

SECTION A - COMPREHENSION

Read the biography below and answer the questions.



My life so far

1. My name is Peter Green and I am 11 years old. I live with my family. They are my parents and my two sisters. I'm the middle child, like the cheese in the sandwich, as my grandmother says.
2. My older sister, Kate, thinks she is a pop star. You should hear her sing in the shower! She sounds more like a frightened cat than anything human. When she sings, even the cat runs and hides.
3. Then there is my little sister, Jane, the most irritating person in the world. Why do I say that? Well, wouldn't you get irritated if you had to live with someone who has two imaginary friends? All day long she talks to these friends, as if she can really see them. Living with two sisters is bad enough- but four girls in the house!
4. My father, Jake Green, is big and strong. He drives a big truck at the local municipality. When he isn't at work, my father reads the newspaper or watches television. Sometimes I can persuade him to play soccer with me in the backyard.
5. My mother's first name is Christine, although I call her Mom. My dad calls her Tina or Sweetie Pie when he's feeling happy, like after Sunday lunch. Mom is very pretty and works hard at the grocery store in our own town. She is really in charge of the house. We all have to do jobs, even my father. My job is to wash up after supper and feed the dog.
6. We have lived in the same house in Senekal since I was born, so I know our house very, very well. For example, I know which floorboard creaks in the passage, where there is a crack in the garden wall to sneak through, and how to open the front door when it gets stuck when it rains.
7. I am in Grade 5 in Senekal Primary School, and Mr. Grey is our teacher. I like our school, because there are soccer fields and netball courts for us to play on. I'm in the soccer team. So is my best friend, Fred. We often beat the other schools in soccer matches because we practice every afternoon. I can read and write quite well, but I am not as clever as Jason and Lydia in our class. I think that they know even more than Mr. Grey does.

1.1. Choose the correct answer. (1)

What is a biography?

- a) A song about a person.
- b) The life story about a person.
- c) A story about different people.
- d) A poem about animals.

1.2. Write down the name of the speaker in the first paragraph. (1)

1.3. Why does the speaker compare himself to a cheese sandwich? (1)

1.4. Explain what happens to the family's pet when Peter's sister sings in the shower. (2)

1.5. What does Peter's baby sister have that irritates him? (paragraph 3) (2)

1.6. Where does Peter's father work? (1)

1.7. Write two chores that need to be done by Peter every day. (paragraph 5) (2)

1.8. Name two activities that Peter's father does to keep busy when he is not at work. (paragraph 4) (2)

1.9. List two things that Peter knows very well about their house? (2)

Garden wall? _____

Floor board? _____

1.10. Name six people who are involved in Peter's life.

Example: parents, siblings and friends. (3)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____



1.11. Choose the correct answer by saying: True or False.
Motivate when false. (5)

a) The fourth paragraph is about Peter's father.

b) In the second paragraph Peter talks about cars.

c) Peter's teacher is Mr. Mabunda?

1.12 Choose the correct answer. (1)

Where did Peter live from birth?

- A Sannieshof
- B Senekal
- C Sasolburg
- D Springs

1.13 Who was more clever than Peter? (1)

- A Fred
- B Mr. Grey
- C Lydia and Jason
- D Kate and Jane

1.14 When did soccer practice take place? (1)

- A every afternoon
- B every day
- C every evening
- D every second week

TOTAL SECTION A: 25

SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS

Instructions: Answer the questions in the space provided.

Nouns are naming words. We get four different kinds of nouns.

1. Common noun: table, chair, book
2. Proper noun: Cape Town
3. Abstract noun: Love
4. Collective noun: Litter of puppies

2.1. Give one example of a **proper noun** found in paragraph 1. (1)

2.2. Write one example of a **common noun** found in paragraph 6. (1)

Verbs are doing words like eat, sleep and play.
Adverbs describe the verb. Example: They are eating slowly.

2.3. Read the sentence below.

The pretty girl sang lovely songs in the shower.

a) Underline the **verb**. (1)

b) Circle the **adverb**. (1)

Adjectives describe the noun. Example: She is a pretty girl.

2.4. Underline the **adjective** in the following sentences. (1)

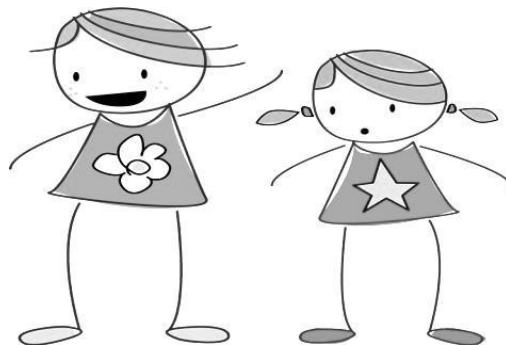
a) The naughty boy sneaks through the creak in the wall.

2.5. Rewrite the following sentence into the **Present Tense**. (1)

Peter loved to play soccer with his father.

2.6. Rewrite the following sentence in the **Past Tense**. (1)

Peter's little sister has two imaginary friends.



2.7. Rewrite the following sentence in the **Future Continues Tense**. (1)

Peter and his family go on holiday together.

2.8. **Rewrite** the following sentence into a question.

Peter enjoys spending time with his father. (1)

2.9. **Join** the following sentence using the word in brackets.

Peter enjoys going to school. There are netball courts and soccer fields for the children to play on. (because) (1)

2.10. Change the following sentence into **reported speech**. (1)

Peter says: "I love my family very much even though they irritate me at times."

Peter said _____



Pronouns are used instead of the noun like he, she, it, or they.

2.11. Fill in the correct pronoun.

2.11.1. Peter is a good student because _____ always listens in class. (1)

2.11.2. Peter's little sister is annoying at times but _____ still loves _____. (1)

2.12. Put in the **Spelling** and **Punctuation** in the following sentence where necessary.

to be part of the green family is a privilege for Peter

(2)

TOTAL SECTION B: 15
GRAND TOTAL: 40

Enjoy your holiday!

