should learn to swim as soon as they can walk. Swimming is good exercise for the heart and lungs. Swimmers are strong and flexible people. Why would not we want to improve our health while doing something fun?

Learning to swim also means that we could enjoy more water activities. More of us could do scuba diving, kayaking and surfing. Only the people who visit our shores enjoy these activities. We can do better than this.

How are we surrounded by the sea, but we barely participate in swimming competitions? We need a plan to develop a swimming programme like the one in place for track and field events. More Jamaican people need to swim for fun, for health and competitively.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Hines

### **SOURCE 2**

Swimming is a fun and valuable life skill that all Jamaican people should have. The Aquatic Sports Association of Jamaica (ASAJ) manages Jamaica's swimming programme. Alia Atkinson, the first Jamaican person to hold a world record in swimming, was part of that programme. Through the ASAJ programme, Jamaican swimmers participate in competitions, such as the Central American and the Caribbean

Amateur Swimming Federation and the PanAm Aquatics championships.

The ASAJ also has a programme called Aquaworx for young children. The aim of this programme is to overcome the fear of water while building water safety and water survival skills in children. Aquaworx also has a programme for children with autism, as learning to swim can be therapeutic for them.

Read each statement carefully, then shade the correct letter.

	Statement	Source 1	Source 2	Both sources support	Neither source supports
30	Jamaican people should learn to swim.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
31	Roger Hines is a swimming instructor.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
32	Aquaworx is for young children.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
33	Alia Atkinson is the only Jamaican who has participated in swimming competitions.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
34	Swimming has health benefits.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

Read the passage carefully, then use it to answer items 35 to 40.

### Chinese heritage in Jamaica

“Dad, how did our Chinese relatives come to Jamaica?”, asked Huang.  
 “Well, son, it is a long and interesting story. The first Chinese people came to Jamaica more than a hundred and seventy years ago. The British brought them over to work on sugar plantations. They were not treated well, even though they worked very hard. Some ran away from the plantations and started shops and restaurants. They became part of the Jamaican society and over time, they married Jamaican women and had children with them. That is how our family became a mix of Chinese and Jamaican.”

Huang was fascinated. “That is amazing, Dad. Why did they want to leave China though?” His father paused for a minute then said, “China was going through wars, famine and poverty at that time and our ancestors wanted to find a better life in other countries. Some went to the USA, some to Panama and others came to Jamaica. They wanted to work for a while, then take the money back to China. Some returned, but many stayed in Jamaica and became part of the history and culture. That is why when you look around our country you can see Chinese heritage mixed in with our Jamaican identity.”

For items 35 to 40, read each statement in the table carefully, then shade the correct letter.

	Statement	Paragraph 1	Paragraph 2	Both paragraphs support	Neither paragraph supports
35	Huang was curious about the history of the British people in Jamaica.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
36	Huang's ancestors were brought to Jamaica to work on the sugar plantations.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
37	Some Chinese people returned to China after working in Jamaica for a while.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
38	Some of the Chinese people who came to Jamaica were hoping to make a better life.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
39	Huang's family is a mix of Chinese and Jamaican.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
40	Chinese people and heritage are mixed into Jamaica's culture.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

## Reflection

Use your experience of the test to analyse your strengths and weaknesses.

- What did you find easiest on this test?

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- Which part was most difficult, and why?

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- What could help you do better next time?

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