Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination

ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH

a) 4 minutes – First reading aloud of passage by teacher
b) 4 minutes – Teacher reads out the questions
c) 4 minutes – Second reading aloud of passage by teacher
d) 8 minutes – Pupils answer questions
e) 4 minutes – Third reading aloud of passage by teacher
f) 6 minutes – Final revision of answers by pupils

Resources

Teacher: Reading Text and Questions
Each pupil: Pen and Examination Paper

Introduction

The teacher in charge distributes the examination papers to the pupils and asks them to write their name, surname and class on the front cover.

THE TEACHER TELLS THE PUPILS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER (PUPIL’S COPY) AS S/HE READS.

INSTRUCTIONS

1  • Listen carefully as I read the story called The New Glasses.
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2  • Open the exam paper and look at the questions.
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Questions 1 to 10 (1 mark each) = 10 marks
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TOTAL 15 MARKS
The New Glasses

1. It all started after Carmen’s ninth birthday. At first, Carmen wasn’t really sure what was happening. In class, she had to squint to see the whiteboard clearly. She could hardly read street signs, or see a film. As her eyesight got worse, she became very worried.

2. Soon Carmen found herself squinting all the time, but she didn’t want anyone to know that she was having a problem seeing. In the classroom, she asked for a desk that was closer to the whiteboard. One day, her teacher said, ‘Carmen, I’ve noticed you squinting a lot. Are you having trouble seeing the board?’

3. Carmen shook her head. ‘I’m fine, Mrs. Cruz,’ she said, but she knew she couldn’t pretend much longer.

4. At home, her mother noticed her squinting as she watched her favourite TV shows, "Tomorrow I’m going to call the eye doctor to set up an appointment for you," she said firmly. Carmen protested, but her mother’s mind was made up.

5. Three days later, Carmen had new glasses and instructions from the doctor to wear them all the time. Carmen frowned in the car the whole way home. ‘All of the children at school will think I look ridiculous," she thought.

6. The next day, Carmen kept the glasses in her pocket as she walked into the schoolyard. She avoided her friends and stood alone, feeling miserable. Suddenly, she heard her friend, Theresa, shout. Carmen ran over to the other girls. ‘What’s wrong?’ she asked.

7. ‘My silver ring is gone!’ Theresa cried. ‘It’s very special. I can’t lose it!’

8. Carmen could tell that Theresa was very upset. They all looked for the ring in the grassy area of the playground. Carmen realised that she could search better if she could see better so she took the glasses out of her pocket and put them on. Suddenly everything looked so different! So clear! She looked down at the ground and a glimmer of silver caught her eye. It was the ring.

9. ‘I’ve found it!’ she shouted. She handed it to Theresa, and Theresa slipped the ring back on her finger.

10. ‘Thanks Carmen,’ she said. ‘I never thought we’d find it ... Hey, I didn’t know you wore glasses. They look great!’

11. Carmen had forgotten that she was wearing the new glasses. "Thanks," she replied shyly. As they walked back toward the school building, two more girls from her class complimented her glasses. Carmen smiled. ‘Maybe wearing glasses won’t be so bad after all,’ she thought.

(Adapted from It’s All Clear Now by Jean Lawler)
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   a) She told her friend.  
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   Draw a cross (✗) if words do not describe the clown.
   *Two have been done for you. (5 marks)

Twisty

- thin*: ✔
- tall
- big hat
- straight hair
- big eyes
- sad face

Toby

- fat
- short
- big mouth
- small hat
- little nose*: ✗
- funny face
B 1. Underline the odd one out. (4 marks)

- table
- whiteboard
- menu
- drink
- bill
- food

- bread
- yeast
- flour
- rolls
- oven
- computers

- puppets
- books
- tickets
- stage
- seats
- curtain

- charts
- umbrella
- chair
- sunglasses
- hat
- towel

B 2. Fill in. (1 mark)

The underlined words in B 1 are things we find at _ _ _ _ _ _.
C. Read carefully.  
Use the given words to fill in the blanks.  
Each word can be used ONCE.  

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She swam ________ the pool. Then she swam ________ the ladder in the pool and climbed out ________ the pool. She liked the water. It was a hot day and the water was cool.

Her mother was sitting ________ a chair ________ the pool. She was watching Sarah. She wanted Sarah to have fun.
Luke *is* (be) nine years old and he ________________ (live) in a large town in the north of England. He ________________ (have) an older sister and two brothers. His sister ________________ (work) in a toy factory. His brothers are twins and they ________________ (go) to his school.

Luke’s mother is a nurse but she does not work now. Luke’s father is a sailor. He often ________________ (go) to the Mediterranean Sea.

Last summer the whole family ________________ (go) on a boat trip to Greece. This summer they ________________ (go) to travel by plane. They ________________ (fly) to Canada but Luke ________________ (not want) to go there by plane because he ________________ (not like) flying.
E. Read the conversation.

**Rhona:** Hi Monica. It’s Rhona. I’m at the bus stop.
**Monica:** Is it the bus stop by the bank?

**Rhona:** No, it’s the bus stop next to the shoe shop.
How do I get to your house?

**Monica:** Walk along Flower Street.
Turn left at Market Street and cross the street.
**Rhona:** Do I go past the post office and the bakery?

**Monica:** Yes, then turn right.
I live at number 1 in Apple Street.
My house is near the library and opposite the restaurant.

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Fill in the missing names. *One has been filled in for you.  (5 marks)  

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"school, public garden, shoe shop, Rhona, Monica"
F. Complete the letter. (5 marks)

_________, Robert,

Thanks for inviting me to stay with you and your family in July.

I want to come but ____________________________

__________________________________________________________.

Can ____________________________

__________________________________________________________?

_________, Alex
Jake and the Dinosaur

Jake found an egg behind a box in the garage. He immediately knew it was a dinosaur egg. He had read that dinosaurs came out of eggs, like birds or lizards do today, but a dinosaur egg was much bigger.

A few weeks later, Jake found a dinosaur in the garage and went to tell his father. ‘Dad,’ he said, ‘There’s a dinosaur in the garage.’

‘Is there really, Jake?’ said his father. ‘Now, go away and play. I’m busy at the moment.’

For the next few days Jake fed the dinosaur on milk and dog food. The dinosaur was growing and growing. Jake was so excited that he told his father but he still was not interested in the dinosaur. So the next day, Jake proudly told his teacher, ‘I’ve got a dinosaur in my garage and it’s getting bigger every day.’

‘Well Jake, if there really is a dinosaur in your garage, why don’t you bring it to school tomorrow for us all to have a look at?’ the teacher said.

The following day, Jake put the dog’s lead around the dinosaur’s neck and pulled it to the bus stop. When they got on the bus the people were scared of the dinosaur, so Jake and his dinosaur got off the bus at the next stop. They had to walk the rest of the way to school, and they got there late.

Everyone screamed when Jake and his dinosaur walked into the classroom. His teacher stared at the dinosaur in horror. Then, the teacher shouted, ‘OUT! Everybody, out!’

The teacher and all the other children ran out, leaving Jake alone with his dinosaur. Jake could not understand why they were so afraid of his dinosaur. He thought his dinosaur was friendly.

An hour later, there was a lot of noise outside. Jake could hear the sirens of police cars, people shouting, and the sound of helicopters flying overhead. He looked out of a classroom window and waved at the TV cameramen.

‘Jake!’ shouted one of the police officers outside, ‘Let us know if you’re ok!’

‘I’m fine!’ he shouted.

The dinosaur started to eat the children’s schoolbooks. Jake could see that it was getting bored, so he took it into the schoolyard, where all the people were. As soon as they went outside, there were screams and cries and the flashes of cameras. A policeman grabbed Jake and a huge net fell down on the dinosaur. A group of scientists put the dinosaur in a truck and drove off.

‘Wait!’ shouted Jake. ‘Where are they going with my dinosaur?’

‘They’re taking it to the zoo,’ said a policeman. ‘It’ll be safe there.’

(Adapted from The Dinosaur in Jake’s Garage by Chris Rose)
1. Tick (✓) to show the correct answer. (3 marks)

Where was the egg?

a) in a box  

b) behind a box  

c) in front of a box  

d) on a box

What was inside the egg?

a) a lizard  

b) a bird  

c) a dinosaur  

d) a frog

When did Jake tell his Dad about the dinosaur?

a) when he knew that it was a dinosaur egg  

b) a few weeks before he found the dinosaur  

c) when he found the dinosaur  

d) after he told his teacher

2. Tick (✓) to show if each of these sentences is True or False. (2 marks)

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3. Number these sentences in the correct order.
   The first one* has been done for you. (3 marks)

| Jake told his teacher about the dinosaur because his father was not interested. |
| Jake found a dinosaur egg in his garage. | 1* |
| The people on the bus were afraid of the dinosaur. |
| At school everyone was afraid of the dinosaur. |
| The teacher told Jake to take the dinosaur to school. |
| The police came, and some scientists caught and took the dinosaur to the zoo. |
| Jake and his dinosaur walked the rest of the way to school. |

4. Answer the following questions.

a) Why was Jake very excited?

b) Why did the teacher ask Jake to bring his dinosaur to school?

c) Why did Jake and his dinosaur walk the rest of the way to school?

d) Was Jake afraid of the dinosaur? Why?

e) Find and copy the sentence that shows that the teacher was surprised to see the dinosaur.
f) What did Jake do that shows that he cared for his dinosaur? Give TWO examples.

i) ______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________.

ii) ______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________.

(4 marks)

5. Fill in the missing words to complete the paragraph. (2 marks)

In the schoolyard there was a lot of _______________. Some of the _______________ screamed and cried. Others took _________________ of Jake and his dinosaur. A policeman took hold of Jake and scientists caught his dinosaur and took it to a _________________ place.

I. Composition  (25 marks)

In not less than 120 words write a composition on ONE of the following:

1. The place where I live
   Write about the village or town or city where you live. Which places do you like to visit? Why? You may write about special events or important people who live or have lived there.

2. My favourite sport
   Write about your favourite sport. When do you practise it? Did you take part in any competitions? Why is it your favourite sport?

3. Last Saturday
   Write about how you spent last Saturday. Who did you spend the day with? What did you do? Where did you go? Did something interesting happen?
4. Picture Composition: **Sammy’s Cake**
Look at the pictures.
Write about what happened and finish the story with a suitable ending.

The following words and phrases may help you:
butter, bowl, wooden spoon, recipe book, added eggs, mixed together

1. How did the story end?

I. Composition Title Number ________

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