

FINAL ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT

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Special Instructions :		
<u>This paper consists of FOUR (4) sections. Answer ALL questions in A4 FOOLSCAP PAPER.</u>		
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Materials provided	:	<u>Nil</u>
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SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION (20 marks)

Read the passage, and answer the following questions.

The Amazing Mr. Tesla

- 1 Who invented the x-ray, neon light, speedometer and remote control vehicles? The answer is Nikola Tesla. Who? Nikola Tesla, the greatest inventor you probably never heard of.
- 2 Nikola Tesla was born in the small town of Smiljan in Croatia in 1856. He was born, during an electrical storm. His father was a church official and a mathematician. His mother had little formal education, but she learned books of poetry **by heart** and invented **kitchen gadgets**. Nikola was only five when he created his first invention, an engine powered by twelve beetles.
- 3 At the Polytechnic School in Gratz, Tesla studied the new science of electrical engineering. In 1884, after working briefly in Budapest and Paris, he went to the United States. He had four cents and a letter of recommendation in his pocket when he got off the ship in New York City. He met with the electrical genius, Thomas Edison. The letter, written by one of Edison's European associates, read, "My Dear Edison: I know two great

men, and you are one of them. The other is this young man!" Edison hired Tesla, and Tesla developed several inventions for Edison's company. However, Tesla believed that Edison cheated him, and Tesla left the company in anger in 1885. The two men became **bitter rivals**.

4 Tesla opened his own laboratory in New York City. He promoted the use of 20
alternating current (AC) electricity and he developed motors and generators
for using AC. Edison, on the other hand, championed the use of direct current
(DC) and tried to convince the public that AC electricity was dangerous and
expensive. This competition is known as "the battle of the currents." In fact,
AC is better than DC, especially when electricity must travel long distances. 25
Tesla got a contract to provide AC electricity for the Chicago World's Fair.
This helped him win the struggle against Edison. Today, the electrical energy
used by homes and businesses everywhere is AC electricity.

5 The 1890's was a very creative period for Tesla. He experimented in several
areas, including radio. Most people believe Marconi invented radio, but **it** 30
was Tesla who developed the basic equipment needed for radio broadcasting.
Tesla also invented an X-ray machine, a neon light, and a remote-controlled
boat. Unfortunately, many of his plans and inventions were destroyed in a
fire in his laboratory in 1895.

6 In 1899, Tesla moved to Colorado Springs, where he built a strange 35
laboratory. He tried to develop a machine that would broadcast electrical
power wirelessly, like radio waves. He accidentally created a giant display of
artificial lightning, and once he knocked out the power system for Colorado
Springs. However, he was basically unsuccessful. While in Colorado Springs,
he also said that he heard radio messages from Mars and Venus. Newspaper 40

- reporters ridiculed him for this. In fact, the inventor had made an important discovery. The radio signals that he had detected were created by distant stars.
- 7 For the next few decades, Tesla continued to invent and develop ideas for future inventions. During World War I, he invented a type of radar to hunt German submarines. He created plans for the laser, the microwave oven, and 45 the electron microscope. He invented a "death ray" that he thought could destroy airplanes from hundreds of miles away. He believed that this device—later known as a particle-beam weapon would make war impossible.
- 8 Tesla was certainly a genius, but he was an eccentric genius. He was afraid of women's pearl jewellery. He refused to stay in a hotel room with a number 50 that was divisible by the number three. He always carefully cleaned the silverware before eating in restaurants, and he ate only boiled food. After a taxi accident in 1937, his behaviour became even more unusual. He spent most of his time feeding pigeons in the park and taking care of injured pigeons in **his** room at the Hotel New Yorker. 55
- 9 A brilliant inventor of over seven hundred devices, Tesla spoke nine languages and had a photographic memory. Nevertheless, he was not a good businessman or self-publicist. Despite Tesla's contributions to technology, he died penniless and almost unknown in 1943.

For questions 1 – 7, write the correct answer (A, B, C, or D) in your answer sheet. (8 marks)

*His mother had little formal education, but she learned books of poetry
by **heart** and invented kitchen gadgets.*

1. From this excerpt taken from the passage, if you learn poetry **by heart**, you... (1 mark)
 - A. learn to speak it in an emotional way.
 - B. memorize it.
 - C. learn to write it.
 - D. learn with a teacher.

2. **Kitchen gadgets** in line 7 represent... (1 mark)
 - A. instructions and recipes for cooking food.
 - B. stories about spirits that live in the kitchen.
 - C. small tools for cooking and working in the kitchen.
 - D. stove.

3. What inference can you make about Nikola Tesla's personality as a child in paragraph 2? (2 marks)
 - A. Nikola was full of curiosity as a child.
 - B. Nikola had a very arrogant temperament.
 - C. He hated his parents.
 - D. He was playful.

4. The term **bitter rivals** (line 19) is often associated to two people when they... (1 mark)
 - A. have a lasting friendship.
 - B. are in an unfriendly competition.
 - C. ignore each other completely.
 - D. rarely see each other.

5. What does the author say about the fire of 1895? (1 mark)
 - A. It was deliberately set by supporters of Edison.
 - B. It was caused by artificial lightning.
 - C. It proved that AC electricity was dangerous.
 - D. It destroyed Tesla's inventions and plans.

6. Which of these was Tesla afraid of? (1 mark)
 - A. Room 13 at a hotel
 - B. Boiled food
 - C. Women's pearl earrings
 - D. Pigeons

7. What did Tesla have in common with his mother? (1 mark)

- A. Both of them invented electrical generators.
- B. Both of them had good memory.
- C. Neither of them had any formal education.
- D. Neither of them ever lived in Croatia.

For questions 8-12, determine if each of the statements below is true or false. In your answer sheet, type in T for true statements and F for false statements. (5 marks)

- 8. Tesla was more afraid of women's jewellery than silverware.
- 9. An insect provided the power for the first engine that Tesla built.
- 10. "Battle of Currents" happened in Chicago World's Fair.
- 11. Tesla had built three laboratories, but all of them were destroyed in a fire incident.
- 12. Tesla was only a child when he created his first invention.

For questions 13-15, find in the passage, what the following words refer to, and write your answer in the answer sheet. (3 marks)

- 13. *This* (line 27) _____
- 14. *it* (line 30) _____
- 15. *his* (line 55) _____

For questions 16-19, find in the passage a word that has similar meaning to the following. Write your answer in the answer sheet. (4 marks)

- 16. indispensable (paragraph 5) _____
- 17. to be taunted at (paragraph 6) _____
- 18. very peculiar, an odd ball (paragraph 8) _____
- 19. cleaned out (paragraph 9) _____

SECTION B: SENTENCE SKILLS**(30 marks)****Question 1: Modifiers (5 marks)**

In the answer sheet, indicate whether the sentences below contain dangling modifiers or misplaced modifiers. Then, correct the errors. Refer to the example below:

Riding my bicycle, a dog chased me.	<u>Dangling Modifier</u>
Correction: <u>While I was riding my bicycle, a dog chased me.</u>	

1. Having entered the mall, sale was everywhere.
2. The horses enticed by the pasture ran hurriedly despite the barrier provided by the fence.
3. Claiming for a refund, the service was not satisfying.
4. We saw a beautiful swan looking out our hotel room.
5. A big dog approached the boy that was growling softly.

Question 2: Active & Passive Voices (5 marks)

Rewrite the following sentences in ACTIVE or PASSIVE voice as instructed.

(A) = Active, (P) = Passive

1. Does Ms Anna teach that subject? (P)
2. By this time next week, the announcement will be made by the headmaster. (A)
3. Maria has returned the stolen wallet. (P)
4. My car is serviced by the mechanic every four months. (A)
5. They invited me to their house warming party. (P)

Question 3: Sentence Structures (10 marks)

Correct the following fragment, comma splice and run-on problems. Write the answers in your answer sheet.

1. My parents, sister, brother and I went to the park we saw many animals.
2. The restaurant served scrambled eggs and bread for breakfast, they were delicious.
3. The lighting struck close to our house, it scared my little brother and my grandmother.

4. I fainted, I haven't eaten the whole day.
5. Working as fast as they could to complete the task.

Question 4: Sentence Types (10 marks)

Combine the set of sentences to create the sentence type asked for. You may need to delete or change some words. Write the answers in your answer sheet.

1. A simple sentence:
 - a. The two ladies are from work.
 - b. The two ladies didn't show up.

2. A complex sentence:
 - a. I'll help you.
 - b. You help me.

3. A complex sentence:
 - a. I was doing my homework.
 - b. My father was cooking dinner.
 - c. My father was cleaning up the kitchen.

4. A compound sentence:
 - a. My best friend has been crying every night.
 - b. She has been missing me.

5. A compound sentence:
 - a. The tiny dog and her owner went on a walk.
 - b. They quickly got tired.

SECTION C: PARAGRAPH OUTLINING (30 marks)

Write a topic sentence, three supporting details and a concluding sentence for the following topics.

1. Topic: Unbalanced diet

Topic sentence:

(3 marks)

Supporting details:

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(4.5 marks)

Concluding sentence:

(2.5 marks)

2. Topic: Lifestyle

Topic sentence:

(3 marks)

Supporting details:

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(4.5 marks)

Concluding sentence:

(2.5 marks)

3. Topic: Mental health

Topic sentence:

(3 marks)

Supporting details:

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(4.5 marks)

Concluding sentence:

(2.5 marks)

SECTION D: PARAGRAPH WRITING (20 marks)

Choose **ONE (1)** of the topics from **SECTION C** and write **ONE PARAGRAPH** of about 180-200 words based on your outline. Make sure you include a clear topic sentence, good support, and a concluding sentence. Write your paragraph in your answer sheet (an A4 foolscap paper).

~The End~

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