

# English mini paper

10 questions | Suggested practice time: 10 minutes. Untimed practice is also welcome.

Choose one answer, A-D, for each question. Use rough paper for working. No calculator. The suggested time is ours, not the timing of a particular school or examination.

## The unclaimed seed

Maya found a seed packet beside the library door. Its label was torn, so she could not tell what it would grow. She took it to the librarian, who suggested planting one seed in the library garden. Every afternoon Maya watered the small patch. For a week, nothing appeared. Her brother said the seed was useless, but Maya kept going. On the ninth day, a green shoot pushed through the soil. Maya marked the spot with a pebble so that nobody would step on it. She still did not know the plant's name, but now she had a new question: how tall would it become?

## English mini paper - questions

1. Where did Maya find the packet?

A. In her kitchen B. On a bus C. Under a tree D. Beside the library door

2. Why could Maya not identify the seed?

A. It had no colour B. The label was torn C. The librarian hid it D. She could not read

3. Who suggested planting a seed?

A. The librarian B. A gardener C. Her brother D. Her teacher

4. When did a shoot appear?

A. On the first day B. After a month C. On the seventh day D. On the ninth day

5. Why did Maya use a pebble?

A. To stop rain B. To name the plant C. To feed the seed D. To protect the shoot from footsteps

6. Which best describes Maya?

A. Patient B. Uninterested C. Boastful D. Careless

7. Which word is a verb in "The lantern flickered brightly"?

A. lantern B. brightly C. The D. flickered

8. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.

A. "Wait here" said Jo. B. Wait here," said Jo. C. "Wait here, said Jo." D. "Wait here," said Jo.

9. Which word means the opposite of "reluctant"?

A. hesitant B. willing C. uneasy D. uncertain

10. Choose the correct spelling.

A. sepearte B. seperete C. separate D. separrate

# English mini paper - answers and explanations

One mark per correct answer. No negative marking. Raw practice scores are not standardised scores, pass marks or admission predictions.

1. D - Beside the library door

The first sentence says it was beside the library door.

2. B - The label was torn

The torn label prevented her identifying what it would grow.

3. A - The librarian

The librarian suggested planting one seed in the library garden.

4. D - On the ninth day

The passage explicitly gives the ninth day.

5. D - To protect the shoot from footsteps

She marked the spot so nobody would step on it.

6. A - Patient

She continued watering even when nothing appeared.

7. D - flickered

"Flickered" describes the action.

8. D - "Wait here," said Jo.

The spoken words are in quotation marks, with a comma before the closing quotation mark.

9. B - willing

"Reluctant" means unwilling or hesitant; "willing" is the opposite.

10. C - separate

The correct spelling is separate.