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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, DUBAI

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2024

PORTION FOR YEAR 6 ENTRANCE TEST - May 2024

Subject: ENGLISH

Reading

Comprehension : Questions on extracts from fiction and non-fiction texts will be given to assess comprehension and understanding of ideas, events, situations, characters, vocabulary, grammar, punctuation, writer's use of language to create mood, atmosphere, settings, characters, writer's use of presentational and language features to create effects.

Questions will focus on:

- Identifying and explaining main ideas, information, events, situations
- Summarising ideas using own words
- Deducing and inferring information, ideas, characters' feelings, thoughts, reasons for actions with evidence from the given texts
- Justifying inferences with examples from the given texts.
- Expressing opinions and preferences about characters ,situations, events with evidence from the texts
- Predicting what might happen from details in the texts read.
- Distinguishing between fact and opinion
- Explaining writer's use of figurative language - simile, metaphor, personification, alliteration
- Explaining writer's description of atmosphere, *settings*, *characters*.
- Awareness of synonyms ; antonyms ; homophones
- Explaining the meaning of words from context.
- Awareness of grammar and usage - nouns, pronouns, verbs, imperative verbs, auxiliary verbs ,adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions,

adjectives. Present tense, past tense, future tense. Active and passive voice. Direct and reported (indirect) speech.

- Types of sentences - statements, questions, imperative sentences, exclamatory sentences
- Simple, compound, complex sentences
- Awareness of punctuation - capital letters, full stops, commas, question marks, exclamatory marks, apostrophe, dash, inverted commas or speech marks (direct speech).

Writing

Writing questions will focus on a topic.

Writing questions will focus on any of the following :-

- *Writing about personal experiences; autobiographical recounts.*
- *Writing journal entry or diary entries, describing their experiences, their thoughts, feelings about a given situation.*
- *Letter writing - formal and informal letters*
- *Writing descriptions of a room, a place, a person, a hobby*
- *Writing arguments for or against a given topic expressing views*

Writing questions will assess pupils ability to:-

- communicate variety of ideas, descriptive details, informative details;
- organise ideas into meaningful sentences;
- organise ideas into paragraphs;
- use appropriate connectives ;
- use accurate grammar, punctuation, spellings.
- Write neatly, in legible cursive handwriting.