



Department of English - Entrance Examination Standards (Grade 9)

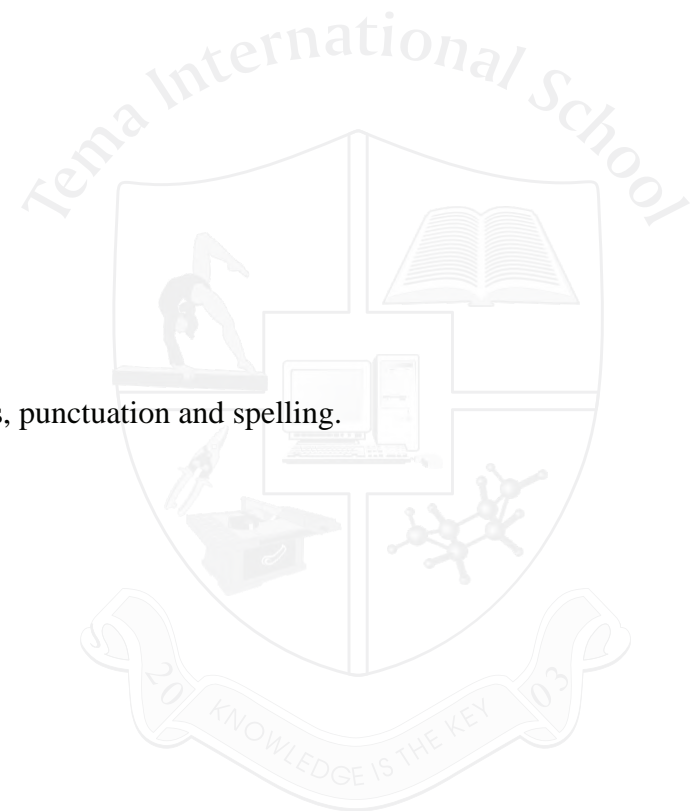
The Grade 9 Entrance Examination will test prospective students on the following skills.

Reading Skills

- Prospective students will be tested on their ability to:
 1. Understand and collate explicit meanings
 2. Understand, explain and collate implicit meanings and attitudes
 3. Select, analyse and evaluate what is relevant to specific purposes

Writing Skills

- Prospective students will be assessed on their ability to:
 1. Articulate experience and express what is thought, felt and imagined
 2. Order and present facts, ideas and opinions
 3. Understand and use a range of appropriate vocabulary
 4. Use language and register appropriate to audience and context
 5. Make accurate and effective use of paragraphs, grammatical structures, sentences, punctuation and spelling.





Breadth of Study

- Prospective students will have to be familiar with the various writing purposes, that is, writing to:

Argue

Persuade

Advise

Review

Comment

Analyse

Imagine

Entertain

Explore

Inform

Explain

Describe/Narrate

- They will have to be familiar with various writing formats to include:

Letters

Articles

Reports

Diary Entry/Journal

Essay

- They should understand audience considerations and the use of appropriate register.



ENTRANCE EXAMINATION WEIGHTING

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| <p><u>SECTION A</u></p> <p>Reading Comprehension</p> <p>Prospective students will answer all questions</p> | <p><u>30%</u></p> |
| <p><u>SECTION B</u></p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Prospective students will be asked to summarise all or aspects of a passage.</p> | <p><u>20%</u></p> |
| <p><u>SECTION C</u></p> <p>Essay Writing</p> <p>Prospective students will be asked to choose a topic out of two to write an essay of about one to one and half pages depending on the size of their handwriting.</p> | <p><u>50%</u></p> |

