

**End of Primary Benchmark
2018**

Second Session

English Reading Comprehension

30 marks

50 minutes

Reading Comprehension 1

(6 marks)

You are interested in buying one of the following passes to be able to visit the Brickland Resort in Malta and Gozo.

Read the advertisements for these passes below.



Enjoy a year of unlimited **MAGIC**

€100 per person

- ✓ Visit Brickland Resort all year round
- ✓ Great variety of restaurants
- ✓ Available online
- ✓ 12 months' entry to two top attractions
- ✓ Welcome gift pack at all attractions
- ✓ Fantastic offers and on-site discounts
- ✗ Special events on Thursdays at a reduced price
- ✗ Brickland Pass privilege pack
- ✗ Complimentary parking



Big **ADVENTURES** for great value

€150 per person

- ✓ Visit Brickland Resort all year round
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✓ Included in the pass

✗ Not included in the pass

(Adapted from *Merlin Annual Passes*)

1. Underline the correct answer.

3 marks

- (a) The passes on sale last for (a week, 6 months, 12 months).
- (b) The V.I.P. Pass is (less expensive than, more expensive than, as expensive as) the Children's Pass.
- (c) Both passes can be bought (on credit, on-site, online).
- (d) Both passes include entry to (many, a couple of, a few) top attractions.
- (e) You get a free gift when you (leave, arrive at, book) the attractions.
- (f) The V.I.P. Pass offers (discounted, free, limited) entrance to special events on Thursdays.

2. True (T), False (F) or No Information Given (NIG).

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.

3 marks

	T	F	NIG
(a) Each pass is valid for one person.			
(b) There is a wide choice of restaurants at the Resort.			
(c) Both passes include great offers.			
(d) Both passes include the privilege pack.			
(e) Pets are not allowed at the Resort.			
(f) The Children's Pass offers free parking.			

Read the following text which is divided into two sections. Then, answer the questions that follow each section.

Section 1

It was not that Omri didn't appreciate Patrick's birthday present to him. Far from it. He was very grateful – sort of. It was very kind of Patrick to give Omri anything at all, let alone a secondhand plastic Red Indian which he himself had finished with.

The trouble was, though, that Omri was getting a little fed up with small plastic figures, of which he had loads. Biscuit-tinsful, probably four if they were all put away at the same time, which they never were because most of the time they were **scattered about** in the bathroom, the kitchen, the breakfast-room, not to mention Omri's bedroom and the garden. The compost heap was full of soldiers which, over several autumns, had been raked up with the leaves by Omri's mother.

Omri and Patrick had spent days together playing with their collections of plastic toys. But now they'd had enough of them, and that was why, when Patrick brought his present to school on Omri's birthday, Omri was disappointed. He tried not to show it, but he was.

“Do you really like him?” asked Patrick as Omri stood silently with the Indian in his hand.

“Yes, he's fantastic,” said Omri in a slightly **flattish** voice. “I haven't got an Indian.”

“I know.”

“I haven't got any cowboys either.”

“Nor have I. That's why I couldn't play anything with him.”

Omri opened his mouth to say, “I won't be able to either,” but, thinking that might hurt Patrick's feelings, he said nothing, put the Indian in his pocket, soon forgot about it and went off to play.



Questions on Section 1

(9 marks)

1. What was Omri celebrating?

1 mark

2. Where did Omri store his plastic figures when he put them away?

1 mark

3. Underline the correct answer. "...they were **scattered about** in the bathroom..."

The phrase **scattered about** means (thrown, grouped, placed).

½ mark

4. Mention **two** rooms in Omri's house in which he played with plastic figures.

(a) _____ (b) _____ 1 mark

5. Why was Omri not very pleased with Patrick's present?

1 mark

6. Underline the correct answer.

1½ marks

(a) Omri tried to (show, hide, express) his disappointment.

(b) "Yes, he's fantastic," said Omri in a slightly **flattish** voice.

The word **flattish** means (dull, excited, loud).

(c) Omri gave Patrick's present (no, very little, a great deal of) thought when he went off to play.

7. True (T), False (F), No Information Given (NIG).

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.

3 marks

	T	F	NIG
(a) Patrick gave Omri a brand new present.			
(b) Omri's mother swept the leaves in their garden.			
(c) Patrick gave Omri his birthday present at home.			
(d) Patrick knew that Omri did not have a plastic Indian.			
(e) Both Omri and Patrick had cowboys in their collections of plastic figures.			
(f) Patrick's present was wrapped in red wrapping paper.			

Section 2

After school there was a family tea, and all the excitement of presents from his parents and his two older brothers. He was given his dearest wish – a skateboard from his mum and dad, and from his eldest brother, Adiel, a helmet. Gillon, his other brother, hadn't bought him anything because he had no money (his pocket money had been stopped some time ago after an unfortunate accident involving their father's bicycle). So when Gillon's turn came to give Omri a present, Omri was surprised when a large parcel was put before him, wrapped in brown paper and string.



“What is it?”

“Have a look. I found it in the alley.”

The alley was a narrow passage that ran along the bottom of the garden where the dustbins stood. The three boys used to play there sometimes, and occasionally found treasures that other – perhaps rich – neighbours had thrown away. So Omri was quite excited as he tore off the paper.

Inside was a small, white wooden cupboard with a design on the door, the kind you see over the basin in old-fashioned bathrooms.

You might suppose Omri would once again be disappointed, because the cupboard, except for a shelf inside, was completely empty, but oddly enough he was very pleased with it. He loved cupboards of any sort because of the fun of keeping things in them. He was not a very tidy boy in general, but he did like arranging things in cupboards and drawers and then opening them later and finding them just as he'd left them.

“I do wish it locked,” he said.

“You might say thank you before you start complaining,” said Gillon.

(Adapted from *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks)

Questions on Section 2

(11 marks)

8. How did Omri's family celebrate after school?

1 mark

9. Underline the correct answer.

(a) Omri's family is made up of (four, five, six) people.

½ mark

(b) Omri received a helmet from (Adiel, Gillon, his parents).

½ mark

10. Who do you think stopped Gillon's pocket money? Give a reason for your answer.

2 marks

11. (a) Where did Gillon find Omri's present?

1 mark

(b) Why was Omri excited when Gillon told him so?

1 mark

12. True (T), False (F), No Information Given (NIG).

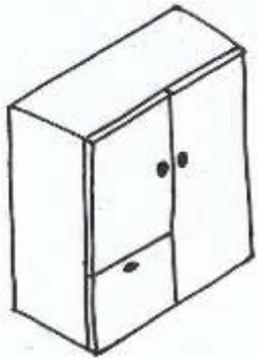
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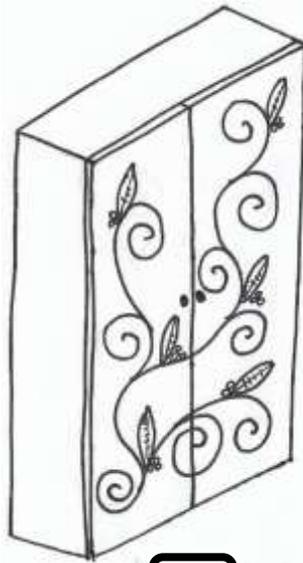
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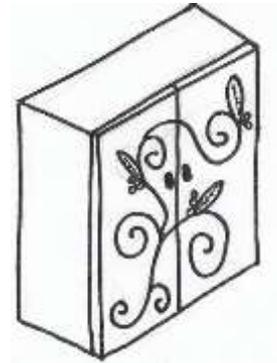
	T	F	NIG
(a) Omri wanted a skateboard badly.			
(b) Omri was expecting to receive a present from each member of his family.			
(c) Gillon wrapped the present with his mother's help.			
(d) Gillon told Omri where he had found the cupboard.			
(e) The cupboard Gillon gave him was full of things.			
(f) Omri noticed he could lock the cupboard.			

13. Tick (✓) the box under the picture which matches the description of the cupboard.

1 mark







14. “You might say thank you before you start complaining,” said Gillon. 1 mark

This shows that Gillon was (pleased with, proud of, annoyed at) Omri.

Question on the two sections

(4 marks)

15. Tick (✓) the four sentences which are true about Omri.

You will lose marks if you tick more than four.

(a) He was not expecting a present from Patrick.	
(b) He had mixed feelings about Patrick’s present.	
(c) He didn’t care about Patrick’s feelings.	
(d) He played with his brothers in the alley sometimes.	
(e) He didn’t like his rich neighbours.	
(f) He didn’t appreciate Gillon’s present because it was empty.	
(g) He enjoyed storing his things in a cupboard or a drawer.	

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