Language, Literacy and Numeracy Skills Check
Level 3

The purpose of a language, literacy and numeracy skills check is conducted for the following reasons:-

1. Ensure that you as the student are able to understand the training material
2. Assist your trainer/assessor in determining the level of your language, literacy and numerical skills.

Please note: This is not a pass/fail test, but an indication of your language, literacy & numeracy skills.

It is recommended that you have a pen and paper handy so you can work out some answers before entering them into the test. Please do not use a calculator as this will not give RTO a true indication of your mathematical skills.

Activity 1

Please indicate which of the following sentences are correct or incorrect. If incorrect, please circle the incorrect word in the sentence.

Me and my sister went shopping last Thursday.   Correct/Incorrect

I'll pick yous up after soccer practice.   Correct/Incorrect

The fire brigade arriving was a site for sore eyes.   Correct/Incorrect

I dunno if I can make it tomorrow.   Correct/Incorrect

Is David and Claire coming to the party?   Correct/Incorrect

Activity 2

Circle the correct word in the sentence.

(Whose/Who's) jumper is this?

Linda (is/are) very pleased with her flower arrangement.

To (whom/who) is the invitation addressed?

They are going to (their/there/they're) friends house.

Tanya and (I/me) are going to the beach this afternoon.

Activity 3

Select whether the following words are spelt correct or incorrect:

housing   Correct/Incorrect
adress   Correct/Incorrect
Thusday   Correct/Incorrect
fourty   Correct/Incorrect
librarey   Correct/Incorrect
attainment   Correct/Incorrect
maintanance   Correct/Incorrect
recieve   Correct/Incorrect
accomodation   Correct/Incorrect

Activity 4

Read the following paragraph and select the best answer for each question. Circle the correct answer.

Dave was telling Mike about the sounds he could expect to hear in the bush early the next morning. "First you'll hear the wattle bird - it sounds like a string of hiccups - that'll be the one to wake you! It wakes up the other birds too. Then you'll hear a warbling sound - that's the magpies, then that'll start the sparrows chirping." Mike was looking forward to listening to the bird sounds in the morning. He wondered if Terry and John would be woken by the birds - they were already fast asleep in their sleeping bags. He hoped the morning would be warmer - it was freezing!

The four boys were probably

a) At sea on a cruise
b) Staying at a friends place
c) Camping
d) None of these

The 'expert' on bird calls was

a) Terry
b) Mike
c) John
d) Dave

Activity 5

You have been given four words that could replace the word in capitals. Choose the word with the closest meaning to the one in capitals.

1. I have DECLINED the invitation to join you tomorrow.   opened/forwarded/refused/accepted

2. The job involves a lot of EFFORT.   fun/work/pleasure/worry

Activity 6

Calculate the following mathematic equations - **do not use a calculator**. This is not a pass/fail test.

1.   What is the next number in the sequence? 2, 4, 6, _____

2.   If apples cost 5 cents each, how many can I buy if I have 40 cents? _____

3.   How much change will I receive from $20 if I spend $11.80? _____

4.   If a car travels at an average speed of 60km per hour, how many hours will it take to travel 240kms?
      _____

5.   Divide 104 by 8 = _____

6.   What is 10% of $24.10? _____

7.   What is 20% of $64.35? _____

8.   134 + 9 - 35 = _____

9.   If tiles weigh 0.5kg each, how many do 6 tiles weigh? _____

10.   Circle or highlight the correct answer for this equation:

      0.25 + 0.65 = 1/2   9/10   4/7   2/9

Activity 7

Make common nouns of three letters or more. You must use the middle letter 'P' somewhere in each word.
Each letter can only be used once in a word. No plurals ending in 'S' are allowed.

T	I	N
O	P	A
A	S	T

1.   _____   6.   _____

2.   _____   7.   _____

3.   _____   8.   _____

4.   _____   9.   _____

5.   _____

Activity 8

WHO   WHAT   WHERE   HOW

Use the above words to finish the following sentences:

a. _____ do you live?

b. _____ do you have for lunch?

c. _____ are your friends?

d. _____ do you get home?

e. _____ is in the box?

f. _____ is that boy over there?

Activity 9

Choose <u>synonyms</u> (words that mean the same) for the following:

1. Whole _____

2. Dispute _____

3. Possibly _____

4. Sick person _____

5. Wishing _____

6. Washing _____

Activity 10

Read the following diary entry. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the list.

SHOULDN'T   TO KNOW
OUT   VALUE
HAVE   TEASING
THROUGH   ANYMORE

I knew I _____ have got up this morning. Keith annoyed me all _____ with his _____ about missing out on my silver licence yesterday. How was I _____ that the stationary bus was going to pull _____ in front of me?

In period 3 old bones said I'd _____ to buy a calculator because half of my functions don't work. At $15 I reckon that's too expensive. A Justin Bieber CD is better _____ for my money than a calculator.

Activity 11

Correct the misspellings in this diary entry. Circle the misspelt word and rewrite it in the space provided.

Yesterday I dived into the creek to retreive a ball I'd lost. Mum could not believe I had been so silly. I know the creek is not hygienic but I was in and out in a flash so I thought I'd be all right. "Don't be decieved", mum roused. "Bacteria can get into a nick or graze faster than you would beleeve. She was releived of her anxiety when I went and scrubbed up to be sure I was not in reciept of a batch of creek germs.

_____

_____

_____

Activity 12

Prisoner of Society

Well we don't need no one to tell us what to do
Oh yes we're on our own and there's nothing you can do
So we don't need no-one like you
To tell us what to do

We don't refer to the past when showing what we've done
The generation gap means that was is never won
The past is in your head
The future's in our hands

'Cos I'm a brat and I know everything
And I talk back, 'cos I'm not listening to anything you say

And if you could count to three – one, two, three
You'll see it's no emergency
You'll see I'm not the enemy
Just a prisoner of society

Circle the correct answer

1. The voice of this song is that of:
    a) An unemployed person
    b) A rebel
    c) A teenager
    d) A convict

2. The main point of his/her complaint is:
    a) Adults talk about the past
    b) The generation gap
    c) Adults tell young people what to do
    d) Adults talk about emergencies

3. By implication who refers to the past when showing what we've done:
    a) Parents
    b) The government
    c) Police
    d) All people in society

4. For the speaker talking back in an act of:
   a) Defiance
   b) Obstruction
   c) Silliness
   d) Rudeness

5. Whose words is the speaker quoting in "'Cos I'm a brat, and I know everything and I talk back":
   a) His peers
   b) Teachers
   c) Adults who have told him/her that
   d) His parents

6. What war will never be won?:
   a) Generational war
   b) In the middle east
   c) Cultural war
   d) Political wars

7. The language of this song could be described as:
   a) Complex
   b) Colloquial
   c) Stilted
   d) Formal

8. The tone of these lyrics could be described by three of the following adjectives. Circle the **incorrect** one:
   a) Provocative
   b) Challenging
   c) Forceful
   d) Insincere

9. In what line is the idea of defiance introduced:
   a) Line one
   b) Line two
   c) Line three
   d) Line four

10. The line "we're on our own" suggests:
    a) Independence
    b) Rebellion
    c) Revolution
    d) Peer togetherness

11. The phrase "the generation gap" is:
    a) A clever phrase
    b) A cliché
    c) An example of rhyme
    d) Is original to the song

12. When the singer says, "I'm a brat" etc this is an example of:
    a) Exaggeration
    b) Irony
    c) An antonym
    d) Synonym

13. The instruction to count to three is usually preceded by 'take a deep breath' why has the writer included

counting to three in the lyrics?:

a) Patronisation of adults
b) Asking adults to be patient
c) Simplifying the message
d) An attempt to have a second chorus

14. The title "Prisoner of Society" refers to:
a) Stuck in prison
b) I'm a brat
c) Stuck in the generation gap
d) Obeys all of societies laws

Activity 13

Nick multiplied 38 by 76 on his calculator. The answer shown was 2888. Nick then pressed four more buttons. The answer shown was 38.

Which four buttons could Nick have pressed to get 38? Circle the correct answer.

a) $+\ 76\ =$ c) $\times\ 76\ =$

b) $-\ 76\ =$ d) $/\ 76\ =$

Activity 14

Tanya recorded temperatures on a mountain over four days. Circle the sequence which gives temperatures in order from lowest to highest.

a)   0'C, -3'C, 4'C, -5'C
b)   -3'C, -5'C, 0'C, 4'C
c)   -5'C, 4'C, -3'C, 0'C
d)   -5'C, -3'C, 0'C, 4'C

Activity 15

Clair thinks of a number shown as 'N'
She multiplies the number by itself.
She then halves that answer and subtracts 10.
Circle the expression that shows what Clair did.

a) $2N - 10/2$
b) $2N/2 - 10$
c) $N^2/2 - 10$
d) $N^2 - 10/2$

Activity 15

Circle the longest distance:

a)   0.1203km

b) 123m
c) 1230cm
d) 12030mm

Activity 16

Sally has seen four movies.
The ticket prices were: $13, $8, $10, $10
The next movie she plans to see in is 3D and the ticket price is $34.
Circle one of the following that will not change after Sally sees the next movie:

a) The median of her ticket prices
b) The mean of her ticket prices
c) The range of her ticket prices
d) The total cost of her tickets

Activity 17

A copier prints 1200 leaflets. One third of the leaflets are on yellow paper and the rest are on blue paper. There are smudges on 5% of the blue leaflets.

Circle the correct answer that represents how many blue leaflets have smudges:

a) 40
b) 60
c) 400
d) 800

Activity 18

The distance from P to Q is four times the distance from Q to R. The distance from P to R is 120 metres.

What is the distance from Q to R? Circle the correct answer.

a) 15 metres
b) 20 metres
c) 24 metres
d) 30 metres

P   **Q**   **R**

Activity 19

You have four playing cards. The values of the cards are:

- 0
- 2
- 4
- 5

Use each card once to make this number sentence true:

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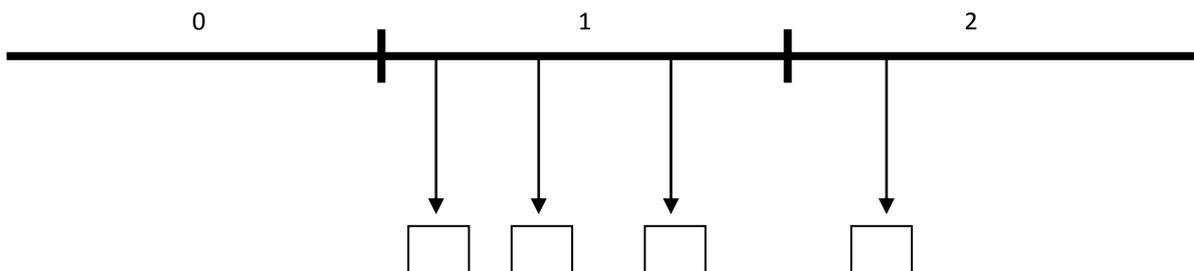
Activity 20

What is the answer to 6.6/0.3?
Circle the correct answer.

a) 0.022
b) 0.22
c) 2.2
d) 22

Activity 21

Which arrow is pointing closest to the location of ¾ on this number line? Tick the correct answer.

Activity 22

Jade buys a 500 gram bag of beads at a market.
Each bead has a mass of 0.48 grams

Circle which is the best estimate for the number of beads in the 500 gram bag.

a) 100
b) 250
c) 1000
d) 2500

Student Declaration

I declare that all answers in this skills test are my own work and that I did not use a calculator to complete any section.

Name: _____

Date: _____