




EXAMINATION FOR THE POST OF COURT  
MESSENGER AT THE COURTS OF JUSTICE, MALTA

Time Allowed - 1½Hrs

March 2014



Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Lilly loves her new town. She loves the mall. She loves the parks. She also loves her school. Most of all, though, Lilly loves the seasons. In her old town, it was hot all of the time.

Sometimes it is cold in Lilly's new town. The cold season is winter. Once in a while it snows. Lilly has never seen snow before. So for her, the snow is exciting as well as very beautiful. Lilly has to wear gloves to keep her hands warm. She also wears a scarf around her neck.

In spring, flowers bloom and the trees turn green with new leaves. The pollen falls on the cars and window sills and makes Lilly sneeze. People work in their yards and mow their grass.

In summer, Lilly wears her old shorts and sandals—the same ones she used to wear in her old town. It's hot outside, and the dogs lie in the shade. Lilly and her friends go to a pool or play in the water sprinkler. Her father cooks hamburgers on the grill for dinner. Lilly's favourite season is autumn. In autumn, the leaves on the trees turn yellow, gold, red, and orange. Halloween comes in autumn, and this is Lilly's favourite holiday. Every Halloween, Lilly wears a costume. Last year she wore a mouse costume. This year she will wear a scary costume.

One evening in autumn, Lilly and her mom are sitting together on the porch. Mom tells Lilly that autumn is also called "fall". This is a good idea, Lilly thinks, because in the fall all of the leaves fall down from the trees.

- 1) Based on information in the passage,
  - a) What is it that Lilly doesn't miss so much in her new town? (1 mark)  
The seasons; hot all of the time; the mall; the parks; her school.
  - b) Which of the following words is the odd one out? (1 mark)  
Gloves, scarf, pollen, shorts, sandals
  - c) In autumn, the leaves on the trees turn yellow, red, and orange, and \_\_\_\_\_. (1 mark)
  - d) Lilly had to buy new summer-wear in her new town. True or false? (1 mark)
- 2) This passage is mainly about
  - a) Lilly's favourite season
  - b) Lilly and the four seasons
  - c) Lilly's favourite activities during the winter
  - d) Lilly's favourite Halloween costumes (4marks)
- 3) What is Lilly's most favourite thing about her new town?
  - a) her school
  - b) going to the pool
  - c) the food
  - d) the seasons (4marks)

- 4) In paragraph 2 the author writes, "She also wears a scarf around her neck." What is a scarf?
- a) A square woollen shawl to keep your shoulders warm.
  - b) A length of material, usually wool, to keep your neck or head warm
  - c) A fashionable tie for women.
  - d) A kind of necklace for the winter
- (4marks)

5) Which of the following best describes the subject of this story?

- a) The author talks about Lily's new town, and then talks about how the seasons are changing.
  - b) The author introduces Lilly, and then describes her in relation to the four seasons.
  - c) The author introduces Lilly, and then explains why autumn is her favourite season.
  - d) The author discusses the four seasons, and then describes which one Lilly likes best.
- (4 marks)

6) Based on information in paragraph 5, which of the following costumes is Lilly most likely to wear next year?

- a) a princess costume
  - b) a fairy costume
  - c) a ghost costume
  - d) a bird costume
- (5marks)

7) Based on information in the passage, which season has two names?

- a) spring
  - b) summer
  - c) autumn
  - d) winter
- (5 marks)

8) Which of the following words best describes the way Lilly feels about living in her new town?

- a) Sceptical, meaning is questioned or sowing doubt
  - b) apprehensive, meaning anxious or worried
  - c) overjoyed, meaning extremely happy
  - d) content, meaning satisfied with what one is or has
- (5 marks)

9) Write a sentence about your favourite season. (5 marks)

## Exercises

### A. Choose the correct word

Example: There is a good restaurant up the ( rode, road)  
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1. Can I go to the party (to, too, two)? (3 marks)
2. The children got (bored, board, aboard) during the lecture. (3 marks)
3. Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez like to work in (there, they're, their) garden. (3 marks)
4. Peter is going to (wear, ware, were) his work boots today. (3 marks)
5. Do you think it is going to (rein, rain, reign) this afternoon? (3marks)

### B. Complete the following sentences:

- 1) The stars and the moon ..... (3 marks)
- 2) When the sun went down..... (3 marks)
- 3) There was a big explosion and..... (3 marks)
- 4) Very gently the cat climbed..... (3 marks)
- 5) The parrot has..... (3 marks)

### C. Write the following sentences and choose a suitable adverb (only once) from those in the bracket to fill the blanks. Write full sentences in the Answer Book provided. (early; carefully; quickly; gently; slowly )

- 1) The butterfly landed.....on the flower. (3 marks)
- 2) The driver drove his truck..... (3 marks)
- 3) Look ..... before you cross the road. (3 marks)
- 4) The old man looked very sick, so the doctor came..... (3 marks)
- 5) .....in the morning the farmer went to town. (3 marks)

### D. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

- 1) When the traffic accident happened the wardens were soon ..... the spot. (3 marks)
- 2) The picture was hanging ..... the table. (3 marks)
- 3) The banker opened the safe and placed the money ..... (3 marks)
- 4) The teacher took the class ..... the cinema. (3 marks)
- 5) The bull ran ..... the field. (3 marks)

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