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Personification
Test Paper 2

Instructions:

1. The time allowed is 10 minutes for 17 questions.
2. Questions 1 to 15 are of 1 mark each
3. Questions 16 and 17 are of 2.5 marks each
4. Answers should be clearly marked in pencil on the question paper itself.
5. No separate answer sheet is provided.
6. No marks are lost for an incorrect answer.
7. If you have marked the wrong answer, erase it and mark the new one, making sure that your final answer is clear.

Symbols used:



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Answer the following questions by selecting one option from A - E.

1 **Personification involves…**

A. Using sarcasm to mock a person or idea
B. Creating contrast between two images
C. Creating a word that mirrors a sound
D. Characterising an object as human
E. Using exaggeration

2 **Identify the sentence that includes personification.**

A. The leaves were like perfect thin curls of jade.
B. Roger snorted in contempt at Mick's insult.
C. The sunset showed off its colourful beauty.
D. Purring on my lap, the cat seemed perfectly content.
E. Miles' jacket was the colour of mahogany.

3 **Complete the example of personification with the most appropriate verb.**

To her dismay, Maria's car _____ to start in the morning.

A. made
B. refused
C. decided
D. cried
E. disrupted

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4 **What is being personified here? During the storm, the glass in the old windows rattled and trembled in fear.**

A. The storm
B. The fear
C. The windows
D. The sky
E. The glass

5 **What is the meaning of the following example of personification? Winter was approaching, with its dark eyes and cold numb lips, ready to strip the meadow clean.**

A. A person called Winter is on their way.
B. The season of winter is warming the fields.
C. The season of winter is threatening.
D. Winter's effect on the landscape is going to be devastating.
E. Winter makes people unwell.

6 **Complete the personification. The paintings in the exhibit really _____ to me.**

A. spoke
B. listened
C. drove
D. painted
E. woke

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7 **What is being personified here? At the sight of the bear in the trees, I ran as far as my legs could carry me.**

A. The speaker
B. The sight of the bear
C. The speaker's legs
D. The bear
E. The trees

8 **Which of the following options contains an example of personification?**

A. The golden glow of the lamplight softened the air.
B. The bedside lampshade was my faithful companion each night.
C. The glow from the lamppost was warm and soft.
D. I was grateful for the single orb of yellow light in the dark street.
E. The lamppost was like a royal guard.

9 **What is being personified in the following phrase? Mary's expression screamed of disapproval.**

A. Mary's disapproval
B. Mary's scream
C. Mary
D. Mary's eyebrows
E. Mary's expression

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10 **What is the meaning of the following example of personification? Mary's expression screamed of disapproval.**

A. Mary's disapproval was very clear
B. Mary disapproved of people who screamed
C. Mary's disapproval was difficult to recognise
D. Mary was encouraging
E. Mary's emotions were getting the better of her

11 **Which of the following does not contain an example of personification?**

A. Rochelle fixed her sister with an icy glare.
B. The pair of designer shoes winked at me.
C. The sight of the large crowd encouraged me to give my best performance.
D. All around me, the trees reached their spindly fingers into the air beyond.
E. The gaudy colours of Mariam's dress seemed to bellow at me.

12 **Complete this example of personification with the most appropriate verb.**
The warm air of Spain _____ me closely.

A. admired
B. warmed
C. flattered
D. hugged
E. smiled

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13 **What is the meaning of the following example of personification? Dante's new wallpaper was the loudest guest at the party.**

A. Dante's wallpaper was understated and muted.
B. It means that the wallpaper was one bright colour.
C. It means that the wallpaper was decorated with words and phrases.
D. Dante's wallpaper had a vulgar pattern that grabbed everyone's attention.
E. It means that Dante was a very bold and confident person.

14 **What can be personified? Choose one option.**

A. Just objects
B. Just humans
C. Both objects and ideas
D. Just ideas
E. Just animals

15 **What is being personified in the following sentence? When she heard the news, a feeling of bitter jealousy devoured Emily's heart.**

A. The bitterness
B. Emily
C. Emily's heart
D. The news
E. The jealousy

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CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

1 **Match the examples of personification.**

	Column 1		Column 2
i.	The cruel waves	**A.**	devoured the house
ii.	The plant	**B.**	crashed mercilessly
iii.	The city	**C.**	taunted me
iv.	The mirror	**D.**	never sleeps
v.	The flames	**E.**	cried out for water

2 **Fill in the blanks with the correct word to complete the sentences.**

Maria was stuck in traffic. The lights of the car in front flashed **(i)** _____, and the rain lashed down, **(ii)** _____ her window in mindless rage. Her poor windscreen wipers desperately **(iii)** _____ to clear the window of water, but it was helpless. The weak sun tried **(iv)** _____ to break through the blackening clouds. Her wheels spun on the wet road, screaming **(v)** _____ .

A. attacking
B. painfully
C. pathetically
D. attempted
E. angrily

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