

**Blouberg Ridge Primary School**  
**Grade 6**  
**English HL**  
**Mid-Year Examination Paper 2019**

**Comprehension**

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He turned and pulled the door back as far as it would go against my heap of English books.

'Miss Kitty Killin,' he said admiringly, edging as best he could through the narrow gap. 'The only girl in the whole world who can make litter out of literature!'

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[An extract from 'Goggle Eyes' by Anne Fine]

Answer the following questions.

1. Which phrase tells us that Kitty's mum knew that the scissors was in Kitty's room? (1)

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2. What had Kitty told her mum about the scissors? (2)

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3. Why did Kitty say that *she* would get the things out from behind the radiator? (2)

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4. Who do you think the chocolates were given to? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

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5. Which word tells us that Goggle Eyes was really disappointed in Kitty? (1) \_\_\_\_\_

6. a. Why are the words '*I'll*' and '*die*' in italics? (1)

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b. Why are the words '*Stop Trident*' in italics? (1)

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7. What die Goggle Eyes find behind the radiator? (4)

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8. Find words in the passage which mean: (2)

a. her face turned a pinkish colour \_\_\_\_\_

b. begged \_\_\_\_\_

9. How do we know that Goggle Eyes was kneeling next to the radiator? (1)

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10. Match the meanings in Column B to the words in Column A: (3)

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13. Explain the sentence: (2)

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Total: 25

### Language Structures and Conventions

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3. Read the sentences and identify the Pronouns: (3)

Who did Goggle Eyes think he was? Kitty forced herself not to scream.

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4. Read the sentences and identify the Verbs: (3)

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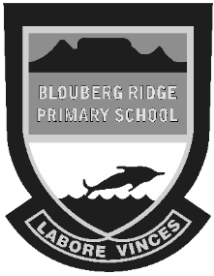
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*She had insisted that she had looked under absolutely everything, thoroughly, twice.*
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*She was scared that Goggle Eyes would find something personal or private and she would be embarrassed.*
4. Who do you think the chocolates were given to? Give a reason for your answer. (2)  
*They had been given to her mum, because that's what boyfriends do.*
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*To emphasise the words.*  
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*They are the name of a game or building set.*



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**He found old socks, apple cores, four house keys and a chocolate.**
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**When he got up he had to brush green eye-glitter from his knees.**
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**Her surname is Killin.**
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**The potplant was able to survive even though it did not get any water, air or sunlight**
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**Goggle Eyes didn't know what to do although he was a good handyman.**

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If Kitty tidied her room, she would be able to find everything.

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17.3 Conjunction **If**

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**Get out of my room!**

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