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LEVEL  
7-8

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 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, especially the man (7) \_\_\_\_\_ mobile phone started ringing. 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 arrest the thieves.

**C. Fill in the blanks with a suitable word. The first one (0) has been done for you. (5 marks)**

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 deposited on the hive and then converted (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 third type of bee found in the colony is the drone or male bee. The main task of such a bee is to mate with a new queen. The queen bee has a life span of about three years. During this period, she would have (10) \_\_\_\_\_ more than half a million eggs. When the queen bee is dying, a new queen would be groomed. This new queen would eventually take over the 'duties' of the old queen when the latter dies.

**SECTION B – READING COMPREHENSION 20 MARKS**

Read the Comprehension Text, which is on a separate sheet, 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 do on the River Amazon?** (1 mark)

3. Tick (✓) whether the statement is TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). (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 sells his bananas to a shop in the next village.

TRUE	FALSE

4. What **two** things do the floating leaves tell Paco? (2 marks)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

5a. What does the writer mean by the words 'He makes for the shore, knowing that I will be following him.' Pay particular attention to the underlined words. (line 14) (1 mark)

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5b. What is his intention in doing so? (1 mark)

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6. How does Paco know that a storm is coming? (1 mark)

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7. How does the forest change during a storm? (2 marks)

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8. Choose **two** animals that live in the river and say how they are dangerous. (2 marks)

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\_\_\_\_\_

9. What do the following words refer to in the text? (5 marks)

- a. It (l. 4) - \_\_\_\_\_
- b. them (l. 7) - \_\_\_\_\_
- c. it (l. 17) - \_\_\_\_\_
- d. They (l. 27) - \_\_\_\_\_
- e. you (l. 29) - \_\_\_\_\_

10. Between lines 16 - 35, find a word in the text that means: (2 marks)
- a. somewhere to stay \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. well-known \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. make you unconscious \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. foraging/eating \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION C – LITERATURE**

**20 MARKS**

**Part I – Poetry Unprepared Text**

**(10 marks)**

**Read the poem and answer all the questions that follow.**

**Moon** – John Kenward

Never the same,  
She spills her liquid silver  
Nightly,  
Or, like a miser keeping old,  
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.

Later the early onslaught\* of the lark  
Jostles her out of power  
She becomes  
A spectral moon  
Fragile as rice paper:  
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. This poem is about: a) a miser b) the sun c) the moon d) a cloud (1 mark)
  2. How many stanzas are there in this poem? (1 mark)
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3. Is there a rhyme scheme in the poem? Underline. YES / NO (½mark)

4. Give an example of a pair of rhyming words from the poem. (½mark)

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5. The moon is described as a woman who takes her strength from the male sun – ‘from him her strength is gathered’. What is this figure of speech called? (1 marks)

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

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7 a. Quote two similes from the poem: (1 mark)

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Explain the meaning of these two similes: (2 marks)

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

8. The moon changes from a ‘magnificent tycoon’ at night to a ‘spectral moon’ by day. Why? (2 marks)

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**Part II – Prose Unprepared Text (10 marks)**

**Read the following passage and answer the questions below.**

The path ended abruptly at a deep circular pit with walls as smooth as ice. A faint light burned in the pit revealing a furry creature hunched over a stone slab, fiddling with something. At first Gregor raised a warning hand. He thought it was a rat.

Then the creature lifted his head and Gregor recognized what was left of his dad. The man who had disappeared from Gregor’s life two years, seven months, and who knew how many days ago had been the picture of health. Strong, tall, and vibrant, energy had seemed to pour right out of him. The man squinting up at them from the pit was so thin and weak, his attempt to stand failed. He fell on all fours, then lifted one hand to help tilt his own head back.

“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 reached out a hand futilely. They were fifty feet apart, but he reached, anyway.

Luxa and Henry flew down, helped the pitiful form onto Aurora’s back, and carried him up.

Still on his knees, Gregor clutched 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”.

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.

“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?”

(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’ is : **a) a metaphor b) an alliteration c) a simile.** (1 mark)

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

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

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5. What do the words ‘As he felt the bones beneath his fingers’ imply? (1 mark)

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6. Who is Boots? (1 mark)

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

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