



TOM NEWBY SCHOOL EXAMINATION



Subject	English Paper 2 : Comprehension and Language	Examiner	Miss L Horvath
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Session	1	Duration	1h30
Grade	5	Moderator	Mrs A Singh
Special instructions/ Equipment	Dictionaries may not be used.		

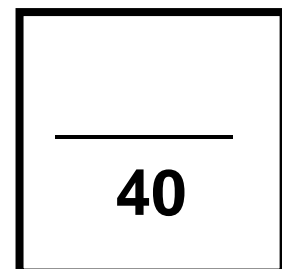
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Name and Surname: _____

Grade: _____

Instructions:

- This paper is made up of Section A (Comprehension) and Section B (Language).
- Answer **ALL** questions on the question paper.
- Answer in full sentences, unless otherwise stated.
- Read all questions carefully and answer according to the mark allocation per question.
- Highlight important information.
- Marks will be deducted for spelling errors.
- Write neatly and legibly.
- Take your time and enjoy the paper.



Section A: Comprehension (25 marks)

Read Text A and answer the questions that follow.

Treasure Island

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Text A

1. Many, many years ago, in the days when pirates were the terror of the seas, and I was a young lad, my father kept the Admiral Benbow, an Inn that stood by itself on the cliff top by the Coast Road Bar. It was a lonely place, but at least our life was quiet and untroubled – that is until the fateful day when the old buccaneer called “The Captain” arrived. I could see him, striding towards the Inn. He looked like an old sea-dog in a ragged blue coat, his greasy hair tied back in a pig-tail, and a livid, white scar across his nut-brown face. Behind him came a man wheeling a barrow on which was a great sea-chest, as old and as weather-beaten as “The Captain” himself.
2. Month after month, “The Captain” stayed at Admiral Benbow, and everybody in the neighbourhood was terrified of him. At night, he would sit in the bar with his cutlass drawn and placed before him on the table, drinking rum, and roaring out his wicked songs.
One bitter January morning, another stranger came to the Inn. He was a tall, pale man, with a face like wax, whose name, I was soon to learn, was “Black Dog”. “The Captain”, as usual, was out walking on the cliffs, looking for ships through his brass telescope. When he returned to the Inn for his breakfast he did not, at first, see “Black Dog”, who was standing in a dark corner.



1. What is the setting of the story?

_____ (1)

2. Describe The Captain in **three** full sentences.

 _____ (3)

3. What did he bring with him, to the Inn?

_____ (1)

4. Why do you think the people were afraid of “The Captain”?

_____ (1)

5. Explain what a “cutlass” is – Paragraph 2.

_____ (1)

6. “Black Dog” is described as having “a face like wax” – Paragraph 2.
What does that mean?

_____ (2)

Read Text B and answer the questions that follow.

Text B

3. “Bill,” said “Black Dog” softly. Then, more boldly, “Bill, me old shipmate!”
The Captain spun round with a gasp, and when he saw “Black Dog”, all the colour drained from his face, as if he had seen a ghost.
“Black Dog!” he whispered. Then recovering a little, he sent me off to the next room to fetch rum. As I poured the rum, I could hear voices raised in anger. Then I heard The Captain shout, “No, no, no! End of it!” Then the clash of cutlasses and the crash of tables and chairs being overturned.
I ran into the bar to see “Black Dog” covered with blood, running into the road, with “The Captain” right behind him, swinging his cutlass. “Black Dog” disappeared over the hill and “The Captain” came back into the bar.
“They’re out to get me, Jim,” he said.
“They’ll kill me, they will. It’s old Flint’s map they want, that he gave me as he lay dying... keep an eye open, Jim, for a man... a man with one leg... and now, boy, rum, rum...”

7. Why do you think “The Captain” was in such shock on seeing “Black Dog” at first?

_____ (1)

8. Who is “out to get” “The Captain”?

_____ (1)

9. What does, “keep an eye open” mean?

_____ (1)



Read Text C and answer the questions that follow.

Text C

4. It was a few moments before I realised that I could feel no pulse beating in “The Captain’s” wrist. He was dead. Night was closing in fast, and my mother refused to run to the village for safety, as “The Captain” owed her money. “Find his key, the key to his sea-chest. I’ll take what’s due to me and not a penny more.” I found “The Captain’s” key on a piece of string around his neck, my mother and I hurried up to his room. Inside the old sea-chest we found a bag of gold coins and a bundle of papers wrapped in oil-cloth. My mother counted her share, and I took the papers, and together we ran out of the Inn. I ran to Squire Trelawney and gave him the papers I had taken from “The Captain”. The Squire unfolded the papers and discovered that it was a map of an island, very carefully done, revealing a red cross drawn with ink, and beneath it was written: TREASURE BURIED HERE.

5. Squire Trelawney chartered a fine schooner called *Hispaniola*, for he was determined to find the treasure. The Squire found a first rate seaman, Captain Smollett, to command the ship and I was to set sail too, as cabin-boy. He hired a man named John Silver to act as the sea-cook.



The sea cook’s nick-name was Long John Silver, because he was very tall. His left leg was cut off close to the hip, and under his left shoulder he carried a crutch, which he managed with amazing skill. On his shoulder was a bright green parrot, which was called “Captain Flight”.

Long John was my best friend aboard the *Hispaniola*. Many a time he would say, “Come away, Hawkins, and have a yarn with John.”

6. We reached Treasure Island at last and anchored in a little bay. I suddenly had a longing to feel solid land under my feet again, after all those months out at sea. Boats were lowered and mine was the first to touch land, and I was

the first to leap out into the thick woods along the waters edge. Long John Silver shouted, "Jim! Jim!", but I paid no attention to him. After rambling around in the forest, I realised I was being followed by a bear-ape looking figure. I stopped, fearing cannibals, and the figure advanced towards me. I started running for the shore when I saw it was a man, but the strangest looking man I had ever come across, dressed in rags. He threw himself on his knees before me and held out his hands.

7. "Who are you?" I asked

"Ben Gunn... I haven't spoken to another human being in over three years," he replied.

"Three years! Were you shipwrecked?"

"I was marooned, mate. Left alone in this desolate place. We came after Flint's treasure. Twelve days we searched and never found it."

"The treasure! What do you know of the treasure?"

"I were in Flint's ship - the *Walrus* - when he buried it. There was me and Billy Bones, "Black Dog" – aye and Long John Silver."

"Long John Silver!" I cried.

"Aye - the blackest villain that ever sailed."



8. At that moment, the island shook, as the *Hispaniola's* cannons fired. The pirates had taken over the ship. In the distance I spotted a flag, the Union Jack, fluttering above the tree tops. I ran in its direction, not realising that Ben Gunn had disappeared. From what I could see, Captain Smollett was badly wounded. Night fell, and we could hear the pirates on the shore, singing their drunken song. We were preparing for them to attack at dawn. I had to make a plan before then, so I slipped away, unseen, from the camp. Down the beach I went, keeping well away from the pirate's campfire, and waded into the sea. Finally, reaching the *Hispaniola's* anchor rope, I hung, panting, and then began to climb up to the deck. My intention was to cut the ship free of its anchor, to set the *Hispaniola* adrift. After cutting, the last strands of the rope parted with a bang, sprang back and clipped me on the head. I dropped down senseless on the deck. When I woke it was broad daylight and the ship was lying on its side, upon the North beach of Treasure Island.

10. What type of a story is this?

(1)

11. Do you agree or disagree with Jim taking the map? Explain your answer.

(2)

12. Explain what a “schooner” is – Paragraph 5.

(1)

13. What are the duties of a cabin-boy?

(2)

14. Why would Long John Silver carry a parrot permanently with him?

(1)

15. Give a reason, why Ben Gunn said that Long John Silver was “the blackest villain that ever sailed.” – Paragraph 7.

(1)

16. Why did Ben Gunn disappear?

(1)

17. What was Jim Hawkins plan when night fell?

(2)

18. Did his plan come together? Give a reason for your answer.

(2)

Comprehension : 25 marks



Section B: Language (15 marks)

Read Text D and answer the questions that follow.

Text D

It took the entire day to find camp, there was snoring coming from inside the cabin. I crept inside and was about to rouse the squire when from the darkness, a shrill voice shrieked,

“Who goes there?” It was Long John Silver, then a light was struck and in an instant I was held in arms. In the flickering light, Long John lurked towards me.

“Shiver me timbers, here’s Jim Hawkins dropped in to pay us a visit,” he said with a grin.

“Where is the squire? What have you done with them?” I cried.

Long John Silver laughed and pulled a familiar paper from his coat - the map of Treasure Island.

1. List any **two** adjectives from Text D.



(2÷2=1)

2. Provide an example of each from Text D.

2.1 A proper noun. _____

2.2 A conjunction. _____

2.3 Onomatopoeia _____

(3)

3. Give a definition for these Figures of Speech and provide an example, to show your understanding.

3.1 Personification: _____

e.g. _____ (2)

3.2 Assonance: _____

e.g. _____ (2)

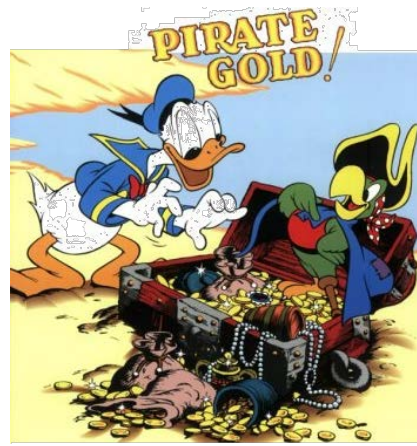
3.3 Simile: _____

e.g. _____ (2)

4. **Subject and Predicate:**

In the following sentences,

- Circle the subject
- Underline the predicate
- Label the verb



4.1 Silver tied a rope around my neck and took the other end.

4.2 Long John Silver laughed and pulled a familiar paper from his coat .
(6÷3=2)

5. **Punctuate** the following paragraph using your blue pen or coloured pens. Write clearly over the typing where necessary.

Text E

As we walked to the cave, the Squire explained how he found ben Gunn whilst I was on the ship. when he realised the map was useless, he gave it to Long John. Knowing the pirates would follow the map he and Gunn had waited for them. At the cave we found the Captain and the treasure, for which so much blood had been spilled. It took us many days to move the coins and gold bars to the ship. We saw nothing of the pirates and we set sail for england When we arrived, long john managed slipped away taking a bag of gold with him. We searched and searched but never heard from him again.

(9÷3=3)

Language : 15 marks

GRAND TOTAL : 40 MARKS

