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**LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT**

**CLASS TEST**

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| Lecturer: C. VAN WYK | Date: AUGUST 2023 |
| QUALIFICATION : Certificate English (NQF Level 4) | |
| MODULE : English for,FOUNDATION STUDIES | |
| CLASS TEST : 1 Reading and Directed Writing | |
| TOTAL MARKS : 50 marks | |
| TIME : 1 Hour | |
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**INSTRUCTIONS :**

* Write your full names and student number in the space provided.
* Marks are indicated at the end of each question.
* Answer each question in the space provided below.
* Write neatly and clearly
* **Cell phones** are not allowed during the test sessions.
* **N**umber of pages **6**

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**Section A (10 marks)**

**Reading comprehension**

**Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

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**Questions**

1. What is the population of Namibia? (1)

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1. How many rainy seasons are there in Namibia? State the months. (3)

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6. For each of the following, give one tourist activity that makes it worth a visit.

The Kalahari Desert

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The Fish River Canyon

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1. **Vocabulary: word meanings (10 marks)**

**Give the meanings of the following words as they are used in the passage. Each correct answer scores two marks.**

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**B: Grammar**

**Use the following words to complete the blank spaces. Choose from the given options. Each word may be used once. Each correct answer carries one mark.**

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| **changed** | **view** | **bring** | **free** | **locked** |
| **upfront** | **exchange** | **noisy** | **mini** | **reception** |

1. Can you get someone to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our bags to our room?
2. Are the sheets \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every day?
3. We didn't take anything from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bar.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my keys in my room.
5. Do I leave the key at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ desk?
6. Do I have to pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
7. Is there somewhere I can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money around here?
8. The fan is really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Can I switch it off?
9. Is this service \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or do I have to pay for it?
10. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is fantastic. We can see the whole city.

**Section B**

**Creative writing (20 marks)**

A friend of yours who lives in America has invited you for Christmas but you will not be able to go because your mother who is sick is admitted in hospital. Write a letter to your friend informing him/her why you will not be able to travel. Your letter should not be more than 200 words.

Your letter should include all or some of the following points:

* when your mother got admitted in hospital.
* What the doctors say is the problem with her.
* you are taking care of your siblings.
* When you think you will be able to travel.

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**Questions**

1. What is the population of Namibia? (1)

**2.1 million.**

1. How many rainy seasons are there in Namibia? State the months. (3)

**There are two rainy seasons. One from February to April and the other from September to November (one mark for identification of two seasons, one mark each for mentioning the period of each season).**

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2. **English,**
3. **German,**
4. **Afrikaans,**
5. **Oshiwambo.**

**(one mark for each answer)**

1. For each of the following, give one tourist activity that makes it worth a visit.

The Kalahari desert **– while it is a desert, it has over 5000 different plant species.** (1)

The Fish River Canyon **– hiking along the rim/ going into the canyon/ trekking the Fish River Canyon Hiking Trail. (any of these)** (1)

1. **Vocabulary: word meanings (10 marks)**

**Give the meanings of the following words as they are used in the passage. Each correct answer scores two marks. Mark any other close meanings that students can come up with.**

1. densely **– heavily/ thickly/ closely.**
2. convincingly **– believably/ strongly/ realistically.**
3. fascinating **– charming/ attracting/ interesting.**
4. incredible **– unbelievably/ absurd/ far- fetched.**
5. adventure **– journey/ exploit/ escapade/ undertaking**

**B: Grammar**

**Use the following words to complete the blank spaces. Choose from the given options. Each word may be used once. Each correct answer carries one mark.**

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| **changed** | **view** | **bring** | **free** | **locked** |
| **upfront** | **exchange** | **noisy** | **mini** | **reception** |

1. Can you get someone to **bring** our bags to our room?
2. Are the sheets **changed** every day?
3. We didn't take anything from the **mini** bar.
4. I **locked** my keys in my room.
5. Do I leave the key at the **reception** desk?
6. Do I have to pay **upfront** ?
7. Is there somewhere I can **exchange** money around here?
8. The fan is really **noisy**. Can I switch it off?
9. Is this service **free**, or do I have to pay for it?
10. The **view** is fantastic. We can see the whole city.

**Section B**

**Creative writing (20 marks)**

A friend of yours who lives in America has invited you for Christmas but you will not be able to go because your mother who is sick is admitted in hospital. Write a letter to your friend informing him/her why you will not be able to travel. Your letter should not be more than 200 words.

Your letter should include all or some of the following points:

* when your mother got admitted in hospital.
* What the doctors say is the problem with her.
* you are taking care of your siblings.
* When you think you will be able to travel.

**Award marks for:**

* **Correct format of friendly letter. (4 marks)**
* **Inclusion and expansion of given points. (10 marks)**
* **Good and correct grammar. (6 marks)**

**See marking grid for allocation of mark**