



# KULLEĠĠ SAN BENEDITTU

## Boys' Secondary, Kirkop

Mark

### HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION – 2012/13

Track 3 (JL)



FORM 4	ENGLISH LANGUAGE										TIME: 2 hrs.
Section	ORAL	LC	A	B	C						Global Mark
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#### SECTION A - LANGUAGE

20 marks

1. Complete the following article by forming ONE word from the one in brackets.

5 marks [     ]

#### *Television transmission*

In 1927 John Logie Baird transmitted television <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**direct**) from London to Glasgow and a few months <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**late**) from London to New York. In the same year he gave demonstrations of colour <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**transmit**), of stereoscopic or three dimensional television and of a new invention which he called noctovision, by which pictures were transmitted in the dark on infra red rays.

The B.B.C. still <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**refuse**) to work with him, and the government had to order it to start transmissions. The first outside television <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**broadcast**) was of Derby in 1931.

Meanwhile scientists <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**keep**) themselves busy in other countries, including the United States. An American named Vladimir Zworykin <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**invent**) a system of scanning which <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**improve**) it very much and put Baird's method out of date.

Baird himself was <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**forget**) until 1946, when the B.B.C. broadcasted his name for the first time. It was to announce his death.

He was awarded no honours in his lifetime, and he was poor when he died. Great fortunes have been made out of his <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**invent**), but it brought nothing to the man who invented it.

## 2. Fill in with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

5 marks [    ]

While I <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**walk**) along the road the other day I happened to notice a small brown leather purse <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**lie**) on the pavement. I picked it up and opened it to see if I could find out the owner's name. There was nothing inside it except some small change and a rather old photograph - a picture of a woman and a young girl of about twelve years old, who looked like the woman's daughter. I <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**put**) the photograph back and took the purse to the police station, where I handed it to the sergeant in charge. Before I left, the sergeant made a note of my name and address in case the owner of the purse wanted to write and thank me.

That evening I went to <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**have**) dinner with an uncle and aunt of mine. They had also invited another person, a young woman, so that there <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) four people at table. The young woman's face was familiar, but I could not remember where I <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**see**) it. I was quite sure that we had not met before. In the course of conversation, however, the young woman happened to remark that she <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**lose**) her purse that afternoon. I at once remembered where I had seen her face. She was the young girl in the photograph, although she was now much older. Of course she was very surprised when I was able to describe her purse to her. Then I explained that I <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**recognise**) her face from the photograph I <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**find**) in the purse. My uncle insisted on going round to the police station immediately to claim the purse. As the police sergeant handed it over, he said that it was a remarkable coincidence that I had found not only the purse but also the person who <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (**lose**) it.

## 3. Complete the following passage with ONE word.

10 marks [    ]

The fox is <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the most intelligent of all quadrupeds. It is allied to the dog and closely resembles the Alsatian, the wolf, the hyena, the coyote, the dingo and the dole. Its <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ points of difference from the others are the sharper muzzle and the shorter legs in proportion to the <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the body. Its tail or 'brush' is also longer, and <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ears are more erect.

The fox has eyes which contract in strong light and expand in <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.  
 This enables the animal to <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at night. It excavates its own lair <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ burrowing much like rabbits, but frequently it is a thief in this respect  
 as it steals burrows from <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ animals and <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ them into its own 'earth'. The cunning and slyness of the animal is  
 shown by the <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of entrances to its lair.

## SECTION B - COMPREHENSION

30 marks

Read the following passage and then answer the questions below:

1. Is the statement in line 1 a positive or negative statement? Give a reason for your answer.

\_\_\_\_\_ **2 marks [ ]**

2. "Talent is cheaper than table salt; what separates the talented individual from the successful one is hard work". Whose opinion is this?

\_\_\_\_\_ **1 mark [ ]**

3. Write down a phrase from paragraph 3 and another from paragraph 4 that indicates King's productivity. **2 marks [ ]**

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4. What do the following underlined words refer to in the text? **2 marks [ ]**

- a. it (line 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. one (line 6) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. his (line 19) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. It (line 21) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Find words or phrases in the text, from line 13 till line 26 that match the following meanings:

- a. book that sells well \_\_\_\_\_
- b. moving away from \_\_\_\_\_
- c. based partly on the writer's own life \_\_\_\_\_
- d. senseless \_\_\_\_\_
- e. soon after \_\_\_\_\_

**5 marks [ ]**

6. Write down a sentence that shows that whatever King published, people would probably buy it.

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**1 mark [    ]**

7. Write two characteristics that describe the people who read King's novels.

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**2 marks [    ]**

8. Explain how the writer uses the word 'king' in line 17.

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**2 marks [    ]**

9. Mark the following sentences as True (T) or False (F).

a. King admits his books are all great masterpieces. \_\_\_\_\_

**1 mark [    ]**

b. Critics have always looked down on all of King's books. \_\_\_\_\_

**1 mark [    ]**

c. King has written only fantasy-horror books. \_\_\_\_\_

**1 mark [    ]**

d. King has also published a cookery book. \_\_\_\_\_

**1 mark [    ]**

e. King himself published one of his books on his website and asked people for a dollar to download it. \_\_\_\_\_

**1 mark [    ]**

10. Which of the following best explains the meaning of the sentence found in line 15 "Not since Charles Dickens has a writer had so many readers by the throat"?

- a. Readers find Dickens and King particularly gripping.
- b. Dickens had more of a grip on his readers than King.
- c. King and Dickens strangled their readers.
- d. King had more of a grip on his readers than Dickens.

**2 marks [    ]**

11. Using information found in the text, describe Stephen King in about 50 words. Refer to the following: his attitude towards work, his kinds of writing, his successes.

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6 marks [    ]

### SECTION C - COMPOSITION

30 marks

**Write a composition of between 250 and 300 words on one of the following:**

1. Write a **story** about a foolish person who believed everything he was told.
2. **Describe** the main street in your city, town or village on a busy morning.
3. You received a present of some money from a relative who lives abroad. Write a **letter** thanking him or her for the present and saying what you intend to do with it.

**Composition Number:** [    ]

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