



KULLEGG SAN BENEDITTU Secondary School, Kirkop

Mark

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION – 2014/2015

Level 7 - 8

YEAR 8

ENGLISH

TIME: 2 hours

Oral Assessment	Listening	Written Paper	TOTAL

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

Name: _____

Class: _____

Section A – LANGUAGE

15 marks

1. Fill in the blanks with the comparative or superlative forms of the adjectives in brackets. The first one has been done for you. 5 marks ()

Yesterday, Jim and I went shopping from *Game Zone*, which is the (0) **largest** (large) shop in town. I wanted a game but it was on the top shelf. As Jim is (1) _____ (tall) than me, he reaches (2) _____ (high). The game was the (3) _____ (expensive) in the shop but it was a new release and the (4) _____ (good) money can buy. Later, we went for lunch at *Square Café* and we had a cupcake which is (5) _____ (delicious) than a toast. The coffee was the (6) _____ (bad) we had ever tasted but it was (7) _____ (cheap) than a smoothie. Before we went back home, Jim popped in *Clothes Heaven* to buy a shirt. The salesgirl gave him a (8) _____ (large) size than he needed. He looked so funny that we laughed. I tried on the (9) _____ (small) size they had on the rail and it fit. Jim and I spent the (10) _____ (lovely) day together in ages.

2. Fill in each blank with ONE word. The first one has been done for you.

5 marks ()

Kyle was walking to his class slowly. He was worried (0) **about** the History test he had the (1)_____ day. Suddenly, a piece of (2)_____ fluttered down and landed nearby. Kyle looked at it and stared. It was the History test, complete (3)_____ answers. He first thought not to (4)_____ anyone and memorise the answers so he would do (5)_____ in the test. After some thinking he thought it would not be (6) _____ to his classmates. In the (7) _____, Kyle returned the test to his teacher and confessed that he (8) _____ all the answers. Mr Smith thanked Kyle and prepared a new test. Kyle had a (9) _____ surprise when he got the test back. He had scored eighty marks and was pleased he had (10) _____ the truth and not cheated.

3. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb. The first one has been done for you.

5marks ()

Every afternoon, Jade (0) **visits** (visit) her grandmother who lives in Mosta. She always (1)_____ (take) some flowers for her grandmother that she (2)_____ (pick) from the small garden at the back of her house. Jade (3)_____ (have) a brother, Tom, who said, "I sometimes accompany her but right now I (4)_____ (study) for my exams and cannot spend too much time at grandma's." Last Saturday, she (5)_____ (visit) her grandmother after she (6)_____ (spend) all morning at the beach. She (7)_____ (catch) the bus at three o'clock and (8)_____ (arrive) in Mosta at four o'clock. While Jade (9)_____ (knock) on her grandmother's door, she (10)_____ (hear) a loud bark coming from inside the house.

SECTION B – READING COMPREHENSION**20 marks**

Read Text 1 “*The Red Kangaroo*”, which is on a separate sheet, and then answer the following questions.

1. Put a tick (✓) in the correct box to show that the statement is **TRUE (T)** or **FALSE (F)**.

3 marks

- a. The red kangaroo is not found in Australia.
- b. The grey kangaroo is smaller than the red kangaroo.
- c. Red kangaroos are found in forests.
- d. The red kangaroo’s tail is slim.
- e. During the day red kangaroos relax a lot.
- f. The two friends in *Kangaroo Jack* were really lucky.

T	F

2. In your own words explain what a marsupial is.

2 marks

3. When does a joey return quickly to its mother’s pouch after a few months? **1 ½ marks**

4. What two activities are red kangaroos good at? **1 mark**

a. _____ b. _____

5. Which word between lines 12-14 shows that the red kangaroos’ legs are strong? **½ mark**

6. List three ways in which red kangaroos keep cool.

3 marks

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

7. What does the following phrase mean: “one male being dominant.”? **1 mark**

8. Quote the word which shows that the two friends were not happy to deliver the money to Australia. **1 mark**

9. What do the following words refer to in the text? **2 marks**

a. it (line 4) _____

b. its (line 11) _____

c. their (line 21) _____

d. who (line 26) _____

10. Between lines 20-29, find a word in the text that means: **2 marks**

a. posterior _____

b. skill _____

c. photographs _____

d. a piece of clothing _____

Look at Text 2 – the entrance ticket – and answer the following questions.

11. How many hours is the ticket valid for? _____ **1 mark**

12. Can someone between the age of five to eleven use this ticket? Why or why not? **1 mark**

13. According to the ticket, how much does it cost to visit the zoo? **1 mark**

SECTION C –LITERATURE

20 marks

PART 1 – POETRY : Unprepared Text

10 marks

NEW YORK CITY

*New York City is like a jungle,
No it is a jungle
It's always jumping with excitement.
Because of the noise, half the city is deaf.
Still the city cares about its crazy customers.
Brands, lights, cabs, style: it's all there,
This city is great – always something to do.
“B E E P” “B E E E P” get out of the way!
When I arrived in New York, I was ready for chaos –
Instead I found rhythm.*



Carmelo

- 1). Underline the correct answer, True or False.

3 marks ()

The poet has always lived in New York.

True / False.

New York is a boring place according to the poet.

True/ False.

The poem is written in free verse.

True/ False.

- 2). In the first verse, New York city is compared to a jungle.

1 mark ()

Name this figure of speech.

- 3). Quote an example of **personification** from the poem and explain it.

2 marks ()

Personification: “ _____ ”

Meaning: _____

4). Give one example of **metaphor** in this poem and explain it. **2 marks ()**

Metaphor: “_____”

Meaning: _____

5). Who are the ‘crazy customers’ referred to in the poem? **1 mark ()**

6). “*B E E P*” “*B E E E P*” *get out of the way!* is an example of : **1 mark ()**

PART II – PROSE: Unprepared Text

10 marks

Read the following passage and answer all the questions below.

‘Hold your noise!’ cried a terrible voice. ‘Keep still, you little devil, or I’ll cut your throat!’

A fearful man, all in coarse grey, with a great iron on his leg. A man with no hat, and with broken shoes, and with an old rag tied round his head. A man who had been soaked in water, and smothered in mud, and lamed by stones, and cut by flints, and stung by nettles, and torn by briars; who limped, and shivered, and glared and growled; and whose teeth chattered in his head as he seized me by the chin.



O! Don’t cut my throat, sir,’ I pleaded in terror.

‘Pray don’t do it, sir.’

‘Tell us your name!’ said the man. ‘Quick!’

‘Pip, sir.’

‘Once more,’ said the man, staring at me. ‘Give it mouth!’

‘Pip. Pip, sir.’

‘Show us where you live,’ said the man. ‘Point out the place!’

I pointed to where our village lay, on the flat in-shore among the alder-trees and pollards, a mile or more from the church. The man, after looking at me for a moment, turned me upside down, and emptied my pockets. There was nothing in them but a piece of bread, which he snatched.

(Adapted from “*Great Expectations*” by Charles Dickens)

1. Quote two words which show that Pip was scared of the man. **1 mark ()**

a. _____ b. _____

2. Explain the term 'head over heels' as seen in line **1 mark ()**

3. Quote two words which show that the man was injured. **1 mark ()**

a. _____ b. _____

4. **Underline** the correct answer. **2 marks ()**

glared and growled in line is an example of

- a) simile
- b) personification
- c) alliteration.

5. Quote one word which shows that Pip and the man were in a graveyard. **1 mark ()**

_____.

6. Quote one word which shows the man was feeling cold. **1 mark ()**

_____.

7. Match the words in column A with the meanings in column B. **3 marks ()**

A		B
a) smothered		something which is rough and not even.
b) coarse		to take something from someone angrily.
c) snatched		covered in something from head to foot.

[illegible]