



TOM NEWBY SCHOOL EXAMINATION



Subject	English Paper 2: Comprehension and Language	Examiner	Miss M d'Hotman de Villiers
Date	9 June 2016	Total marks	40
Session	1	Duration	1h30min
Grade	4	Moderator	Mrs A Singh
Special instructions/ Equipment	Dictionaries may not be used for this exam.		

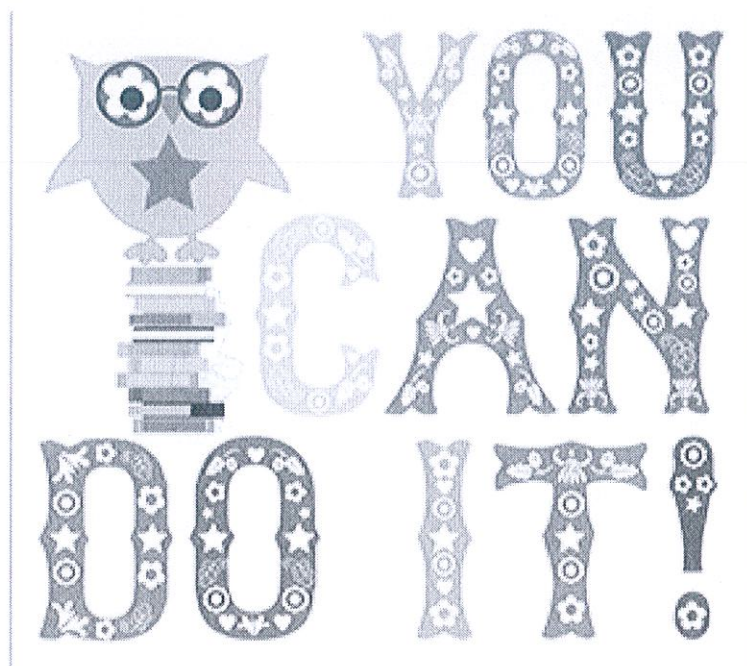
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Name and Surname: _____

Class: _____

Instructions:

1. This paper is made up of Section A: Comprehension (25 marks) and Section B: Language (15 marks).
2. Read through and follow all the instructions **carefully**.
3. Answer all questions on the question paper.
4. **Read the extract twice, before answering the questions.**
5. Write your **name, surname** and **class** on the paper.
6. **Spelling** counts.
7. Please write neatly and try to answer all of the questions to the best of your ability.



Section A: Comprehension (25 marks)

Read the questions about an extract from “Esio Trot” by Roald Dahl. Then, read the extract carefully, as many times as you think you need to so that you can answer the questions correctly.

Questions:

1. Name two characters from the story. (2)

2. What kind of animal is Alfie? (1)

3. Who is the author of this story? (1)

4. From which book is this extract taken? (1)

5. What did Mrs Silver put in Alfie's house in winter? (1)

6. Which part of the lettuce did Mrs Silver give Alfie for breakfast? (1)

7. Why would Alfie crawl into his house at night? (1)

8. How would Alfie know to wake up in Spring? (1)

9. What vegetables did Mrs Silver feed Alfie? (3)

10. Why did Mrs Silver place planks along the sides of the balcony? (1)

11. What type of home do you think Mrs Silver and Mr Hoppy stay in? Give a reason from the story for your answer. (2)

12. What does "hibernating" mean? (1)

13. Why do you think Mr Hoppy wanted to become a tortoise? (2)

14. Do you think Mrs Silver loved Alfie? Give a reason to explain your answer.(2)

15. During which month does the story take place? (1)

16. When Mr Hoppy says that Alfie is "absolutely gorgeous", does he mean it? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

17. What do you think happened later on in the story, that changed and electrified Mr Hoppy's life? (2)

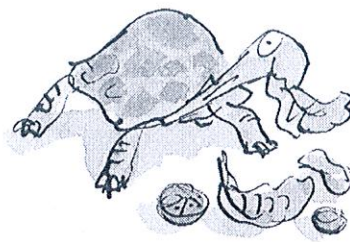
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Text A

Extract from: "Esio Trot"

- 1 Alfie, the tortoise, had been with Mrs Silver for years and he lived on her balcony during Summer and Winter. Planks had been placed around the sides of the balcony so that Alfie could walk around without toppling over the edge, and in one corner, there was a little house into which Alfie would crawl every night to keep warm.
- 2 When the colder weather came along in November, Mrs Silver would fill Alfie's house with dry hay and the tortoise would crawl in there and bury himself deep under the hay and go to sleep for months on end without food or water. This is called hibernating.
- 3 In early spring, when Alfie felt the warmer weather through his shell, he would wake up and crawl very slowly out of his house on to the balcony. Mrs Silver would clap her hands with joy and cry out, "Welcome back, my darling one! Oh, how I have missed you!"
- 4 It was at times like these that Mr Hoppy wished more than ever that he could change places with Alfie and become a tortoise.
- 5 Now we come to a certain bright morning, in May, when something happened that changed and indeed electrified Mr Hoppy's life. He was leaning over his balcony-rail watching Mrs Silver serving Alfie his breakfast.
- 6 "Here's that heart of the lettuce for you my lovely," she was saying. "And, here's a slice of fresh tomato and a piece of crispy celery."
- 7 "Good morning, Mrs Silver," Mr Hoppy said. "Alfie's looking well this morning."
- 8 "Isn't he gorgeous!" Mrs Silver said, looking up and beaming at him.
- 9 "Absolutely gorgeous," Mr Hoppy said, not meaning it. And now, as he looked down at Mrs Silver's smiling face gazing up at his own, he thought for the thousandth time how pretty she was, how sweet and gentle and full of kindness, and his heart ached with love.



Section B: Language in Context (15 marks)

Refer to Text A to answer the language questions

Questions

1. Find an **antonym** in paragraph 2 for the word: hotter _____ (½)
2. Find a **synonym** in paragraph 1 for the word: small _____ (½)
3. Describe Mrs Silver using four **adjectives** from the story. (4x½=2)

4. List four **proper nouns** from paragraph 5. (4x½=2)

5. Complete the following table by changing the given sentences to the appropriate tense. (4x½=2)

Past Tense	Present Tense	Future Tense
_____	Alfie hibernates during winter.	_____
_____		_____
_____		_____
_____		_____
Mrs Silver loved to feed Alfie lettuce.	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

6. Complete the paragraph by adding **pronouns** in the spaces provided. (4x½=2)

There were two loves in Mr Hoppy's life. One being the flowers _____ grew on _____ balcony. _____ grew in pots and tubs and baskets. Mr Hoppy's second love was a secret he kept entirely to _____.

7. List four **verbs** from paragraph 1. (4x½=2)

8. Underline two **common nouns** in the following sentence. (2x½=1)

Every morning Alfie would crawl out of his little house and eat his breakfast on the balcony.

9. Fill in the missing degrees of comparison in the spaces below. (6x½=3)

Happy		
	Cuter	
		Most gentle

Total: 15 marks

Grand Total: 40 marks

