

PAPER 1 – FREE SAMPLE PAPER

AGE 9-10

GRAMMAR

Nouns

1. Underline the nouns in the following sentences.

- a. The woman gave the dog a bone.
- b. The monkey ate all the nuts which the children gave him.

2. Write the names of:

a. two occupations-

b. two wild animals-

[10 MARKS]

Singular/ Plural

Fill in the spaces:

- 1. Army _____
- 2. _____ women
- 3. Dwarf _____
- 4. Child _____
- 5. _____ potatoes
- 6. Lady _____
- 7. _____ teeth
- 8. Chief _____
- 9. Dozen _____
- 10. _____ sheep

[10 MARKS]

Collective Nouns

Choose the correct collective noun and fill each space.

Bunch, swarm, library, herd, sheaf, troupe, board, chest, cluster, gang

1. A _____ of books.
2. A _____ of thieves.
3. A _____ of corn.
4. A _____ of dancers.
5. A _____ of stars.
6. A _____ of bees.
7. A _____ of bananas.
8. A _____ of drawers.
9. A _____ of directors.
10. A _____ of buffaloes.

[10 MARKS]

Gender

Masculine / Feminine

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|----------------|-------|
| 1. Lion | _____ |
| 2. _____ | lady |
| 3. Actor | _____ |
| 4. Bull | _____ |
| 5. _____ | widow |
| 6. Dog | _____ |
| 7. _____ | madam |
| 8. _____ | witch |
| 9. Waiter | _____ |
| 10. Postmaster | _____ |

[10 MARKS]

Past Tense

Fill in the blanks with the **past tense** of the word given in brackets:

1. Bill _____ at the top of his voice. (**shout**)
2. We all _____ Paul's new bicycle. (**admire**)
3. The police _____ the prisoner to smoke. (**permit**)
4. The school garden _____ fine vegetables this year. (**produce**)
5. Kate _____ the room for her Mom. (**tidy**)
6. The boys _____ over their game. (**quarrel**)
7. The maid _____ the dishes and broke them. (**drop**)
8. Charles Dickens _____ Oliver Twist. (**write**)
9. The weather was so bad that we _____ the match. (**cancel**)
10. A helmet _____ the boy's head. (**protect**)

[10 MARKS]

Prepositions

Underline the correct preposition in each of these sentences:

1. The defeated army fled from the battlefield.
2. We have a beautiful garden around our house.
3. The dog leapt over the wall after a ball.
4. The mother was proud of her son's success.
5. His opinion differs from mine.

[5 MARKS]

Proverbs

Match the correct endings and complete the proverbs.

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| 1. Great minds | make most noise. | |
| 2. New brooms | you leap. | |
| 3. Look before | and spoil the child. | |
| 4. Empty vessels | think alike. | |
| 5. Spare the rod | sweep well. | [5 MARKS] |

Agreement of Subject and Verb

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the bracket.

1. The children always _____ their books away. [put, puts]
2. Either William or Sally _____ taken my pencil. [has, have]
3. One of the sailors _____ killed in the accident. [was, were]
4. It _____ look a very promising day. [doesn't, don't]
5. I _____ to a football match every Saturday. [goes, go]
6. Every one of the babies _____ vaccinated. [was, were]
7. I was sorry to hear you _____ ill. [was, were]
8. They _____ drawings on the wallboards. [does, do]
9. I hope somebody in our class _____ the prize. [get, gets]
10. One of our girls _____ lost her purse. [has, have]

[10 MARKS]

Opposites

Re-write these sentences, **substituting the opposites** of the words underlined.

1. Uncle David often comes to our house.

2. Paul's job is a temporary one.

3. The blade of this knife is very sharp.

4. Vast crowds cheered the president on his arrival.

5. The minimum salary of a person is \$1500 a year.

6. The boys bathed in the deep river.

7. Nick's father was a rich man.

8. Nine members were present at the meeting.

9. The angry boys didn't want to win the match.

10. David was proved guilty in the courts.

[10 MARKS]

Adverbs

A. Underline the adverbs in the following sentences.

1. The gardener gazed proudly at his lovely roses.
2. On hearing the news, the doctor went to the house immediately.
3. The carving on the rock has been skilfully done.
4. They ran twice around the park.
5. I once saw an eagle kill a rabbit.

[10 MARKS]

B. Match the verbs with suitable adverbs.

Verbs

1. Fought
2. Arrived
3. Spoke
4. Waited
5. Promised

Adverbs

faithfully
patiently
heroically
punctually
fluently

[5 MARKS]

Sounds

Match.

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| 1. Owls | howl |
| 2. Lambs | chatter |
| 3. Monkeys | hoot |
| 4. Wolves | croak |
| 5. Frogs | bleat |

[5 MARKS]

ANSWER SHEET – PAPER 1 [Age 9-10]

Nouns

1. A. woman, dog, bone B. monkey, nuts, children
2. A. teacher, doctor B. lion, bear

- Singular/ plural** 1. armies 2. woman 3. dwarves 4. children
5. potato 6. ladies 7. tooth 8. chiefs
9. dozen 10. sheep

Collective Nouns

1. library 2. gang 3. sheaf 4. troupe 5. cluster
6. swarm 7. bunch 8. chest 9. board 10. herd

Gender

1. Lioness 2. lord 3. actress 4. cow 5. widower
6. bitch 7. sir 8. wizard 9. waitress 10. postmistress

Past Tense

1. shouted 2. admired 3. permitted 4. produced
5. tidied 6. quarrelled 7. dropped 8. wrote
9. cancelled 10. protected

- Prepositions** 1. from 2. around 3. over 4. of 5. from

- Proverbs** 1. think alike 2. sweep well 3. you leap 4. make most noise 5. and spoil the child

Agreement of subject and verb

1. put 2. has 3. was 4. doesn't 5. go 6. was
7. were 8. do 9. gets 10. has

Opposites

1. seldom 2. permanent 3. blunt 4. departure 5. maximum
6. shallow 7. poor 8. absent 9. lose 10. innocent

Adverbs

- A. 1. Proudly 2. immediately 3. skilfully 4. twice 5. once
B. 1. heroically 2. punctually 3. fluently 4. patiently 5. faithfully

- Sounds** 1. hoot 2. bleat 3. chatter 4. howl 5. croak