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Educational Assessment Unit

End of Primary Benchmark
Second Session 2013
English – Reading Comprehension – Marking Scheme

Reading Comprehension 1

1. If more than one option is underlined, the sentence is to be marked as incorrect.
   (a) during the night  (b) Italy  (c) interesting  (d) funny  (e) Six  (f) horror
   ½ mark each = 3 marks

2. (a) N  (b) T  (c) F  (d) T
   ½ mark each = 2 marks

3. Do not deduct marks for spelling mistakes.
   (a) Tracy’s
   (b) John Brighton
   ½ mark each = 1 mark

Reading Comprehension 2

- Do not deduct marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar errors as long as the student gives sufficient evidence of understanding.
- Answers do not need to be in complete sentences.
- Deduct ½ mark for any irrelevant information.

Questions on Section 1

1. 13th August 1888
   ½ mark

2. Accept 3 of the following: rockets, jet planes, computers, television
   ½ mark each = 1½ marks

3. Reward answers with the following content.
   The boys had to take cold baths.
   ½ mark

4. early
   ½ mark

5. (a) T  (b) N  (c) F  (d) F  (e) T  (f) T
   ½ mark each = 3 marks

6. (a) unhurt  (b) experimenting
   2 marks

7. Reward answers with the following content.
   They were first in the town to have electricity.
   2 marks
Questions on Section 2

8. Reward answers with the following content.
   He tried to join the Army.                        1 mark

9. Reward answers with the following content.     1 mark each  = 2 marks
   (a) His dream lay elsewhere.
   (b) He sold his business.

10. Reward answers with the following content.
   Baird would be busy sending pictures through the air.  2 marks

11. Reward answers with the following content.
   They were (slightly unclear but readable images of) letters.  1 mark

12. Reward answers with the following content.
   Sound and vision began to be transmitted together.       1 mark

13. This life-changing invention today brings us news, education, sport and entertainment. 1 mark

14. (a) T   (b) T   (c) F   (d) N                        ½ mark each  = 2 marks

Questions on the whole passage

15. (a) 4 in 1946   (b) 1 in 1901   (c) 2 in 1914   (d) 3 in 1925  ½ mark each  = 2 marks

16. Reward answers with the following content.
   His friend did not think he would be successful at inventing television. 2 marks