



# KULLEĠĠ SAN BENEDITTU

## Secondary School, Kirkop

Mark

### HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION – 2014/2015

Level 6-7

YEAR 8

ENGLISH

TIME: 2h

Section	Oral	Listening	A	B	C	D	Global Mark
Max. Mark	10	10	15	20	20	25	100
Mark							

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. 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.** 5 marks ( )

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's brothers sometimes (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (accompany) her but they (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (be) usually busy. Last Saturday, while she (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (have) breakfast, she (6)\_\_\_\_\_ (think) she would visit her grandmother earlier than usual. She (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (catch) the bus at three o'clock and (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in Mosta at four o'clock. When 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.

<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>

- 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.


2. Tick (✓) the correct statement.

1 mark ( )

A marsupial is:

	a. a mammal that can hop
	b. a mammal where the female has a pouch
	c. a mammal where the male likes boxing

3. When does a joey return quickly to its mother's pouch after a few months? 1½ 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. How do red kangaroos "box" with other males?

2 marks ( )

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Complete the following sentences with one word in each blank.

2 marks ( )

*Kangaroo Jack* was released in (a) \_\_\_\_\_ 2003. This film is not a tragedy but a (b) \_\_\_\_\_ about two friends who go to (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to deliver a large amount of money, but end up (d) \_\_\_\_\_ a kangaroo.

9. What do the following words refer to in the text? 1 ½ marks ( )

a. her (line 5) \_\_\_\_\_

b. it (line 10) \_\_\_\_\_

c. their (line 19) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Between lines 15-20, find a word in the text that means: 1 ½ marks ( )

a. does not eat meat \_\_\_\_\_

b. mostly active at night \_\_\_\_\_

c. power and influence over others \_\_\_\_\_

**Look at Text 2 – the Zoo Lights poster – and answer the following questions.**

11. For how many hours will the event go on each night? \_\_\_\_\_ 1 mark ( )

12. Write a drink which is offered at the event. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 mark ( )

13. Write the address where the event will be held.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 mark ( )

## Section C –LITERATURE

20 marks

### 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**.

2 marks ( )

The poet has always lived in New York.

True / False.

New York is a boring place according to the poet.

True/ False

2). In the first verse, New York city is compared to a jungle. 1 mark ( )

Name this figure of speech.

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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 ( )

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6) Quote one word which shows the poet enjoyed the city. 1 mark ( )

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7) **Underline** the correct answer. 1 mark ( )

“*B E E P*” “*B E E E P*” *get out of the way!* in verse 8 of the poem is an example of:

- a) personification
- b) alliteration
- c) onomatopoeia

## 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 head over heels, 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. Fill in the blanks with the words from the box below, one word is **extra**. 4 marks ( )

first-person	Pip	iron	prison	Charles Dickens
cake	bread	churchyard	dangerous	

*Great Expectations* is a novel written by \_\_\_\_\_. In this passage, \_\_\_\_\_ a young boy is in a \_\_\_\_\_. Here, he meets a \_\_\_\_\_ looking man whom he gives a piece of \_\_\_\_\_. This novel uses the \_\_\_\_\_ narrative. The man had a great \_\_\_\_\_ around his leg, which shows that he might have been in \_\_\_\_\_.

3. “little devil” is an example of which figure of speech? 1 mark ( )

\_\_\_\_\_

4. a) Quote the phrase which shows the man was feeling cold: 1 mark ( ).

\_\_\_\_\_

- b) Which is the figure of speech that can be found in this phrase? 1 mark ( )

\_\_\_\_\_

5. The man ‘snatched’ the bread from Pip. This shows that he was: 1 mark ( ).

a) confused      b) angry      c) starving

1 mark ( ).

- ## SECTION D - COMPOSITION

**25 marks ( )**

1. Write **a biography** of the life of a famous personality or a person you admire greatly.
2. You are Sam ([sam@globalnet.com](mailto:sam@globalnet.com)). Write **an email** to your friend Nicky ([nicky@globalnet.com](mailto:nicky@globalnet.com)) telling him about the day there was a big storm and the lights went out all over Malta.

To:	
From:	
Subject:	The day of the power cut

- Composition number : \_\_\_\_\_**

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