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**Year 4**

**ENGLISH (Listening Comprehension)**

**Time: 30 minutes**

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### **Teacher's Copy**

#### **Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination**

##### **ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH**

The instructions are in the audio recording and students are expected to listen to the recording during the Listening Comprehension Examination. The Teacher's Copy, which includes the instructions, texts and tasks set, is to be read by teachers ONLY when the audio equipment does not function properly.

#### **Resources**

<b>Teacher: Audio Recording, Reading Text and Questions</b> <b>Each student: Pen and Examination Paper</b>
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#### **Introduction**

<b>The teacher in charge distributes the examination papers to the students and asks them to write their name, surname and class on the front cover.</b>
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<b>THE TEACHER TELLS THE STUDENTS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.</b>
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#### **PROCEDURE**

- a) 5 minutes Students read the questions.
- b) 3 minutes The text is heard for the first time.  
(*Students may start writing if they wish to.*)
- c) 7 minutes The questions are read out and students answer them.
- d) 3 minutes The text is heard for the second time.
- e) 7 minutes The questions are read out again and students answer any unanswered questions.
- f) 5 minutes Final revision of answers by students.

Questions 1 to 12 (1 mark each) = 12 marks

Questions 13 (a to h) (½ mark each) = 4 marks

Questions 14 (a and b) (2 marks each) = 4 marks

**TOTAL 20 MARKS**

**Instruction 1: You have five minutes to read the questions silently. Do not write anything.**  
(Students read the questions silently for 5 minutes.)

**Instruction 2: Listen carefully as I read the passage *Horace Meets A Stranger*.**  
(You may start writing as you listen.)

1. Horace found the bottle in his sitting-room. He wondered what was inside it.
2. Horace grasped the bottle and tried to twist the lid off, but it remained firm. It had a thick crust. He used a hammer and chisel from downstairs to chip away the crust.
3. Then, he gripped the bottle between his knees and used all his strength to pull off the lid. It came off in his hand so suddenly that he fell backwards and hit his head on the floor.
4. The bottle lay on the floor with thick, black smoke pouring out of it. There was a strong smell, before Horace fainted.
5. When he opened his eyes the room was still thick with smoke. As it cleared, Horace saw the figure of a stranger – an old man wearing a robe and a dark-green headdress.
6. “The landlady must have rented out the next-door apartment at last,” Horace thought. “My neighbour must have noticed the smoke and rushed in to offer help.”
7. “Thank you, sir,” he said, as he scrambled to his feet. “I don’t know what’s happened exactly, but there’s no harm done.”
8. “Was it your hand that removed the seal?” asked the stranger.
9. “I certainly did open it,” said Horace, “but I’ve no idea what was inside the bottle.”
10. “I was inside it,” said the stranger. “I am one of the Green Jinn. I lived in the Palace of the Mountain of the Clouds.”
11. “Tomorrow,” thought Horace, “I’ll ask the landlady to send for a doctor. This old man needs proper care.”
12. “It’s late and I will leave you for now,” said the stranger. “But I will return and serve you.” As he finished speaking, to Horace’s amazement, he slipped through the wall behind him.

(Adaptation of an extract from *The Brass Bottle* by F. Anstey)

**Instruction 3: Now I will read the questions to you once. Listen to the exercises and complete them.**

**Tick (✓) the correct word, phrase or sentence to answer the questions.**

1. Where was the bottle?
  - a) in the dining room
  - b) in the sitting room
  - c) in the bathroom
  - d) in the kitchen

(4-second pause)

2. Who found the bottle?
  - a) Horace
  - b) Horace’s neighbour
  - c) the landlady
  - d) the stranger

(4-second pause)

3. Why was it difficult to open the lid?
- a) It was covered with plastic.
  - b) It was covered with tape.
  - c) It had a spring-lock catch.
  - d) It had a hard crust.
- (4-second pause)*
4. Which tools did Horace use?
- a) a hammer and hand saw
  - b) a nail puller and tin snips
  - c) a hammer and chisel
  - d) a utility knife and pliers
- (4-second pause)*
5. What happened to Horace when the lid came off?
- a) He fell forward and hit his head.
  - b) He fell backwards and hit his head.
  - c) He hurt his hand.
  - d) He hurt his knees.
- (4-second pause)*
6. What came out of the bottle before Horace passed out?
- a) green liquid and a sweet smell
  - b) thin white smoke and a weak smell
  - c) thick black smoke and a strong smell
  - d) black liquid and a sour smell
- (4-second pause)*
7. What was the stranger wearing?
- a) a robe and a headdress
  - b) a cloak and a tunic
  - c) a coat and a hat
  - d) a jacket and a helmet
- (4-second pause)*
8. Who did Horace think that the stranger was?
- a) the new landlord
  - b) his new neighbour
  - c) his doctor
  - d) the caretaker
- (4-second pause)*
9. Why did Horace thank the stranger?
- a) for the tools
  - b) for the bottle
  - c) for coming over to offer help
  - d) for renting the next-door apartment
- (4-second pause)*

10. Where did the stranger say he had lived?

- a) in a palace
- b) in a house
- c) in a flat
- d) in a hotel

*(4-second pause)*

11. What did Horace think about the stranger?

- a) The stranger was a powerful man.
- b) The stranger was imagining things.
- c) The stranger was a rich man.
- d) The stranger was telling the truth.

*(4-second pause)*

12. Why did the stranger say that he would visit again?

- a) to show Horace pictures of the mountain
- b) to be Horace's friend
- c) to be Horace's servant
- d) to show Horace how to slip through a wall

*(4-second pause)*

13. Put a tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Horace knew what was inside the bottle. *(4-second pause)*
- b) Horace got the tools from downstairs. *(4-second pause)*
- c) The sitting room was on fire. *(4-second pause)*
- d) Horace saw the stranger coming out of the bottle. *(4-second pause)*
- e) The stranger was an old man. *(4-second pause)*
- f) The landlady rushed to offer Horace her help. *(4-second pause)*
- g) There were more than one Green Jinn. *(4-second pause)*
- h) The stranger left because it was late. *(4-second pause)*

14. Fill in the blanks with a suitable WORD.

- a) Horace could \_\_\_\_\_ *(4-second pause)* see clearly because the room was \_\_\_\_\_ *(4-second pause)* of smoke.
- b) The stranger was outside the \_\_\_\_\_ *(4-second pause)* because the \_\_\_\_\_ *(4-second pause)* of the bottle was no longer sealed.

**Instruction 4: I will read the passage and the questions to you a second time. You may complete any unanswered questions as I read.**

*(The passage and questions are read a second time.)*

**Instruction 5: Now you have five minutes to check your answers, and complete any unanswered questions.**

*(Students revise and / or complete unanswered questions.)*

**This is the end of the Listening Comprehension Examination.**