

**TOM NEWBY SCHOOL EXAMINATION
MEMORANDUM – GRADE 4**

Subject	English Paper 2: Comprehension and Language	Examiner	Miss S Tribe
Date	13 November 2017	Total marks	40

SECTION A – COMPREHENSION (25 MARKS)

Question	Possible answers	Mark	Level
1.1 a	<p>Are the following statements true or false? If false, correct the statement.</p> <p>Meerkats are found in wet, moist conditions such as rainforests.</p> <p>False ✓ Meerkats are found in the dry grasslands. ✓</p>	2	2
1.1 b	<p>Meerkats stand upright on their rear legs to search for food.</p> <p>False ✓ Meerkats stand upright to watch for predators. ✓</p>	2	2
1.2	<p>Who is the author of the story, “A Mob of Meerkats”?</p> <p>Guy Belleranti is the author of the story ✓</p>	1	1
1.3	<p>Describe the physical appearance of a meerkat.</p> <p>Statue-like stance ✓ Small pointed faces ✓ Large eyes ✓ They have big claws ✓ Clear membrane covering their eyes ✓ They are slender and foot-tall. ✓ (Any 3)</p>	3	3
1.4	<p>Which two animals are predators of meerkats?</p> <p>Jackals ✓ Hyenas ✓ Hawks ✓ (Any 2)</p>	2	1

<p>1.5</p>	<p>List two ways in which meerkats would react to a predator.</p> <p>Call out an alarm ✓ Run for the safety of their burrows ✓ Stand together, arching their backs and hissing ✓ (Any 2)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>1.6</p>	<p>Why do meerkats make different calls?</p> <p>They make different calls depending on whether the danger is coming from the sky or land ✓</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>1.7</p>	<p>List two physical traits that help meerkats to create or extend their burrows?</p> <p>They have long claws for digging ✓ They have a clear membrane covering their eyes. ✓ They have ears that close to keep the dirt out ✓ (any 2)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>1.8</p>	<p>List one reason why two meerkats would fight?</p> <p>2 meerkats might fight if they clash over territory ✓</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>1.9</p>	<p>What do meerkats eat?</p> <p>Meerkats eat insects, lizzards, rodents, eggs, birds and fruit ✓✓ (any 2)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>1.10</p>	<p>How are the sleeping patterns of meerkats, similar to that of humans?</p> <p>Meerkats, like humans sleep during the night and are active during the day ✓</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>1.11</p>	<p>Do meerkats sometimes occupy burrows not dug by them? Quote a sentence from the passage to support your answer.</p> <p>Yes. "They often occupy burrows previously dug by ground squirrels or other animals." ✓✓</p> <p>(minus half mark for no quotation marks)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>5</p>

1.12	<p>What does the word “omnivore”, in paragraph 6, mean? Underline the correct answer.</p> <p>a) Only eats plants. b) Only eats birds and insects. c) Only eats animals. d) Eats both plants and animals.</p> <p>d - Eats both plants and animals ✓</p>	1	3
1.13	<p>Why do you think meerkats live longer in captivity, than in the wild?</p> <p>Meerkats live longer in captivity because there are fewer predators ✓ and because they are given food, they don't have to find it on their own. ✓</p>	2	5

Total Section A = 25 marks

SECTION B – LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT

Question	Possible answers	Mark
2.1	Find a synonym in paragraph 1 for the word “thin”. Slender ✓	1
2.2	Find an antonym in paragraph 1 for the word “large”. Small ✓	1
2.3 a	Read the sentence below, and write down the listed parts of speech . A mob of meerkats standing upright can be found on a large rock in the dry grasslands of Southern Africa. Common noun - Meerkats/ rock/ grasslands ✓	1
2.3 b	Proper noun - Southern Africa ✓	1
2.3 c	Collective noun - Mob of meerkats ✓	1
2.3 d	Adjective - Large/ dry ✓	1
2.3 e	Verb - Standing ✓	1
2.4 a	Change the following sentences to the required tense . The meerkat jumped into its burrow for protection. Simple present tense: The meerkat <u>jumps</u> ✓ into its burrow for protection.	1
2.4 b	Simple future tense: The meerkat <u>will jump</u> ✓ into its burrow for protection.	1
2.4 c	Present continuous tense: The meerkat <u>is eating</u> ✓ insects.	1

2.4 d	Past continuous tense: The meerkat <u>was eating</u> ✓ insects.	1
2.5 a	Complete the sentences below, by correcting the form of the adjective within brackets. A mongoose is slightly _____ than a meerkat. (large) Larger ✓	1
2.5 b	A meerkats sense of smell is the _____ of all its five senses. (good) Best ✓	1
2.6 a	Separate these compound sentences into two simple sentences . They're led by a dominant male and female, but the slightly larger female is considered the top meerkat. They're led by a dominant male and female. The slightly larger female is considered the top meerkat. ✓	1
2.6 b	The burrows can be five meters long and they have many entrances and exits. The burrows can be 5 meters long. They have many entrances and exits. ✓	1

Total Section B = 15 marks

Grand Total = 40 marks