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Boys' Secondary, Kirkop

Mark

HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION – 2013/14

LEVELS

7-8

FORM 1
ENGLISH
TIME: 2 hours

Section	Oral Assessment	Listening Comprehension	Language	Reading Comprehension	Literature	Composition	Global Mark
Max. Mark	10	10	15	20	20	25	100
Mark							

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SECTION A - LANGUAGE
15 marks

A. Look at the information below. Then complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative of the words in brackets.

5 marks []

Rose Farmhouse	Sunflower Farmhouse	Daisy Farmhouse
4 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	6 bedrooms
€100 a night	€90 a night	€200 a night

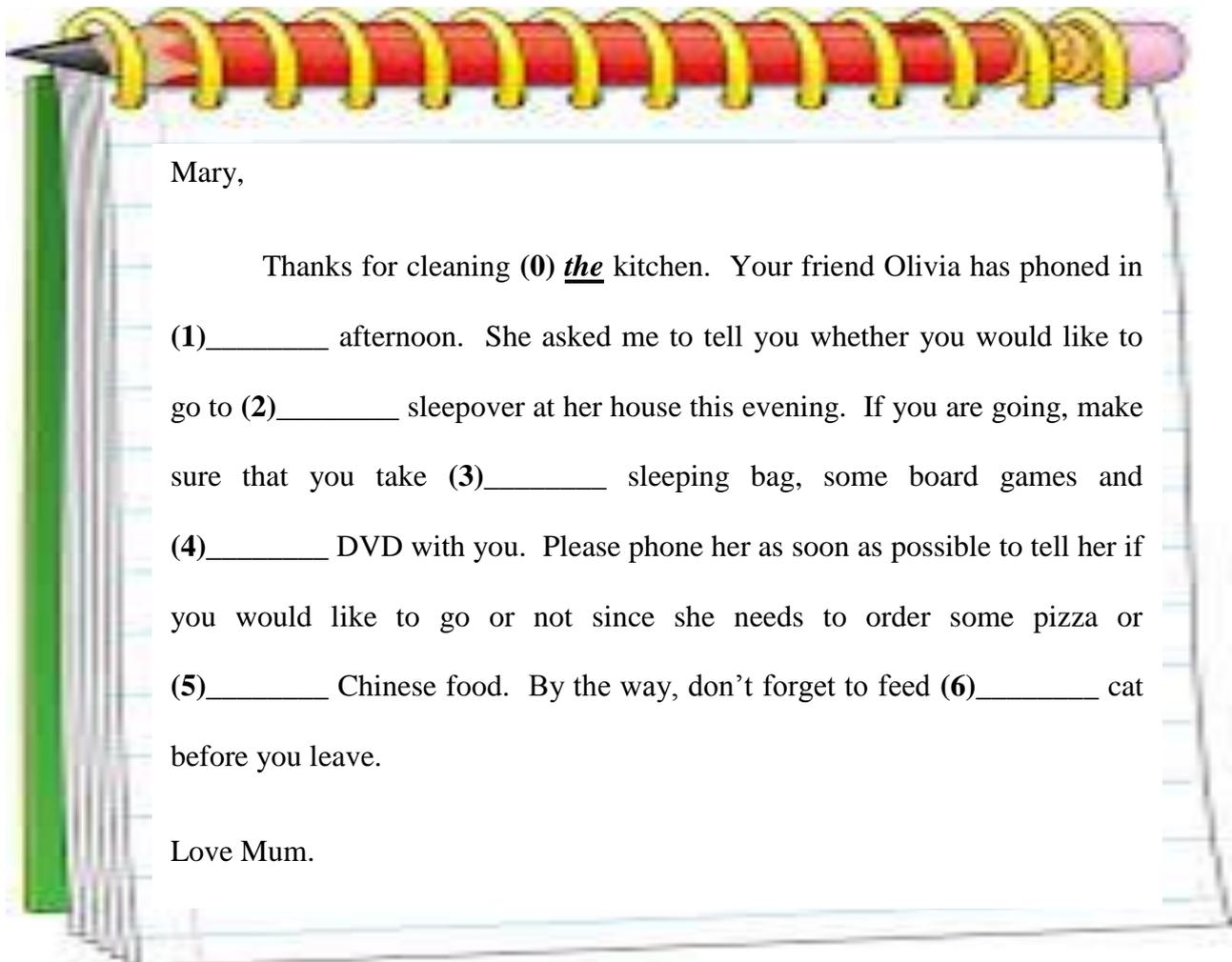
Example: Rose Farmhouse is cheaper than (*cheap*) Daisy Farmhouse.

1. Rose Farmhouse is _____ (*expensive*) Daisy Farmhouse.
2. Rose Farmhouse is probably _____ (*large*) Sunflower Farmhouse.
3. Sunflower Farmhouse is _____ (*cheap*) of the three farmhouses.
4. Daisy Farmhouse is much _____ (*spacious*) Sunflower Farmhouse.
5. Sunflower Farmhouse is _____ (*small*) of the three farmhouses.

B. Complete the following story by filling in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. The first one (0) has been done for you. 7 marks []

Peter who (0) is twelve years old, usually (1) _____ (wake up) at six o'clock in the morning but today his alarm clock (2) _____ (not go off). He (3) _____ (wake up) at seven instead and (4) _____ (run) all the way to the bus stop. Unfortunately, when he (5) _____ (arrive), he realised that he had missed the bus. Suddenly, Peter (6) _____ (spot) his friend Paul, in his father's car. Peter (7) _____ (wave) to his friend and managed to get a lift to school.

C. Complete the following note Mum has written to Mary with *the, a, an* or (-) where no article is necessary. The first one (0) has been done for you. 3 marks []



SECTION B - READING COMPREHENSION

20 marks

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Read the passage “*The Vampire Diaries*” which is on a separate sheet, and then answer the following questions.

1. Tick (✓) the correct box according to whether the statement is **TRUE (T)** or **FALSE (F)**

2 marks []

- i. The TV series *The Vampire Diaries* is based on a book series.
- ii. The story takes place in a non-fictional town.
- iii. One of the characters in the series is Jeremy Gilbert.
- iv. Initially, the series received only positive comments.

T	F

2. List **FOUR** facts about the story of the series. You have been given an example. 2 marks []

0. *The series takes place in Mystic Falls.*

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- iv. _____

3. Why does Elena and Stefan’s relationship become a complicated one?

2 marks []

4. Who does Elena Gilbert resemble?

1 mark []

5. Besides Katherine Pierce who else comes to town with evil plans?

1 mark []

6. List TWO names of Elena's friends. 1 mark []

i) _____

ii) _____

7. a) Who are the members of the Founders' Council? 1 mark []

b) Why are they members of this council and what is their duty? 3 marks []

8. What TWO other threats, besides vampires, does the town of Mystic Falls face? 2 marks []

9. What awards has the show received which show that the public enjoys watching it? 2 marks []

10. What do the following words and phrases refer to in the text? 2 marks []

i. Their (line 8) - _____

ii. the trio (line 14) - _____

iii. her (line 19) - _____

iv. It (line 30) - _____

c) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. 2 marks []

i. vicious (line 10) - _____

ii. maintained (line 30) - _____

SECTION C - LITERATURE

20 marks

PART 1- POETRY: Unprepared Text

10 marks

Read the poem and answer all the questions below.

The Ghost

"Boo", said the ghost,
But it really didn't scare,
'Cause I couldn't take my eyes,
Off his vivid ginger hair.

It's really not the same,
If head to toe's not white.
Well, it isn't going to work,
When they try to spook and fright.

But he tried and he tried,
Even though the cause was lost.
And he even sprayed it silver,
Like a pumpkin tinged with frost.

But I suppose I shouldn't laugh,
As he puffs and sighs and moans.
So I told him what to do...
...a white wig he now owns!

Gareth Lancaster



1. Write a sentence to describe what each stanza is about. The first one is given as an example.

3 marks []

Example: In the first stanza the poet sees a ghost but isn't scared because he has bright red hair.

In the second stanza _____

In the third stanza _____

In the fourth stanza _____

2. a) Find an example of a simile from the poem. 1 mark []

b) Explain the effect created by the use of this simile. 1 mark []

3. Quote an example of rhyming words. 1 mark []

4. The word “puffs” is an example of a figure of speech. Which figure of speech is this?
1 mark []

5. The poet says that the ghost’s “*cause was lost.*” Explain what this lost cause is.
2 marks []

6. What is the poet’s final suggestion to the ghost? 1 mark []

PART II – PROSE: Unprepared Text

10 marks

Read the following passage and answer all the questions below.

Drew knew that there was a predator out there. He looked out over the barley field, shadows racing across it, and the crops swaying rhythmically as storm clouds flew by overhead. Behind him his father and twin brother continued to load the wagon, back bent as they hauled sacks of grain

5 onto the wooden boards. A heavy grey shire horse stood harnessed to the front, tugging with its teeth at tufts of grass. Drew stood on the roof of the rickety old tool shed, looking out for a sign, of what he wasn't entirely sure.

'Get your idle bones down off that shed and come and help your brother,' shouted his father. 'We need to get this loaded before the rain hits.'

'But, Pa, there's something out there,' Drew called back.

10 'Either you get yourself down from that thing or I come over and knock you down,' he warned.

Drew searched that barley field with narrowed eyes one last time before jumping down on to the muddy surface of the farm's yard.

15 'I swear you'd rather do anything than a bit of hard work,' muttered his father, lifting a sack up to Trent.

Drew snatched up his own load, passing it over to Trent. Tall, broad, blond-haired and blue-eyed, Trent was the very image of Mark Ferran. Shorter and slighter in build than his brother, with a shock of black hair that tumbled over his finer features, Drew was an exact opposite in all aspects. Though the twins were sixteen years of age and on the verge of manhood, Drew knew it would be clear to the most casual observer which of the two had eaten the bigger portions of porridge at the Ferran breakfast table. But, different as they were, they were as close as any brothers could be.

(adapted from *The Rise of the Wolf* by Curtis Jobling)

1. From the first paragraph, list FOUR separate words that suggest movement. 4 marks []

_____ ; _____
_____ ; _____

2. Which figure of speech is the phrase "idle bones"? 2 marks []

3. “Either you get yourself down, from that thing or I come over and knock you down.” (line 10)

“I swear you’d rather do anything than a bit of hard work.” (line 14)

What do these sentences show the reader about the relationship between Drew and his father?

2 marks []

4. Quote a phrase or sentence which shows that Trent was the family’s favourite twin.

2 marks []

SECTION D – COMPOSITION

25 marks

Write between 150 and 200 words on ONE of the following:

1. Continue the **story**. *I woke up very early in the morning. The special day had finally arrived. ...*
2. You have decided to take part in a writing competition. Write a **description** of your favourite room.
3. Write a **letter** to your friend who lives abroad, telling him how you usually spend your weekend. Your address is; ‘Flower’, Garden Street, Rabat. RBT 02.

Composition Title Number
