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Year 5	ENGLISH (Written)	Time: 1h 15min
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Name: _____

Class: _____

Total: 60 marks

A. Reading Comprehension

(____ /20 marks)

A. 1. Read the following text carefully.

(4 marks)



PROFESSOR MILTON'S BUG BLOG

Startling Facts about Insects



18th February, 2022

A. The Monarch butterfly can fly more than 160 kilometres in a single day.





B. The Goliath beetle, found in Africa, is one of the largest and heaviest insects.

C. The Fairyfly can barely be seen by the unaided eye.



D. The dragonfly can fly as fast as 97 kilometres per hour.



E. Locusts gather in swarms containing millions of insects.



F. A stick insect can reach the length of 30 centimetres and more.





1. **Circle** ONE word in the blog which means 'incredible'. (1 mark)

2. **Match** the insect with its description. (4 x ½ mark = 2 marks)

Which insect		
e.g.	lives in Africa?	B
a.	is very tiny?	
b.	is a speedy flier?	
c.	is very long?	
d.	travels long distances?	

3. The information was published (in a magazine, on a website, in a book).

(1 mark)

A.2. Read the following text carefully.

(16 marks)

Spiders

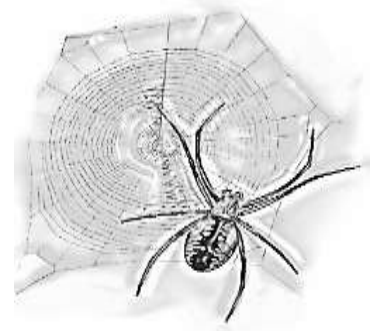
Spiders are fascinating animals, found in different habitats all over the world. Let's take a closer look at their world.

1. Spider Facts

Spiders have eight legs. Their body has just two parts, a joined head and thorax and an abdomen. Most spiders have eight eyes. Some have less or none at all. A spider has no bones. Its tough skin serves as a protective outer skeleton. Spiders have poisonous fangs for biting, but they cannot chew their food. They soften the solid parts of their victims by spraying digestive juice on them. Then they suck up the liquid food through a kind of built-in straw.

2. _____

All spiders spin silk, but not all spiders make webs. Spider silk is the strongest natural fibre known on Earth. It is made by special glands in the spider's body. Some glands make a silk that dries outside the body, while other glands make a silk that stays sticky. Spiders spin silk with short, finger-like organs called spinnerets. Wherever spiders go, they drag a silk thread behind them, called a dragline. If a bird comes near its web, the spider uses the dragline to drop from the web to the ground or to hang in the air. Hunting spiders use their dragline to swing down to the ground from high places.



3. _____

All spiders have biting fangs and most spiders have a poisonous bite. A spider's bite kills its victim, such as a fly caught in its web. The female black widow of North America is one of the few spiders dangerous to humans. Its bite can cause **illness**, severe pain and even death, but the death often results from **complications**, not from the bite itself. Many spiders trap their prey, like the garden spider, patiently spinning its web, or the trapdoor spider, waiting behind the door of its burrow. Others run **swiftly** to catch their victims and some even hunt underwater.

4. _____

A **legend** tells how a Scottish king, Robert the Bruce was hiding from his enemies in a cave. He saw a spider swinging from one roof beam to another. It failed six times. Bruce realised he had fought six losing **battles** against the English. He watched to see if the spider would try again. It did, and on the seventh swing, the spider succeeded. **Bruce took heart from the spider's success.** He went off to fight again and won a famous victory.



(Adapted from *World Book Looks at Insects and Spiders*)

1. Tick (✓) whether each sentence is **True** or **False**. (3 marks)

		True	False
	E.g. Spiders are found all over the world.	✓	
a)	The body of a spider has two main parts.		
b)	All spiders have less than eight eyes.		
c)	A spider has a skeleton made of bones.		
d)	Spiders spray juice to soften their food.		
e)	Spiders use their fangs to bite and chew.		
f)	All spiders weave webs.		

2. What do spiders use to swallow their food? (1 mark)

3. Write TWO facts about spider silk. (2 marks)

a) _____

b) _____

4. a. What do spiders use spinnerets for? (½ mark)

b. Underline the **THREE-WORD phrase** in the text that describes the spinnerets. (½ mark)

5. **Circle** TWO more spiders mentioned in the text. (1 mark)

black widow

tarantula

garden spider

trapdoor spider

wolf spider

water spider

6. Match the words which are in **bold** in the text with the words that have the same meaning. The first one has been done for you. (2 marks)

a)	illness		difficulties
b)	complications		fights
c)	swiftly	a	disease
d)	legend		quickly
e)	battles		myth

7. Who were the enemies of Robert the Bruce? (1 mark)

8. The sentence, “**Bruce took heart from the spider’s success.**” means: (1 mark)

- a. Bruce was happy for the spider.
- b. Bruce’s heart started beating fast.
- c. Bruce built up the courage to fight.
- d. Bruce took away the spider’s heart.

9. Which paragraph matches the subtitle? Paragraph 1 has been matched for you. (3 marks)

Subtitle	Paragraph
The King and the Spider	
Spiders are Hunters	
Spider Facts	1
Amazing Silk-spinners	

10. What would you type in the search engine below, to find out the names of the most unusual spiders? Underline the correct answer. (1 mark)

search

- a) Female spiders and their babies
- b) Poisonous spiders and their bites
- c) Common spiders of the world
- d) Unique spiders of the world

B. Language

(__ /10 marks)

B.1. Tara is going to London. She sends a message to her friend Maya, asking her for suggestions on places to visit. Fill in the missing gaps. (5 marks)

 Tara

Hello Maya! I'd like your help. I am going to be in London next week. Do you have any tips for me? 😊

14:35

Hi Tara! London is by far, my most favourite city in the whole world. Here are my top favourite things to do!

First, pay a visit (e.g.) to the British Museum, to see the great mummies. Then, take a ride (a) _____ board a Hop-on Hop-off bus. Take as many photos as you can (b) _____ the way. Since you are a big Harry Potter fan, I suggest you visit the film set (c) _____ the Warner Bros. Studio. You will enjoy the most spectacular views (d) _____ the London Eye. So, do not miss it! Do not forget to take a walk (e) _____ the London Bridge. Have fun visiting London! 😊

14:58



B.2. While Tara is in London, she sends a postcard to Maya. Complete the postcard. (5 marks)

<p style="text-align: right;">15th June, 2022</p> <p>Dear Maya,</p> <p>London (e.g.) <u>is</u> (be) amazing! I (a) _____ (love) it here. So far, I (b) _____ (visit) the British Museum and the London Dungeon. At the moment, we (c) _____ (have) a picnic at Hyde Park. I (d) _____ just _____ (see) a squirrel. How adorable! (e) I _____ (call) you next week!</p> <p>Love, Tara</p>	<div data-bbox="1225 533 1428 689"></div> <p>_____ Maya Grima _____ Flat 4, Rose Court, _____ Garden Road, _____ Attard, _____ Malta</p> <div data-bbox="869 1299 1420 1422"></div>
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C. Writing

(____/30 marks)

C.1. Your friend Tom wants to learn how to play a new outdoor game. Write a set of instructions to explain a game that you enjoy playing outside. (6 marks)

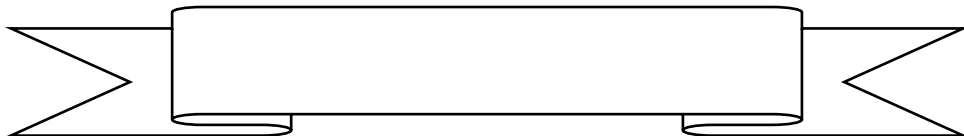
Name of the game: _____

Number of players: _____

Equipment:

Instructions:

C.2. A new library has opened in your town. Write an advert to encourage children to visit the library. (6 marks)



C. 3. Writing

(18 marks)

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

1. You are Lee. You live at **41, Oak Street, Parkville**. Write a **letter** to describe your school to a friend.

OR

2. You are Val. You live at **15, Pine Street, Woodville**. Write a **letter** to describe your village or town to a friend.

Title Number: _____

Plan your writing in the space below.

2 marks

Title Number: _____

Use your plan to write the letter.

Write between 100 and 150 words. Write neatly and correctly.

16 marks

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