



English 1 (Home Language) – Grade 9

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, scratch out the letter in the matching square on your answer sheet. Example:- If the answer to question 4 is c, then scratch out the letter c in the square containing c next to the number 4 (see example 1 below). If you've made a mistake and b should have been the answer, neatly cross out the mistake and then scratch out b (see example 2 below).

Example 1:- 4. a b ~~c~~ d

Example 2:- 4. a ~~b~~ ~~c~~ d

Read the edited article below for questions 1 – 14.

Greta Thunberg: schoolgirl, climate change warrior: "Some people can let things go. I can't."

One day last summer, aged 15, Greta skipped school, sat down on the cobblestones outside the Swedish parliament, with a hand-painted banner, and kicked off a global movement.



Greta Thunberg cut a frail and lonely figure when she started a school strike for the climate outside the Swedish parliament building last August. ...

Eight months on, the picture could not be more different. The pigtailed teenager is feted across the world as a model of determination, inspiration and positive action. And, most striking of all, the loner is now anything but alone.

"And then I showed my parents pictures, graphs, films, articles and reports. After a while, they started listening to what I actually said. That's when I realised I could make a difference. How I got out of that depression was that I thought: it is just a waste of time feeling this way because I can do so much good with my life. I am trying to do that so I now

Her parents were the guinea pigs. ... she had remarkable powers of persuasion, and her mother gave up flying, which had a severe impact on her career. Her father became a vegetarian. As well as feeling relieved by the transformation of their formerly quiet and morose daughter, they said ... "She changed us and now she is changing a great many other people. There was no hint of this in her childhood. It's unbelievable. If this can happen, anything can happen."

... "The first day, I sat alone from about 8.30am to 3pm - the regular school day. On the second day, people started joining me. After that, there were people there all the time."

She kept her promise to strike every day until the Swedish national elections. Afterwards, she made a speech in front of thousands of people at a People's Climate March rally.

"In some cases where I am really passionate, I will not change my mind," she says.



1. Which of the following is another term for 'climate change'?

- (a) Global warming.
- (b) Greenhouse effect.
- (c) Carbon footprint.
- (d) Ozone depletion.

2. What does the description as a 'warrior' reveal about her method of promoting awareness?

- (a) She wages a 'war of words' against those who don't believe in climate change.
- (b) She creates friendly chats around the issue of climate change.
- (c) She is an activist who uses strike action to gain publicity for her cause.
- (d) She uses protest action as a means of achieving celebrity status.



3. What image of Thunberg does the writer create by describing her as 'frail'?

- (a) He makes her appear vulnerable and defenseless.
- (b) He portrays her as a victim.
- (c) He emphasizes that she does not pose a threat.
- (d) He implies that she is fighting a lost cause.

Did you know?

A simple sentence consists of a main (independent) clause.
 A complex sentence consists of a main clause and a subordinate (dependent) clause.
 A compound sentence consists of two main clauses.
 A periodic sentence consists of a subordinate clause followed by the main clause.
 A synonym is a word that is similar in meaning.
 An antonym is a word that means the opposite.
 An idiom is a statement that has a figurative rather than a literal meaning.
 A hyperbole is an exaggerated statement.
 A simile is a comparison between two things by using the words 'like' or 'as'.
 A metaphor is an implied comparison between two things without using the words 'like' or 'as'.

4. Which type of sentence is contained in the underlined lines in the second paragraph?

- (a) A simple sentence.
- (b) A complex sentence.
- (c) A compound sentence.
- (d) A periodic sentence.

5. What does the phrase ‘pigtailed teenager’ emphasize about Greta Thunberg?

- (a) That she is immature for her age.
- (b) That she is very young to be fighting an adult cause.
- (c) That she is completely out of her depth on climate change issues.
- (d) That she cannot be taken seriously.

6. Which word is an **antonym** for ‘fêted’?

- (a) Celebrated.
- (b) Humiliated.
- (c) Acclaimed.
- (d) Praised.

7. ‘And, most striking of all, the loner is now anything but alone.’ The function of the use of commas are to

- (a) separate additional information from the rest of the sentence.
- (b) separate different types of clauses within a sentence.
- (c) separate the subject from the predicate.
- (d) emphasize the most important part of the sentence.

8. ‘I am trying to do that still now.’

Which option is the correct order for this sentence?

- (a) I still am trying to do that now.
- (b) I am trying still to do that now.
- (c) I am still trying to do that now.
- (d) I am trying now to still do that.

9. ‘Her parents were the guinea pigs.’

Which **figure of speech** is the above statement?

- (a) An idiom.
- (b) Irony.
- (c) A hyperbole.
- (d) A simile.



10. Which of the following is the **most likely** reason why Thunberg’s mother gave up flying?

- (a) Deforestation (forests are cleared to build airports).
- (b) Animal agriculture (meat is served on flights).
- (c) Fossil fuels (aeroplanes pollute the atmosphere).
- (d) Single-use plastics (disposable cutlery, plates and cutlery).

11. Which of the following is a **synonym** for ‘morose’?

- (a) Miserable.
- (b) Self-absorbed.
- (c) Reserved.
- (d) cheerful.

12. Greta’s father said, “If this can happen, anything can happen.”

The sentence as **indirect** speech would be:

- (a) Greta’s father said that this could happen if anything could happen.
- (b) Greta’s father said if that this could have happened, anything could have happened.
- (c) Greta’s father said if that could happen, anything could have happened.
- (d) Greta’s father said that if that could happen, anything could happen.



13. “In some cases where I am really passionate, I will not change my mind,” she says.

Which character trait best describes her personality?

- (a) Courageous.
- (b) Impulsive.
- (c) Persistent.
- (d) Ambitious.

14. In which type of publication would this article most likely appear?

- (a) The Guardian newspaper.
- (b) Wikipedia.
- (c) A population statistics report.
- (d) A scientific journal.



Did you know?

Personification is when a non-living thing takes on human characteristics.

A **metonymy** is the use of a term that is associated with a particular object.

Predicate is the part of the sentence containing a verb.

A **cliché** is an overused, unoriginal statement.

An **abbreviation** is a shortened form of a word or phrase.

An **acronym** is an abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a word.

Consonance is consonants that appear close together.

A **closed-ended question** requires a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ answer.

An **open-ended question** requires a more detailed answer.

A **leading question** is when the answer is obvious.

A **rhetorical question** does not require an answer.

