

the traffic lights (9) _____ were red. Luckily, a police officer (10) _____ car was parked at the next corner managed to stop and arrest the thieves.

C. Fill in each blank with the correct word from the box. Use each word only once. The first one (0) has been done for you. (5 marks)

together	in	that	after	hatched
rest	collect	into	with	laid

The honey bee is a very unusual insect. Unlike other insects which live alone, the honey bee lives as a (0) **member** of a community. These bees live (1) _____ in what is known as a bee colony. The head of the colony is called the queen bee. She is larger than the (2) _____ of the bees. Her main job (3) _____ the colony is to lay eggs. Most of the other bees are worker bees. These bees (4) _____ nectar and pollen from flowers. The nectar (5) _____ is carried by the worker bees is then made (6) _____ honey. The worker bees also help look (7) _____ the young bees. As soon as the eggs are (8) _____, the worker bees feed the young bees (9) _____ pollen and nectar. The queen bee can live to about three years. During this period, she would have (10) _____ more than half a million eggs. A new queen would take over the 'duties' of the old queen when it dies.

SECTION B: READING COMPREHENSION 20 MARKS

Read the passage “On the Amazon River” and then answer the following questions

1. Choose the best title for this passage: (1 mark)
 - a. Paco and Macapa
 - b. A Storm in the Jungle
 - c. Travelling the River Amazon

2. What does Paco sell on the River Amazon? (1 mark)

3. Tick (✓) whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE . (2 marks)

- a. The Amazon flows through Peru and Brazil.
- b. The River Amazon isn't dangerous.
- c. Storms on the Amazon begin and end suddenly.
- d. Paco travels the Amazon on a boat.

TRUE	FALSE

4. Paco follows the _____ because they tell him where the fastest and deepest waters are. (2 marks)

5. a. When the dog falls off the boat it (1 mark)

- i. drowns.
- ii. swims towards the boat.
- iii. swims towards the boat.

5. b. When this happens Paco (1 mark)

- i. follows the dog towards the shore.
- ii. leaves the dog and continues on his journey.
- iii. jumps off the boat to save the dog.

6. The first sign of a storm is when the wind is making _____ in the water. (1 mark)

7. Lightning _____ up the jungle, birds and animals are _____, then the thunder _____ the silence and rain falls down heavily. (3 marks)

8. Name **two** dangerous animals that live in the river. (2 marks)

a. _____ b. _____

9. a. What do piranhas do? _____
 b. What do electric eels do? _____

(2 marks)

10. **Match** the words in column A to their meanings in column B. (4 marks)

A		B
1. famous		somewhere to stay
2. knock you out		well-known
3. shelter		make you unconscious
4. grazing		eating

SECTION C: LITERATURE

20 MARKS

PART 1: POETRY – UNPREPARED TEXT

Read the poem and answer all the questions that follow.

(10 marks)

The Race by Liana Mahoney

1 I'm running a race
It's a game I play
A game for sun-lit
Summer days.

5 My heart is pumping
Will I win this race?
My legs are flying
In a high -speed chase.

I'm really fast,
10 But still he's ahead!
Wish I were winning
This race instead!

I'm tiring out;
My running slows.

15 I just can't catch him.
I admit defeat.
My shadow's so fast,
He can't be beat!

1. **Underline the true statements about the race in the poem.**

(1 mark)

- a) The boy is a slow runner.
- b) The boy gets tired quickly.
- c) The boy will probably win next time.
- d) It is impossible for the boy to win the race.

2. The poem consists of: (1 mark)
- a) six stanzas of four lines each.
 - b) five stanzas of four lines each.
 - c) six stanzas having different lines.
3. The rhyme scheme of the poem is: (1 mark)
- a) a b a b
 - b) a b c a
 - c) a b c b
4. List **two** pairs of rhyming words the poet uses in this poem. (2 marks)
- a. _____ and _____ b. _____ and _____
5. Who is the boy in the poem racing against? (1 mark)

6. Why does the poet say that this is a game for “**sun-lit summer days**” (l. 3-4)? (2 marks)

7. Do you think the boy really expected to win the race? Why or why not? (2 marks)

PART 2: PROSE – UNPREPARED TEXT

Read the text below and answer all the questions that follow. (10 marks)

The path ended suddenly. They saw a deep round pit. Its walls were as smooth as ice. A small light burned in the pit. It showed a creature fiddling with something. At first Gregor thought that it was a rat. 1

Then the creature lifted his head and Gregor saw that it was his dad. Gregor’s dad had disappeared from his life more than two years before. He had been strong and tall and full of energy. Now, the man looking up at them from the pit was so thin and weak that when he tried to stand up he fell down. He then lifted one hand to help put his own head back to look at them. “Dad?” Gregor tried to say, but all the moisture had left his mouth. 5

Luxa and Henry flew down. They put Gregor’s dad from the pit onto Aurora’s back, and carried him up near Gregor.

Gregor held on to his father’s hands, once so strong and capable. As he felt the bones beneath his fingers, he remembered how his dad used to crack walnuts with his hands. “Dad, it’s me. Gregor”. 10

His father looked as if trying to remember something. “It’s the fever. I’m seeing things again.”

“No, Dad, it’s me. I’m here. And Boots is here, too,” said Gregor.

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“Boots?” said his dad . Gregor then remembered that his dad had never seen Boots. She had been born after he fell.

“Margaret,” Gregor corrected himself. His parents had decided to name Boots Margaret after his dad’s grandma.

“Margaret?” said his dad, now thoroughly confused. He rubbed his eyes. “Grandma?”

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(Adapted from *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins)

Underline the correct answer in numbers 1 and 2.

1. This extract from *Gregor the Overlander* is written in: (1 mark)

- a) the first person
- b) the second person

2. ‘as smooth as ice’ (lines 1-2) is: (1 mark)

- a) a metaphor
- b) an alliteration
- c) a simile.

3. Find two opposite adjectives from paragraph 2. (1 mark)

- a) _____ b) _____

4. Which words show that Gregor is so shocked that he couldn’t speak? (2 marks)

5. **Underline the correct answer:** (1 mark)

‘he felt the bones beneath his fingers’ (lines 10-11) mean:

- a) His father’s hands were very thin
- b) His father had long fingers
- c) Gregor had long fingers

6. Who is Boots? (1 mark)

7. Which words show that Gregor’s dad does not believe what he is seeing? (2 marks)

8. Why is Gregor’s dad ‘thoroughly confused’? (1 mark)
