

**TOM NEWBY SCHOOL**

SUBJECT: ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE EXAMINER: MISS HORVATH
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SESSION: 1 TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MIN.
GRADE: 5 MODERATORS: MRS A SINGH

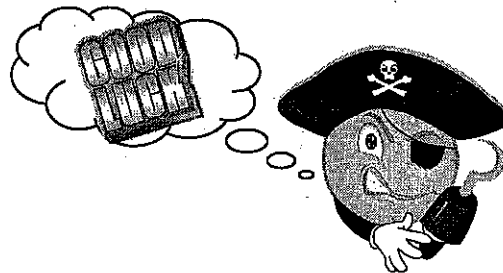
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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer all questions on the question sheet
- You may not use a dictionary
- Write neatly and legibly
- Spelling always counts

**THIS PAPER IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS:**

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION: 25 MARKS

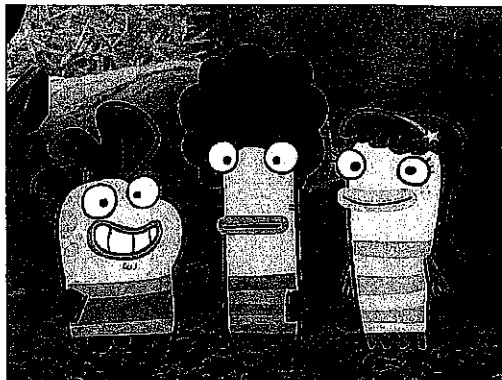
SECTION B: LANGUAGE: 25 MARKS

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION: 25 MARKS

Read Text A and answer the questions that follow.

Text A

THE BONFIRE IN THE SEA



1. Long, long ago, in Australia, it was said that fish could travel as easily on land as they could swim in water. It happened, so the story goes, that the whole fish tribe had been playing tag along a sandy beach near the sea. At last, they became tired of the game. Fin-fin, the leader of the fish, said, "Let us coast down the great, black rock."
2. Now, beyond the level shore where the fish had been playing tag, there were cliffs and rocks. Some of the rocks rose straight out of the water, while the others sloped toward the sandy beach. High above the rest, towered the great, black rock. The fish climbed to the top. Then, one after another, they followed the leader, each gliding head first down the rock. It was fine sport! Then the fish formed a circle and danced, while Fin-fin slid down the rock alone. Again and again he climbed to the top and slid down, as swiftly as an arrow glides from the bow. Finally he turned a somersault at the foot of the rock and then called to the fish to stop dancing.
3. "It is time to cook dinner," said Fin-fin. "There is a good place for a camp under the trees on the tall cliff yonder." The fish climbed to the top of the cliff overhanging the sea. They gathered wood and heaped it high at the edge of the cliff. When all was ready for the bonfire, Fin-fin rubbed two sticks briskly together. Soon a spark fell upon the wood, and instantly the flames leaped upward. Then the fish put some roots in front of the fire to roast. While the roots were cooking, the fish stretched themselves under the trees. They had almost fallen asleep, when suddenly great drops of rain came splashing down. A dark cloud, which they hadn't noticed, had covered the sun. The rain fell hard and fast and soon put out the fire.

1. Describe Fin-fin?

_____ (1)

2. What does the word "somersault" mean?

_____ (1)

3. How did Fin-fin make a fire?

_____ (3)

4. What happened to their fire?

_____ (2)

Read Text B and answer the questions that follow.

Text B



4. Now you know, this was very serious, for people in those days had no matches and it was difficult to light a fire. Then, an icy wind began to blow and the fish were soon shivering in the cold.

“We shall freeze to death unless we can build a fire again,” cried Fin-fin.

5. He tried to kindle a flame by rubbing two sticks together. He couldn’t produce even one spark.

“It is of no use,” said Fin-fin. “The wood is too wet. We shall have to wait for the sun to shine again.”

6. A tiny fish came forward and bowed before Fin-fin, saying, “Ask my father, Flying-fish, to light the fire. He is skilled in magic, and he can do more than most fish.” So Fin-fin asked Flying-fish to light the fire once more. Flying-fish knelt before the smouldering ashes and fanned briskly with his fins. A tiny thread of smoke curled upward and a feeble red glow could be seen in the ashes.

5. Why do you think the tiny fish bowed in front of Fin-fin?

_____ (2)

6. What does the word “feeble” in paragraph 6 mean?

_____ (1)

7. Do you think that Flying fish will be able to make a magical fire? Why?

_____ (2)

8. Why does the writer use the words “those days” (paragraph 4). What does that mean?

_____ (2)

Read Text C and answer the questions that follow.

Text C

7. When the tribe of fish saw this, they crowded close around Flying-fish, keeping their backs toward the cold wind. He told them to go to the other side, because he wanted to fan the fire. By and by the spark grew into a flame and the bonfire burned brightly. "Bring more wood!" cried Flying-fish. The fish gathered wood and piled it upon the fire. The red flames roared, sputtered and crackled. "We shall soon be warm now," said Fin-fin.

9. Why do all the fish crowd around Flying-fish?

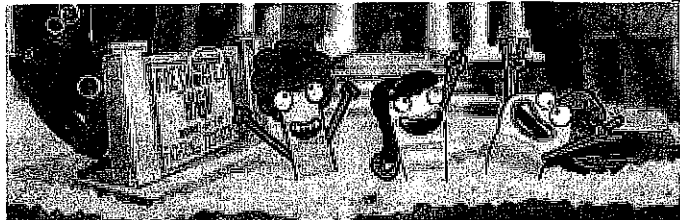
_____ (2)

Read Text D and answer the questions that follow

Text D

8. Then the fish crowded around the fire, closer and closer. Suddenly, a huge gust of wind swept across the cliff from the direction of the land and blew the fire toward the fish. They sprang back, forgetting that they were on the edge of the cliff. And down, down, down, went the whole fish tribe to the bottom of the sea.

9. The water felt warm, for the strong wind had driven the fire down below, too. There, indeed, was the bonfire at the bottom of the sea, burning as brightly as ever. More wonderful still, the fire never went out, as fires do on land. The water at the bottom of the sea has been warm ever since that day. That is why, on frosty days, the fish dissappear from the surface of the water. They dive to the bottom of the sea, where they can keep warm and comfortable, around the magic bonfire. At least, that's what some people say.



10. Why was the water so warm?

_____ (1)

11. What do you think this story is trying to explain about the natural world?

_____ (2)

12. Who is the main character in the story?

_____ (1)

13. What kind of story is this?

_____ (1)

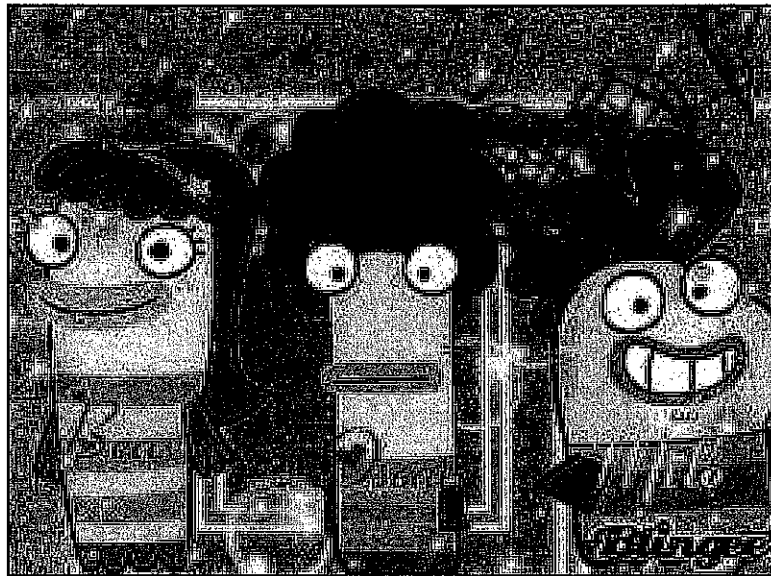
14. Did you enjoy the story? Why / Why not?

_____ (2)

15. Correct the following spelling errors:

a) forgetting - _____ (1)

b) dissappear - _____ (1)



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SECTION B: LANGUAGE: 25 MARKS

Refer to the story to answer these questions. The small numbers to the left of the story, are the paragraph numbers.

Question 1

Find the following in the story:

(8 x ½ =4)

- 1.1 A synonym for talented (paragraph 6) _____
- 1.2 An antonym for hot (paragraph 7) _____
- 1.3 Onomatopoeia (paragraph 7) _____
- 1.4 Alliteration (paragraph 9) _____
- 1.5 Conjunction (paragraph 2) _____
- 1.6 Suffix (paragraph 1) _____
- 1.7 Contraction (paragraph 5) _____
- 1.8 Prefix (paragraph 4) _____

Question 2:

2.1 State what type of sentence this is: **"Bring more wood!"** _____ (1)

2.2 How many types of sentences are there? _____ (1)

2.3 Name the types of sentences and give an example for each. _____

(8 x ½ = 4)

Question 3:

3.1 Find a word:

- In paragraph 8, which means, **to jump or move suddenly and swiftly.** _____ $(1 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2})$
- In paragraph 6, which means, **something is hot.**
_____ $(1 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2})$

Question 4:

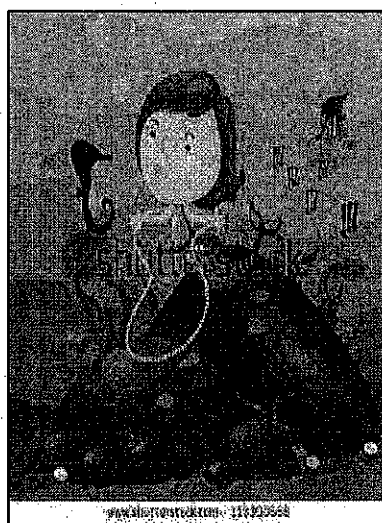
4.1 In the following sentences,

- Underline the **subject** in blue pen
- Circle the **predicate** with green pen/pencil
- Draw a rectangle around the **object** with an HB pencil
- Label the **verb** in the sentence, above the typed words

4.1.1 Fin-Fin rubbed two sticks briskly together. $(4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2)$ 4.1.2 The fish gathered wood to add upon the fire. $(4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2)$ **Question 5:**Identify the Parts of Speech that are underlined in Text E. $(10 \times \frac{1}{2} = 5)$ **Text E**

5.1 Shaneka was fast asleep one night when there came 5.2 flying
5.3 through her bedroom 5.4 window, a sea fairy dressed in 5.5 blue.
'Wake up, wake up!' the fairy 5.6 cried. Shaneka woke up with a jump
5.7 and sat up. Shaneka didn't realize it was a 5.8 sea fairy. 5.9 She
was 5.10 shocked out of her wits when she realized it was.

- 5.1 _____
- 5.2 _____
- 5.3 _____
- 5.4 _____
- 5.5 _____
- 5.6 _____
- 5.7 _____
- 5.8 _____
- 5.9 _____
- 5.10 _____



Question 6:

Re-write Text F by adding Punctuation Marks where necessary. (5)

Text F

“What are you doing in my room” said shaneka.
The sea fairy replied,“You were requested to go on an adventure under
the sea, to the homes of sea fairies and mermaids”
Oh, I’d love to come! cried Shaneka.
When she reached the seashore, she saw the fairy waiting for her.



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