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Educational Assessment Unit

Annual Examinations for Primary Schools 2017

Year 5

ENGLISH

Time: 1h 15 min

(Reading Comprehension, Language, and Writing)

Name: _____

Class: _____

Total: 60 marks



A. Reading Comprehension

20 marks

A. 1. Read the following text carefully.

Drawing a leaf with ink

You need:

- a pencil and a pen
- black ink
- thick white paper

What you do:

- 1) Take a good look at the shape of the leaf.
- 2) Sketch your drawing lightly with a pencil.
- 3) Use a pen to shade the leaf. Use heavier lines for the darker parts and lighter lines for the lighter parts.

Remember to keep the paper white in areas where the sun hits the leaf.



1. Use the words in the boxes to fill in the blanks:

first

before

after

then

(2 marks)

- a) _____ you sketch the leaf look at it carefully.
- b) _____ sketch the leaf _____ shade it.
- c) Shade the leaf _____ you decide which parts of your drawing are going to be the darkest, lightest or somewhere in between.

2. Tick (✓) to show whether these sentences are True or False. (2 marks)

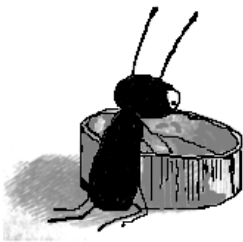
	True	False
Example: Thin paper is used when drawing with ink.		✓
a) A pen is used to create a rough drawing of the leaf.		
b) Heavier lines are used to mark the leaf's darkest areas.		
c) A pen is used to shade the lighter parts of the leaf.		
d) The lightest parts of the leaf are left blank.		

A. 2. Read the following passage carefully.

An Amazing Picture

Marvin, the beetle, looked around the dark bedroom. He saw the bottle of ink. It was high up on James's desk, and it appeared to be open.

Marvin crawled across the floor to the desk and quickly climbed to the top. There was a newspaper spread over the desk and a sheet of art paper. The bottle of ink stood open, glinting in the weak light.



Marvin crawled to the cap of the bottle and dipped his two front legs in the ink that had pooled inside. On his clean hind legs, he backed over to the sheet of paper. He looked out the window at the opposite building with its rows of unlit windows, the snow-dusted rooftop, the lit street-lamp, and the bare branches of a single tree. Gently, Marvin lowered his front legs and began to draw.

The ink flowed smoothly off his legs across the page. He kept glancing up, tracing the details of the scene with his eyes, and then drawing them on the paper.

He drew and drew, losing all sense of time. He moved back and forth between the ink cap and the paper, dipping his front legs gently in the black ink.

Then the sky turned from black to dark blue to grey, the street-lamp turned off, and the noise of the city waking filled James's room. Marvin, desperate to finish his picture before the boy awakened, hurried between the page and the ink cap. Finally, he stopped, surveying the tiny, detailed copy of the winter scene outside the window.

It was finished. It was perfect. It was breathtaking.

Marvin wiped his ink-soaked forelegs on the newspaper and scurried behind the desk lamp, just as James threw off his blankets.

James stumbled out of bed and looked around groggily. After a while he straightened and walked to his desk.

Marvin watched James's face, his eyes huge as he stared at the drawing. James pulled out the chair and sat down. 'Wow!' he said, 'Who did this?'

Without thinking, Marvin crawled out into the open, across the vast desktop, directly in front of James.

(Adapted from *Masterpiece* by Elise Broach)



1. Underline the correct word. (3 marks)

- a) Marvin was a (beetle, bee, ant, moth).
- b) Marvin climbed (slowly, swiftly, sluggishly, unhurriedly) to the top of the desk.
- c) The ink was (blue, green, black, purple).

2. a) Write a phrase of THREE words from the passage that shows it was winter. (1 mark)

b) Write a phrase of THREE words from the passage that shows James was not fully awake when he threw off his blankets. (1 mark)

3) Put the following sentences in the order events happened in the passage.

(3 marks)

He began to draw.	
He looked at the scene outside the window.	
He wiped his forelegs.	
He dipped his two front feet in the bottle of ink.	
Marvin climbed to the top of the desk.	1
He moved back and forth between the paper and the ink cap.	
He finished the drawing.	

4) Write the TWO words from the passage that show how the picture looked when it was finished. (1 mark)

5) Answer the following questions.

a) How did Marvin trace the scene he saw through the window?

(2 marks)

b) Why did Marvin hurry to finish the picture?

(2 marks)

c) How do you think James felt when he saw Marvin? Why?

(3 marks)

B. Language

10 marks

B. 1. a) Choose a word ending from the box below to form four new words.

One word is an example*.

(4 marks)

ing	ful	ed	less	ly
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Word	New Word	Meaning
help	_____	Someone does not have the power to do anything useful.
fear	fearful*	Something is very bad.
pound	_____	Something is hit with great force.
loud	_____	Something happened in a noisy way.
roar	_____	Something made a very loud noise.

b) Use the words you have formed to complete the paragraph about a storm.

The first word is an example*.

A storm broke over the island that night, such
 a **fearful*** storm. The thunderbolt crashed _____
 overhead. The din of rain and wind kept me awake.
 Great waves _____ in from the sea,
 _____ on the beach, and shaking the ground. I looked on
 awestruck at the power of the vast waves rolling in from the open sea, curling,
 tumbling, and exploding as they broke onto the beach, as if they were trying to
 batter the island into pieces. I felt _____.



B. 2. Read carefully.

Use a different word from the box to complete each sentence.

Remember to use the correct punctuation.

The first word is an example*.

(6 marks)

when	besides	after	as	where	so	and
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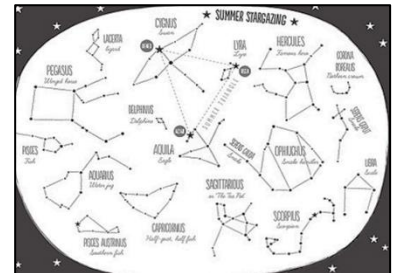
Many people enjoy astronomy as* a hobby. You need

somewhere dark, away from street and house lights,

_____ a clear night. _____ about half an

hour your eyes adjust to the dark _____ you can see

more stars. A map of the constellations will help you find your way around the night sky.



A constellation map



Binoculars reveal even more stars. _____, they show

details of the Moon. It is best to look at the Moon _____

it is half full. Craters, _____ rocks have crashed into the Moon, show up along the dark edge down the middle of the Moon. Binoculars show Jupiter's moons as spots of light on either side of the planet.



Half full moon

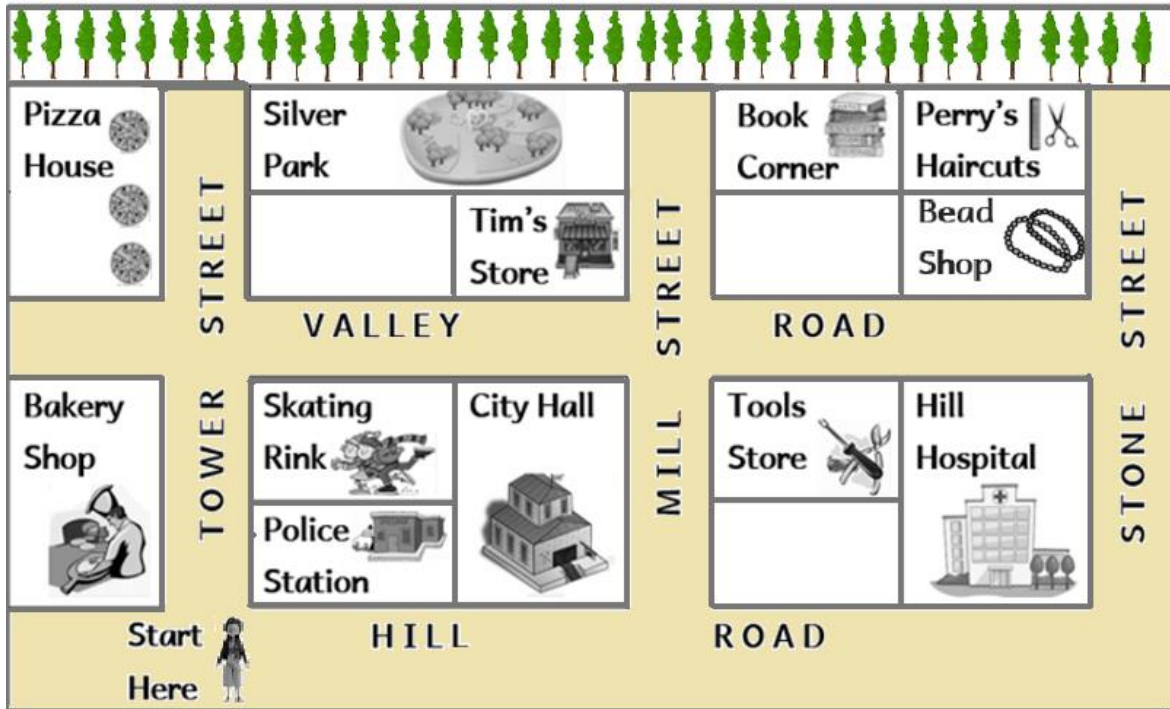


Jupiter and its moons

C. Writing

30 marks

- C. 1. Look carefully at the 'Show Me The Way' board game.
 Read the shop cards below the board and write directions.
 The first direction is an example. (4 marks)



Walk straight along Hill Road. Turn left into Mill Street and cross the street.
The Sports Shop is opposite the City Hall.





C. 2. The pictures tell the story of how a mouse freed a lion from a trap. Read and complete the story. (8 marks)



Once upon a time a lion caught a mouse. He laid his big paw on the mouse trapping him. The mouse was very scared.



The frightened mouse looked at the lion. He begged the lion to _____





Sometime later the lion accidentally stepped on a trap. _____





The lion and the mouse were friends for ever after. Both had learned that it is good to help someone who has helped you.

C. 3. Composition

(18 marks)

Write **between 100 and 150 words** on **ONE** of the following:

1. Write **a letter to a friend** who lives abroad to tell him or her about an outing that went wrong.

OR

2. Write **a letter to a friend** who lives abroad to tell him or her about an adventure you experienced while you were on a picnic.

Title Number: _____

Plan your writing in the space below.

