



TOM NEWBY SCHOOL EXAMINATION

Subject	English Paper 2: Comprehension and Language	Examiner	Miss S Tribe
Date	22 November 2018	Total marks	40
Session	1	Duration	1 hour
Grade	4	Moderator	Mrs A Singh
Special instructions/Equipment		Dictionaries may not be used for this exam.	

MEMORANDUM

SECTION A - COMPREHENSION (25 MARKS)

Question	Possible answers	Mark	Level
1.	Are the following statements true or false?	4	1
	If false, correct the statement.		
a)	African lions are smaller than other big wild cats such as leopards, cheetahs and jaguars.		
	False. ✓ African lions are larger than the other big wild cats such as		
	leopards, cheetahs and jaguars. ✓		
b)	Most big cats live in cooperative groups. False. ✓		
	The African lion is the only cat to live in cooperative groups.		
2.	Who is the author of the story, "A Pride of Lions"?	1	1
	Guy Belleranti is the author of the story, "A Pride of Lions".		
3.	Describe the physical appearance of a lion.	2	3
	Strong, ✓ compact bodies, ✓ yellow-gold in colour, ✓ thick		
	mane 🖌 and they are larger animals. 🖌		
	(accept any 2)		

4.	What is the advantage of a male lion's thick mane of neck fur?	1	3	
	A male lion's thick mane of neck fur provides some protection			
	during battles with other male lions. Y			
5.	According to the article, list three benefits of living in a big	3	3	
	cooperative group?			
	More lions to help raise the young <pre> v provide food </pre> and			
	protection. Y			
6.	List one way in which lions communicate vocally.	1	1	
	Roaring, Y meowing Y or snarling.			
	(any 1)			
7.	Apart from communicating vocally, write two other ways in which	2	2	
	pride members communicate with one another?			
	They can communicate using facial expressions - scent - and			
	touch. 🖌			
	(any 2)			
8.	Name the "family members" that you would find in a pride of	3	3	
	lions?			
	Male lions, Y female lions/ lionesses Y and cubs. Y			
0	What is the ish of the largest male lish?			
9.	What is the job of the largest male lion?	1	1	
40	The largest male lion's job is to protect the pride.	1		
10.	Why do the female lions do most of the hunting?		1	
	The female lions do most of the hunting because their smaller			
	size helps them sneak close to the prey.			
11.	Why do you think female lions hunt mostly at night and in the	1	5	
	early morning when the light is poor?			
	Female lions hunt mostly during the night and early morning			
	when the light is poor because it makes it more difficult for their			
	prey to see them coming. ✓			
12.	What do the words "retractable claws" in paragraph 5 mean?	1	3	
	Underline the correct answer.			
	a) Able to draw the claws back into the cat's paws.			
	b) Unable to draw the claws back into the cat's paws.			
	c) Curved claws.			
	d) Straight claws.			

13.	 Do lions sometimes rely on other predators to catch their prey for them? Quote a sentence from the passage to support your answer. Yes. "They also use their size and numbers to steal dead prey from other predators." (- ½ for no quotation marks.) 	2	4
14.	 Name one other animal that lives in a big cooperative group. Give a reason how this type of living benefits this animal. Elephants/ wolves/ buck. (any animal that lives in a cooperative group.) Living in a group provides protection, helps with raising the young and providing food. (any suitable answer.) 	2	5

Total Section A = 25 marks

SECTION B – LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT (15 MARKS)

Question	Possible answers	Mark
1.	Find a synonym in paragraph 4 for the word:	
	biggest - largest Y	1
2.	Find an antonym in paragraph 4 for the word:	
	rough - gentle 🖌	1
3.	From the sentence below, write down the listed parts of speech .	
	An African pride of lions consists of a dominant male lion, whose	
	job is to protect the pride.	
a)	Common noun: lion 🖌	1
b)	Collective noun: pride of lions 🖌	1
c)	Adjective: dominant/ male/African	1
d)	Verb: job/ protect 🖌	1
e)	Proper noun: African	1
4.	Change the simple past tense sentence below to the required tense.	
a)	Simple past tense: The lioness hunted during the night. Simple present tense:	
	The lioness hunts < during the night.	1
b)	Simple future tense:	
	The lioness will hunt ✓ during the night.	1
5.	Change the present continuous tense sentence below to the required tense.	
	Present continuous tense: The lions are communicating vocally.	

a)	Past continuous tense:			
	The lions were < communicating vocally.			1
b)	Future continuous tense:			
	The lions will be < communicating vocally.			1
6.	Fill in the missing degrees of comparison in the spaces provided.			2
	Positive	Comparative	Superlative	
	strong	a) stronger ✓	strongest	
	powerful	more powerful	b) most powerful	
7.	Separate these compound sentences into two simple sentences.			
	Chaotaha drag thai	r kille te biding places	and laanarda null thair killa	
a)	_	T KIIS TO HIGHLY PLACES	and leopards pull their kills	
	into trees. Cheetahs drag their kills to hiding places.			1
	Leopards pull their kills into trees. ✓			
b)	Male lions are usually gentle with the cubs in their own pride, but they			
	are not gentle with cubs from other prides.			1
	Male lions are usually gentle with the cubs in their own pride.			
	They/Male lions are	e not gentle with cubs f	from other prides.	

Total Section B = 15 marks

Grand Total = 40 marks