



ST. NICHOLAS COLLEGE
RABAT MIDDLE SCHOOL
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS 2016

LEVEL
6-7

FORM 2

ENGLISH

TIME: 2 HOURS

Name: _____ Index No: _____ Class: _____

Marks			
Oral Assessment	Listening Comprehension	Written Paper	Total

SECTION A: LANGUAGE 15 MARKS

A. Fill in with the correct form of the verb. The first one (0) has been done for you. (5 marks)

I will be (0) (**be**) sixteen next month. Yesterday, while I _____ (1) (**talk**) to my friends, I _____ (2) (**told**) them that I would like to have a party at home and _____ (3) (**invite**) all of them. Then last night, I _____ (4) (**ask**) my parents about the party. They said I could have a party but they would stay at home. I _____ (5) (**be**) really unhappy now and _____ (6) (**get**) frustrated. The party _____ (7) (**be**) a disaster if my parents are in the house. We _____ (8) (**not do**) anything wrong at the party, but we won't be able to relax and _____ (9) (**enjoy**) ourselves if they are at home. How _____ I _____ (10) (**change**) my parents' mind?

B. Fill in with who, which, whose. The first one (0) has been done for you. (5 marks)

This is the bank (0) which was robbed yesterday. A boy (1) _____ sister is in my class was in the bank at that time. The man (2) _____ robbed the bank had two pistols. He wore a mask (3) _____ made him look like Mickey Mouse. He came with a friend (4) _____ waited for him outside in a car. The woman (5) _____ gave him the money was young. The people (6) _____ were in the bank were frightened and they didn't know what to do. The bank manager (7) _____ mobile phone started ringing tried to stop them but didn't manage to do

so. The car in (8) _____ the bank robbers escaped was black. They didn't wait at 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 the latter dies.

SECTION B: READING COMPREHENSION

20 MARKS

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

1. Underline 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 do 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. Underline **two** things that Paco learns from the floating leaves .

(1 mark)

- a. the piranhas are near
- b. where the fastest current is
- c. where the deepest water is.

5. Underline the correct answer:

a. "He makes for the shore" (line 14) means:

(1 mark)

- i. The dog is on the shore
- ii. The dog swims away from the shore
- iii. The dog swims towards the shore

b. Why does the dog do this?

(1 mark)

- i. He knows that Paco will go to look for him there
- ii. He runs away from Paco
- iii. He runs away from the piranha

6. Fill in the blanks using words from the text.

(3 marks)

a. The first sign of a _____ is when the wind is making
_____ in the water.

b. The forest changes during a storm. Lightning _____ up the jungle, the birds
and animals are _____, then the thunder _____ the
silence and rain falls down_____.

7. Choose **two** animals that live in the river and say how they are dangerous.

(2 marks)

8. What do the following words refer to in the text? Match the words in column A to their meanings in column B. (4 marks)

A		B
1. It (l. 4)		floating leaves
2. them (l. 7)		the river
3. They (l. 24)		piranhas
4. you (l. 26)		the people in the river

9. 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)

Moon by John Kenward

- 1 Never the same,
She spills her liquid silver
Nightly,
Or, like a miser keeping old,
5 Hides behind cloud.
The sun is her supporter
While it is dark:
From him her strength is gathered,
And so she moves supremely as a swan.
- 10 Later the early **onslaught*** of the lark
Jostles her out of power
She becomes
A spectral moon
Fragile as rice paper:
- 15 No longer that magnificent tycoon
Swollen and proud –
Now, at the gaze of noon
Her flesh falls from her, meekly.
She is gone.

* sudden singing

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

This poem is about:

- a) a miser and his love for money.
- b) the swan at night time.
- c) the beauty of the moon.

2. How many stanzas are there in this poem? (1 mark)

3. Is there a rhyme scheme in the poem? **Underline YES / NO** ($\frac{1}{2}$ mark)

4. Give an example of a pair of rhyming words from the poem. ($\frac{1}{2}$ mark)

5. The moon is described as a woman who takes her strength from the male sun – ‘**from him her strength is gathered**’ (line 8). This figure of speech is called: (1 mark)

- a) personification
- b) alliteration
- c) simile

6. Quote **another** example of this figure of speech. (1 mark)

7 a. Quote **one** simile from the poem: (1 mark)

b. Explain the meaning of this simile: (2 marks)

8. The moon changes from a ‘**magnificent tycoon**’ (line 15) at night to a ‘**spectral moon**’ (line 13) by day. (2 marks)

This means that the moon is _____ at night but becomes
_____ during the day time.

PART 2: PROSE – UNPREPARED TEXT

Read the text below and answer all the questions that follow.

(10 marks)

The path ended suddenly at a deep round pit with walls as smooth as ice. A faint light burned in the pit. It showed a furry creature fiddling with something. At first Gregor thought it was a rat. 1

Then the creature lifted his head and Gregor saw that it was his dad. The man, who had disappeared from Gregor's life more than two years before, had been the picture of health. Strong and tall, energy had seemed to pour right out of him. Now, the man squinting up at them from the pit was so thin and weak, his attempt to stand up failed him. He fell on all fours. He then lifted one hand to help put his own head back to look at them. 5

"Dad?" Gregor tried to say, but all the moisture had left his mouth. He dropped to his own knees at the side of the pit and tried to reach his dad. They were fifty feet apart, but he reached, anyway. 10

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

Still on his knees, 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". 15

His father frowned 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. 20

"Boots?" said his dad. He frowned again, and Gregor remembered he had never seen Boots. She had been born after he fell.

"Margaret," Gregor corrected himself. As soon as his mom was pregnant, his parents had planned to name Boots Margaret after his dad's grandma.

"Margaret?" said his dad, now thoroughly confused. He rubbed his eyes. "Grandma?" 25

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

Underline the correct answer in numbers 1 and 2.

1. This (**novel / drama**) extract is written in the (**first / third**) person. (1 mark)

2. 'as smooth as ice' (line 1) is :
a) a metaphor b) an alliteration c) a simile. (1 mark)

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

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

5. What do the words '**As he felt the bones beneath his fingers**' (line 16) show? (1 mark)

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**' (line 25)? (1 mark)

SECTION D: COMPOSITION

Write between 150 and 200 words on ONE of the following. **25 MARKS**

1. Write a biography of a famous person that you admire.
 2. Write an article about a particular event that took place at school, which is to appear in your school magazine.
 3. A surprising turn of events you experienced.

Title No:

