

**WGJS Grade 6 English Language Test Term 1**  
**Total = 45**

Question 1: Antonyms (Total = 9)

Choose the correct antonym from the list given. Remember an antonym is a word that has the opposite meaning. Only write down the correct letter next to each number.

<b>1. OFFBEAT</b>  A. regular B. bizarre C. boring D. abnormal E. upbeat	<b>2. BOISTEROUS</b>  A. reluctant B. nervous C. rowdy D. organized E. quiet	<b>3. INEVITABLE</b>  A. scheduled B. fated C. unintended D. avoidable E. assured
<b>4. ONSET</b>  A. outset B. birth C. assault D. recess E. conclusion	<b>5. CONCISE</b>  A. gabby B. lean C. wordy D. brief E. dense	<b>6. ARROGANT</b>  A. smug B. shy C. confident D. modest E. unsure
<b>7. DEPOSIT</b>  A. sell B. withdraw C. collect D. invest E. uncover	<b>8. MASSIVE</b>  A. huge B. miniature C. unimportant D. hulking E. sickly	<b>9. CONSTANT</b>  A. disloyal B. habitual C. unstable D. steady E. active

Question 2: Synonyms (Total = 6)

Write a synonym for each of the following words. Remember that a synonym is a word that has the same meaning.

1. nervous
2. ready
3. Awesome
4. Closed
5. Shout
6. Shy

Question 3: Simple past and future tense (Total = 10)

Rewrite the following sentences, firstly in the past tense (labeled a) and then in the future tense (labeled b)

1. I enjoy playing netball.
2. I eat strawberries in the sun.
3. Nishaat plays cricket during the summer.
4. We leave early in the morning for Port Elizabeth.
5. The roses in the garden bloom every spring.

Question 4: Poetic devices (Total = 6)

Match the following poetic devices on the left with the correct explanation on the right:

	Poetic device		Explanation
1	Rhythm	A	A comparison using the words 'like' or 'as'. E.g. As blunt as a spoon
2	Personification	B	The same vowel sounds are repeated e.g: wheezed, sneezed, squeezed.
3	Simile	C	Words that make something that is not human act or appear as if it is a person. E.g. the mountain groaned deeply
4	Alliteration	D	The sound of the word gives a sense of its meaning e.g.: drip, crunch, splat
5	Onomatopoeia	E	Each word begins with the same letter e.g.: sweet silly songs
6	Assonance	F	The beat that is created by the syllables of the words

Question 5: Identifying poetic devices (total = 7)

Read the following exert and answer the questions that follow:

***Exert from The sea-tongue by Kevin Crossley-Holland***

*I am the bell. I'm the tongue of the bell. I was cast before your grandmother was a girl. Before your grandmother's grandmother. So long ago.*

*Listen now! I'm likely to last. I'm gold and green, cast in bronze, I weigh two tons. Up here in the belfry of this closed church, I'm surrounded by sounds. Mouthfuls of air. Words right me.*

*High on this crumbling cliff, I can see the fields of spring and summer corn; they're green and gold, as I am, I can see the shining water, silver and black, and the far fishermen on it. And look! Here comes the bellringer – the old woman.*

1. Has personification been applied to the bell? Give a reason for your answer. (2)
2. Give 3 examples of common nouns from this exert. (3)
3. Which 2 words from the list below best describes the atmosphere or mood of the text? (2)  
Comic, dramatic, melancholy, joyous, eerie

Question 6: Prefix and Suffixes (7)

Identify the prefixes in the following words:

1. misinterpret
2. review
3. preview

Add one of the following suffixes to form a word from:

-ing, -ed, -ful, -let

Note: You may only use one of the above suffixes once.

4. jump
5. cook
6. mind
7. book

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### Question 1

1A

2E

3D

4E

5C

6D

7B

8B

9C

### Question 2 (use discretion as my come up with other words)

- 1 anxious
- 2 prepared
- 3 amazing
- 4 shut
- 5 yell

### Question 3

1. I enjoy playing netball.
  - a) I enjoyed playing netball.
  - b) I will enjoy playing netball.
2. I eat strawberries in the sun.
  - a) I ate strawberries in the sun
  - b) I will eat strawberries in the sun.
3. Nishaat plays cricket during the summer.
  - a) Nishaat played cricket during the summer.
  - b) Nishaat will play cricket during the summer.
4. We leave early in the morning for Port Elizabeth.
  - a) We left early in the morning for Port Elizabeth.
  - b) We will leave early in the morning for Port Elizabeth.

5. The roses in the garden bloom every spring.  
a) The roses in the garden bloomed every spring.  
b) The roses in the garden will bloom every spring.

Question 4

1F

2C

3A

4E

5D

6B

Question 5

1. Yes. The bell describes what it is like and what it can see from up high on the cliff.
2. bell, cliff, grandmother, tongue, church, spring, summer, water, fishermen, women (any 3)
3. melancholy and eerie

Question 6

1. mis
2. re
- 3 pre
4. jumped / jumping (may only use ing or ed once)
5. cooked / cooking
6. mindful
7. booklet