



RADLEY

2024 Academic Scholarship Examination Paper

LANGUAGE APTITUDE TEST

20–21 February 2024

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Do your work on this paper. There are two parts.
Leave at least five minutes at the end to check your work.

Dictionaries are not permitted.

Total marks: 30

Have you already learnt any modern foreign or classical languages?
If so, please state which and the length of time (e.g. Japanese, 1 year):

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Question 1 – Grammatical awareness

Underline **ten** errors involving spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) in this extract from *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. There may be more than ten errors.

Correct each error in the table and explain the problem in each case.

Dumbledores wand tip ignited, casting it's light up a narrow hallway. To the left, another door stood open. Holding his illuminated wand aloft, Dumbledore walked in to the sitting room with Harry right behind him.

A scene of total devastation met there eyes. A grandfather clock lay splintered at their feet, its face cracked, its pendulum lying a little farther away as a dropped sword. A piano was on its side, its keys strewn across the floor. The wreckage of a fallen chandelier glittered nearby. Cushions lay deflated feathers oozing from slashes in their sides; fragments of glass and china lay like powder over every thing. Dumbledore raised his wand even higher, so that its light was thrown upon the walls, where something darkly red and glutinous has splattered over the wallpaper. Harry's small intake of breathe made Dumbledore look around.

"Not pretty, is it?" he said heavy. "Yes, something horrible has happened here."

e.g.	Dumbledore's	Missing apostrophe (possessive S)
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Total for Question 1: 15 marks

Question 2 – Swedish runes

The Vikings spoke Old Norse and wrote it using runes. There are several different versions of the Nordic runes; this problem uses the so-called **Younger Futhark**, which consists of 16 different runes. Unfortunately, the Old Norse had more sounds than that, which means that many of the runes were used for several different (although similar) sounds.

The Vikings are best known for their travels, and many rune inscriptions tell of their adventurous journeys to different places. The words (a)-(e) below are Old Norse place names taken from runestones in Sweden, and (i)-(v) are their modern English names in a random order.

Note that the names may not be exactly the same in Old Norse as in modern English – for example, the Vikings called Greece *Griekland*.

1(a)

Match the modern English names to their Old Norse equivalent. Write the corresponding Roman numeral in the boxes.

<input type="text"/>	a)	ᚢᚱᚱᚦ	i)	<i>England</i>
<input type="text"/>	b)	ᚠᚠᚦᚠᚠᚦ	ii)	<i>Greece</i>
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<input type="text"/>	e)	ᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦᚦ	v)	<i>Saxony</i>

[5 marks]

Most inscriptions are memorials to people who have died, and some of them also mention who actually inscribed the text. Inscriptions (f)-(j) each contain a name, and the modern versions of those names (vi)-(x) are given in a random order.

1(b)

Match the modern names to the inscription that contains them.

	f)	†Nƿ ƿƿ†RI †Nƿ ƿ†N†R R†Iƿ†N ƿ†††	vi)	<i>Harald</i>
	g)	ƿ††† ††† ††† †††††† †††††† ††††††	vii)	<i>Knut</i>
	h)	ƿ†††††† †††††† †††††† ††††††	viii)	<i>Thorsten</i>
	i)	†††††† †Nƿ †††††† ††††††	ix)	<i>Gunnar</i>
	j)	†††††† ††††††	x)	<i>Björn</i>

[5 marks]

1(c)

Old Norse is related to English, and many words are similar in the two languages. The five inscriptions (f)-(j) contain two words for male relatives. Write those two words in runes.

[2 marks]

Note down three of your observations.

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[3 marks]

Total for Question 2: 15 marks