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# **ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSESSMENT**

## **GRADE 4**

### **ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE**

#### **2012 EXEMPLAR TEST**

Read the following passage and then answer Questions 1 to 6.

**NO TO BULLYING**

I was born in Sophiatown. I was the eldest of a family of eight. Twenty-five families were staying in one yard. There were more than fifty children in that yard and one of them was my friend.

The name of my friend was Jessie. We grew up together and we were friends from the age of two to the age of eleven. Our friendship was so close that nobody could part us. Most people thought we were sisters. We used to wear dresses that were the same colour and the same style. We wore the same colour shoes. Our hair was cut the same way and we had the same beaded bracelets and necklaces.

We started school when we were seven. We had to travel on school buses from Sophiatown to Newclair. Life turned a bit sour for us then. As we were young, the older pupils bullied us. They made us carry their heavy books from the bus stop to the school. When we got to the school, we had to clean and brush their shoes. Sometimes they took our lunch money and we had to stay hungry for the whole day. Life was not a bed of roses.

I used to help my mother at home every afternoon. When I got home from school, my first task was to chop wood and make a fire. After making the fire, Jessie and I had to go and fetch water 1 km away from home. We brought it back in buckets that we carried on our heads. We experienced things at the tap that made us very tough. The children who lived near the tap said it belonged to them, so no other children were allowed to use it. These children were our arch-enemies, and we had to fight them before we could fill up our buckets with water. Those bullies used to chase us, pour our water out of the buckets and throw our buckets far away. And what caused those fights was just a tap.

1. How did the older pupils treat the two young girls?

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(1)

2. **Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

The main characters in the story were ...

- A fifty children.
- B two good friends.
- C older bullies.
- D twenty-five families.

(1)

3. **Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

The two girls lived ...

- A near the tap.
- B on a school bus.
- C in Sophiatown.
- D in Newclair.

(1)

4. **Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

Her first task when she got home from school was ...

- A to chop wood.
- B to fetch water.
- C to make a fire.
- D to clean shoes.

(1)

5. **Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

The bullies who lived near the tap ...

- A made the girls carry heavy books.
- B poured the water out of the girls' buckets.
- C made the girls polish their shoes.
- D made the girls pay for water.

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6. How do you feel about bullies in your class?

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7. What happened when the girls' lunch money was forcibly taken?

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8. What happened to the girls at the water tap?

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(1)

9. **Look at the Contents Page of the book below. Answer Questions 9.1 and 9.2.**

Content	Page
1. Crocodiles	1
2. Ostriches	4
3. Lions	8
4. Elephants	12
5. Rhinoceroses	17
6. Hyenas	19
7. Leopards	21
8. Giraffes	24
9. Zebras	28
10. Cheetahs	33

9.1 **Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

You would read about elephants on page ...

- A 28.
- B 4.
- C 12.
- D 21.

(1)

9.2 **Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

Which animals can you study on page 19?

- A Hyenas
- B Zebras
- C Ostriches
- D Lions

(1)

**Read the information passage and answer Question 8.**

#### **GROWING COLOURFUL FLOWERS**

1. In spring or early summer, dig and rake a flower bed in a sunny spot.
2. Plant petunia or marigold seedlings 15 cm apart in the soil.
3. Water your plants straight away and also every evening.

10. **Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

Petunias and marigolds grow best ...

- A when planted close together.
- B in a shady place.
- C in a sunny place.
- D in plant pots indoors.

(1)

11. **Number the sentences in the correct order.**

Tuesday: Our hotel is wonderful and we cannot wait to go sight-seeing.

Thursday: Today we visit the Sphinx and the Pyramids of Giza.

Monday: Our holiday begins and we catch our plane to Egypt.

Friday: It is the final day of our amazing holiday.

Wednesday: I cannot believe it. We are on a boat travelling down the Nile River.

(1)

12. **Rewrite the following sentences from the simple present tense to the simple past tense.**

12.2 The girls catch a bus to school.

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12.2 The bus stops at the bus stop.

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(1)

13. **Choose the correct sentence ending to complete the compound sentence.**

13.1 **Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

The bullies said that it was their tap ...

- A if they would not let us get water from it.
- B so they would not let us get water from it.
- C where they would not let us get water from it.
- D until they would not let us get water from it.

(1)

**13.2 Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

The children did not get up early ...

- A before it was holidays.
- B but it was holidays.
- C because it was holidays.
- D and it was holidays.

(1)

**14. Choose the correct verb to complete the sentences.**

**14.1 Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

There \_\_\_\_\_ many bullies near the tap.

- A were
- B was
- C is
- D have been

(1)

**14.2 Circle the letter of the correct answer.**

Jessie and I \_\_\_\_\_ both old now.

- A am
- B is
- C are
- D being

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**15. Rewrite the sentence from indirect speech to direct speech.**

Jessie said that she was afraid of bullies.

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16. Read the information in the following paragraph.

Answer Questions 16.1 to 16.4

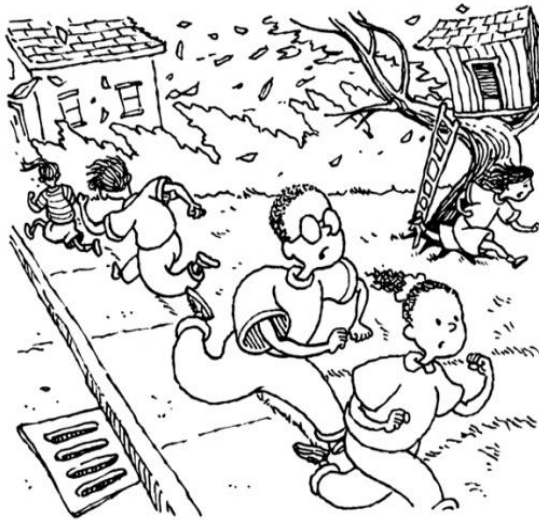
It was a hot summer day in the Kruger National Park where Mr and Mrs Reed, whose job it was to take photographs of wild animals in Africa, were searching for a giant elephant to take photographs of for a book about elephant herds. Tshokwane, the giant bull elephant, was famous because he was one of the biggest, oldest, wildest elephants in the world.

Complete the table using the above information in the paragraph.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
16.1 Where in Africa were the photographers looking for elephants?	A _____
16.2 Who were the photographers?	B _____
16.3 In which season did this take place?	C _____
16.4 What was the name of the giant bull elephant?	D _____

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17. Look at the picture below. Write 6 sentences describing this picture.



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