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Subject	English Language	Topic	Direct & Indirect Narration	Total Marks	100
Total Questions	45	Time Allowed	1 Hour (60 minutes)	Version	A

- GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
- Read each question carefully before answering.
 - For Section A and Section B, mark one answer only.
 - For Sections C and E, write your answer clearly in the space provided.
 - For Section D, write the correct letter from Column B against each item in Column A.
 - Do not use correction fluid. Keep all answers clear and legible.
 - This worksheet is prepared from the EDUSAMBAM practice assessment supplied for this paper.

PAPER PATTERN

Section	Questions	Marks Each	Total
Section A — Multiple Choice	15	2	30
Section B — True / False	10	2	20
Section C — Fill in the Blank	10	2	20
Section D — Column Matching	5 pairs	2	10
Section E — Short Answer	5	4	20
Total	45	—	100

Section A — Multiple Choice

30 marks

1. What is direct speech?

A. The exact words spoken by a person

B. A summary of what a person said

C. A question without a speaker

D. A sentence with no quotation marks

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

2. What punctuation normally encloses the exact words in direct speech?

A. Brackets

B. Quotation marks

C. A semicolon

D. A hyphen

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

3. In indirect speech, the speaker's exact words are usually:

A. Kept inside quotation marks

B. Reported without quotation marks

C. Written in capital letters

D. Placed after a colon

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

4. Which reporting verb is commonly used to report a statement?

A. said

B. asked

C. shouted at

D. whether

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

5. Change to indirect speech: Ali said, “I am tired.”

A. Ali said that I am tired.

B. Ali said that he was tired.

C. Ali says that he was tired.

D. Ali said that he is tired yesterday.

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

6. Change to indirect speech: Sara said, “I have finished my work.”

A. Sara said that she had finished her work.

B. Sara said that she has finished my work.

C. Sara said that I had finished her work.

D. Sara said that she finished her work now.

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

7. Change to indirect speech: He said, “I will help you.”

A. He said that I would help him.

B. He said that he would help me.

C. He said that he will help you.

D. He said that he helped me.

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

8. Change to indirect speech: She said, “I can solve this problem.”

A. She said that she could solve that problem.

B. She said that she can solve this problem.

C. She said that I could solve that problem.

D. She said that she solved that problem.

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

9. Which change is normally made to “now” when reporting speech later?

A. then

B. today

C. tomorrow

D. here

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

10. Which change is normally made to “this” in reported speech?

A. that

B. these

C. here

D. now

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

11. Change to indirect speech: The teacher said, “Open your books.”

A. The teacher said that open your books.

B. The teacher told the students to open their books.

C. The teacher asked that they opened books.

D. The teacher told the students opening their books.

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

12. Change to indirect speech: Mother said to me, “Do not waste your time.”

A. Mother told me not to waste my time.

B. Mother said me do not waste your time.

C. Mother told that I did not waste time.

D. Mother asked me not wasting my time.

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

13. How is a yes/no question commonly reported?

A. Using whether or if

B. Using that only

C. Using to only

D. Using because only

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

14. Change to indirect speech: He said to me, “Where do you live?”

A. He asked me where I lived.

B. He said to me where did I live.

C. He asked me where do I live.

D. He told me where I lived?

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

15. When a reporting verb is in the past, a present tense in the reported clause will often:

A. Change to a corresponding past form

B. Always remain present

C. Change to future perfect

D. Be removed completely

Answer: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

Section B — True / False

20 marks

16. In direct speech, the speaker's exact words are reported.

A. True ☐

B. False ☐

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17. Indirect speech normally uses quotation marks around the reported words.

A. True ☐

B. False ☐

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18. “I am busy,” he said. can be changed to “He said that he was busy.”

A. True ☐

B. False ☐

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19. Pronouns may need to change when direct speech becomes indirect speech.

A. True ☐

B. False ☐

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20. “Tomorrow” can become “the next day” when the reporting time is later.

A. True ☐

B. False ☐

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21. Commands are normally reported with a that-clause only.

A. True ☐

B. False ☐

Intermediate • 2 pts

22. A yes/no question can be introduced by whether or if in indirect speech.

Intermediate · 2 pts

A. True

B. False

23. In reported questions, normal statement word order is generally used.

Intermediate · 2 pts

A. True

B. False

24. Every direct-speech sentence must change its tense when reported.

Intermediate · 2 pts

A. True

B. False

25. A paragraph containing several sentences may be reported by changing each sentence carefully while preserving the overall meaning.

Intermediate · 2 pts

A. True

B. False

Section C — Fill in the Blank

20 marks

26. The exact words spoken by a person are called ____ speech.

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Answer: _____

27. Reported speech without the speaker's exact words is called ____ speech.

Basic · 2 pts

Answer: _____

28. Quotation ____ are commonly used in direct speech.

Basic · 2 pts

Answer: _____

29. In “He said that he was ill,” the word “that” introduces the reported _____.

Basic · 2 pts

Answer: _____

30. The past form of “am/is” used in reported speech is usually _____.

Intermediate · 2 pts

Answer: _____

31. The past form of “have” in “I have finished” is ____ in reported speech.

Intermediate · 2 pts

Answer: _____

32. “Can” commonly changes to ____ in reported speech when backshift is required.

Intermediate · 2 pts

Answer: _____

33. “Today” may change to ____ when the reporting time is later.

Intermediate · 2 pts

Answer: _____

34. A command is commonly reported with a reporting verb followed by an infinitive with _____.

Intermediate · 2 pts

Answer: _____

35. A negative command is commonly reported with ____ + infinitive.

Intermediate · 2 pts

Answer: _____

Section D — Column Matching

10 marks

36-40. Match each term to its correct definition.

Column A	Answer	Column B
Direct speech	_____	A. A question reported using statement word order
Indirect speech	_____	B. The exact words spoken by a person
Backshift	_____	C. Changing a tense to an appropriate past form when required
Reported question	_____	D. A command reported using an infinitive structure
Reported command	_____	E. A speaker's words reported without quotation marks

Section E — Short Answer

20 marks

41. Change this into indirect speech: “I have been waiting here for two hours,” Ahmed said.

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42. Change this into indirect speech: “Please help me with this exercise,” the student said to the teacher.

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43. Change this into indirect speech: “Why are you carrying this heavy bag?” the mother asked her son.

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44. Report the following two-sentence speech as one coherent report: “I am leaving now. I will call you tomorrow,” Bilal said.

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45. Report the following paragraph carefully, preserving its meaning: “I have completed my project. I worked on it for three weeks. I will present it tomorrow,” Maria said.

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Direct & Indirect Narration — Answer Key

Teacher reference: equivalent grammatically correct wording is acceptable for open-ended items when the meaning is preserved.

Section A — Multiple Choice

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|------|-------|
| 1. A | 9. A |
| 2. B | 10. A |
| 3. B | 11. B |
| 4. A | 12. A |
| 5. B | 13. A |
| 6. A | 14. A |
| 7. B | 15. A |
| 8. A | |

Section B — True / False

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|-----------|-----------|
| 16. True | 21. False |
| 17. False | 22. True |
| 18. True | 23. True |
| 19. True | 24. False |
| 20. True | 25. True |

Section C — Fill in the Blank

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|--------------|--------------|
| 26. direct | 31. had |
| 27. indirect | 32. could |
| 28. marks | 33. that day |
| 29. clause | 34. to |
| 30. was | 35. not to |

Section D — Column Matching

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 36. Direct speech — B | 39. Reported question — A |
| 37. Indirect speech — E | 40. Reported command — D |
| 38. Backshift — C | |

Section E — Short Answer (Model Answers)

- 41.** Ahmed said that he had been waiting there for two hours; had been waiting
- 42.** the student asked the teacher to help him with that exercise; asked the teacher to help
- 43.** the mother asked her son why he was carrying that heavy bag; asked her son why he was carrying
- 44.** Bilal said that he was leaving then and that he would call me the next day; leaving then; would call
- 45.** Maria said that she had completed her project, that she had worked on it for three weeks, and that she would present it the next day; had completed; had worked; would present