



Time allowed: 30 minutes • Total marks: 25 (1 mark per question)

- Read the passage carefully before you start the questions.
- Circle the letter of the correct answer for each question.
- You can look back at the passage as often as you like.
- If a question is hard, move on and come back to it at the end.

The Kite Contest

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions. The numbers show the paragraphs.

- 1** The rules of the Marden Hill kite contest had not changed in fifty years: build your own kite, launch it from the ridge, and keep it in the air longer than anyone else. Priya had entered twice before. Both times her kite had climbed beautifully, wobbled, and then dived into the gorse like a startled pheasant.
- 2** This year she had a plan, and the plan was mostly her grandfather's fault. All spring he had told her stories of the box kites he flew as a boy in Jaipur, kites that rode rough wind the way a boat rides waves. Together they had spent three weekends in the shed, gluing struts of split bamboo, stretching ripstop nylon she had bought with her own pocket money, and arguing cheerfully about knots.
- 3** Contest morning arrived grey and gusty. On the ridge, Priya watched the early entries with a sinking heart. A huge dragon kite reared up, snapped its line and vanished over the reservoir. Two diamond kites tangled together and fell, spinning like sycamore seeds. The wind was not steady; it came in fists.
- 4** When her turn came, Priya walked out with the box kite and felt the crowd's doubt. It looked wrong: a small, boxy lantern among sleek birds. She paid out ten metres of line, waited for the next gust, and let it punch the kite upwards. The kite shuddered, caught the moving air inside its open frames, and steadied. While other kites flinched at every gust, hers simply leaned into them, climbing in patient steps until it was a small, stubborn star over the ridge.
- 5** Forty minutes later, when the judge finally blew the whistle, only one kite was still flying. Priya reeled it in slowly, the way her grandfather had shown her, and carried it back through the applause. At the gate he was waiting, trying to look modest and failing completely.
- 6** 'Well,' he said, taking one bamboo strut in his weathered hand, 'it seems Jaipur weather and Marden Hill weather are not so different after all.'

Section A: Comprehension

Questions 1 to 13 are about the passage The Kite Contest.

- 1** What must competitors do in the Marden Hill kite contest?
- ☐ A Fly the biggest kite on the ridge ☐ B Fly a kite bought from a shop
☐ C Perform tricks with their kite ☐ D Build their own kite and keep it flying longest
☐ E Fly their kite highest
- 2** What had happened in Priya's two earlier attempts?
- ☐ A Her kite line snapped over the reservoir ☐ B Her kite climbed, wobbled and crashed into the gorse
☐ C She came second both times ☐ D Her kite refused to take off at all ☐ E She was too late to enter

- 3 The kite dived like a startled pheasant. What kind of language is this?
☐ A A command ☐ B An exaggeration meaning it flew well ☐ C A spelling rule ☐ D A rhyme
☐ E A simile
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- 4 Where had Priya's grandfather flown box kites as a boy?
☐ A Marden Hill ☐ B London ☐ C Jaipur ☐ D The reservoir ☐ E A seaside town
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- 5 How did Priya pay for the ripstop nylon?
☐ A With her own pocket money ☐ B Her grandfather paid for it ☐ C She won it in a raffle
☐ D The contest provided it ☐ E She borrowed it from a friend
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- 6 What does the phrase the wind came in fists suggest?
☐ A The wind was gentle and steady ☐ B The wind blew in sudden, violent bursts
☐ C The wind had stopped completely ☐ D The crowd was fighting ☐ E The wind smelled of rain
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- 7 What happened to the dragon kite?
☐ A It tangled with a diamond kite ☐ B It won the contest ☐ C It landed safely on the ridge
☐ D It refused to launch ☐ E It snapped its line and vanished over the reservoir
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- 8 How did the crowd feel when Priya walked out with her kite?
☐ A Doubtful that it would fly well ☐ B Certain she would win ☐ C Angry that she had entered
☐ D Too bored to watch ☐ E Frightened of the wind
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- 9 Why did the box kite cope with the gusts better than the others?
☐ A It was much heavier than the others ☐ B It flew below the wind ☐ C Its line was shorter
☐ D The moving air was caught inside its open frames, keeping it steady ☐ E It was made of metal
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- 10 The kite is described as a small, stubborn star. What does stubborn suggest here?
☐ A It was badly behaved ☐ B It kept changing colour ☐ C It refused to be knocked out of the sky
☐ D It was impossible to steer ☐ E It flew lower than the rest
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- 11 How long had Priya's kite been flying when the whistle blew?
☐ A Forty minutes ☐ B Ten minutes ☐ C An hour ☐ D Fifty minutes ☐ E Twenty minutes
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- 12 Trying to look modest and failing completely tells us the grandfather was really feeling
☐ A Ashamed ☐ B Disappointed ☐ C Very proud ☐ D Confused ☐ E Exhausted
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- 13 What is the main message of the grandfather's final remark?
☐ A Kites should only be flown in Jaipur ☐ B The weather spoiled the contest
☐ C Marden Hill is windier than Jaipur ☐ D The lessons of his childhood kites worked just as well here
☐ E Priya should build a dragon kite next
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Section B: Spelling, punctuation and grammar

Questions 14 to 25 test spelling, punctuation and grammar.

- 14 Which word is spelt incorrectly?
☐ A desperate ☐ B temperature ☐ C generous ☐ D considerate ☐ E seperate
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15 Which word is spelt incorrectly?

- ☐ A watch ☐ B wich ☐ C witch ☐ D switch ☐ E stitch
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16 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ A Priya packed string glue scissors and tape. ☐ B Priya packed, string, glue, scissors and tape.
☐ C Priya packed string, glue, scissors and tape. ☐ D Priya packed string, glue, scissors, and, tape.
☐ E Priya, packed string glue scissors, and tape.
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17 Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly?

- ☐ A The grandfather's stories inspired her. ☐ B The grandfathers stories' inspired her.
☐ C The grandfathers story's inspired her. ☐ D The grandfather's stories' inspired her.
☐ E The grandfathers' stories inspired her, he said.
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18 Choose the correct word: The kite flew higher than ____ before.

- ☐ A never ☐ B even ☐ C yet ☐ D always ☐ E ever
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19 Choose the correct word: By lunchtime the wind ____ stronger.

- ☐ A had grew ☐ B had grown ☐ C have grown ☐ D has grew ☐ E grewed
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20 Which word in this sentence is an adverb? She slowly reeled in the long line.

- ☐ A she ☐ B reeled ☐ C long ☐ D slowly ☐ E line
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21 Which word in this sentence is a pronoun? Priya thanked him for the bamboo.

- ☐ A Priya ☐ B thanked ☐ C for ☐ D bamboo ☐ E him
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22 What is the plural of shelf?

- ☐ A shelves ☐ B shelfes ☐ C shelve ☐ D shelves ☐ E shelvies
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23 Choose the best conjunction: The kite stayed up ____ the wind was wild.

- ☐ A because ☐ B although ☐ C so ☐ D unless ☐ E or
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24 Which sentence is an exclamation?

- ☐ A What a flight that was! ☐ B Was that a good flight? ☐ C That was a steady flight.
☐ D Describe the flight in your book. ☐ E The flight lasted forty minutes.
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25 Which option shows the words in alphabetical order?

- ☐ A knot, kite, ladder, lantern ☐ B kite, ladder, knot, lantern ☐ C kite, knot, ladder, lantern
☐ D lantern, ladder, knot, kite ☐ E kite, knot, lantern, ladder
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End of paper. Well done!
