

SECONDARY SCHOOL ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2002

Educational Assessment Unit – Education Division

FORM 1

ENGLISH

TIME: 2 hours

Name: _____

Class: _____

A. Match these English expressions with pictures 1 – 6.

(5 marks)

a. Yes, please. _____

b. Well done! _____

c. Excuse me! 6

d. How do you do? _____

e. Don't mention it. _____

f. I'm terribly sorry. _____



B. Fill each gap with a suitable word to complete Andrew's letter to his pen-friend.

(10 marks)

Dear José,

Thank you for your letter. It was (1) _____ interesting. And thank you for the photographs. Your village looks beautiful. Now I would like to tell you a little about myself and (2) _____ family. I live (3) _____ a town about 40 miles (that's about 64 kilometres) from London. I (4) _____ one brother and one sister and we all (5) _____ to the local school. My mother's a tourist officer and she (6) _____ to London (7) _____ the train every day. My father's a computer programmer and he often works (8) _____ home.

At the weekends I often play football with the school team. I sometimes go
(9)_____ at the local pool. (10)_____ is a very good
gym at the pool, too.

I look forward to your next letter.

Best wishes,

Andrew

C. Write the words in the correct order to make sentences. (10 marks)

1. brother / has / a / your / job / got?

2. buildings / are / this / there / beautiful / town / some / in.

3. history / mother / their / college / at / teaches.

4. music / like / the / I / evenings / listening / in / to.

5. her / taller / all / is / Angela / sisters / than.

6. lights / are / the / in / those / sky / what / ?

7. you / time / do / work / finish / what / at / ?

8. at / yesterday / were / not / school / they.

9. phone / she / me / the / not / at / weekend / did.

10. in / sometimes / winter / go / I / skiing.

D. Comprehension.

(25 marks)

Read the extract from *The Little Man* by Erich Kastner. It is about Maxie, a midget, who lives with Professor Hokus von Pokus, a magician. Then answer the questions below.

THE LITTLE MAN

At night Maxie slept in a matchbox. Instead of the forty matches such a box normally holds, it contained a tiny cotton-wool mattress, a small quilt and a pillow no larger than the nail on my middle finger. The box was left half-open, because otherwise the poor little chap wouldn't have been able to breathe.

- 5 A matchbox was just the right size for Maxie. Even at the age of ten or twelve he only measured 5 cm precisely and just fitted nicely into the box. He weighed only 50 grams, yet he always had a good appetite and had never been ill.

- 10 The matchbox stood on the bedside table next to the magician's bed. Every night Maxie waited for Professor Hokus von Pokus to turn over to face the wall and begin to snore. He would then switch off the lamp on the bedside table and before long he too would fall asleep.

The two doves, Minna and Emma, and Alba, the white rabbit in his wicker basket, all slept in the same hotel room as Maxie and the Professor. The doves perched on the top of the wardrobe. They hid their heads in their breast feathers, and when they dreamed they cooed.

- 15 The three animals belonged to the Professor and helped him in his performance in the circus. The doves would suddenly flutter out of the sleeves of his tail-coat and he would magic the rabbit out of his empty top-hat. Minna, Emma and Alba were very fond of the Professor and they were simply devoted to the little boy.

Put a tick (✓) in the brackets in front of the correct answer in questions (1) and (2).

1. Maxie was **(1 mark)**

- () a. a small animal.
() b. a magic toy.
() c. a very small boy.
() d. a magician.

2. Professor Hokus von Pokus was **(1 mark)**

- () a. lazy.
() b. cruel to Maxie.
() c. cruel to his animals.
() d. kind to Maxie and the animals.

3. What FIVE things do we learn about Maxie? (*You can write about his appearance, his character and habits.*) **(5 marks)**

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

4. What FOUR aspects helped to make the matchbox a comfortable bed? **(4 marks)**

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

5. Complete the following sentences with information from the passage. **(4 marks)**

- a. Maxie sleeps in a matchbox next to Professor Hokus von Pokus's _____
- b. The matchbox is left half-open so that _____
- c. The doves sleep on _____
- d. The rabbit sleeps in a _____

6. State whether the following statements are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). **(2 marks)**

- a. Professor Hokus von Pokus put Maxie's matchbox on the bed. _____
- b. Professor Hokus von Pokus usually slept with the light on. _____
- c. The professor's snores kept Maxie awake at night. _____
- d. The magician worked in a hotel. _____

7. Write the word that shows us the sound made by the doves. **(1 mark)**

8. Why did Professor Hokus von Pokus keep the animals? **(1 mark)**

9. Describe ONE of the magician's tricks. **(2 marks)**

10. Give the meaning of the following: **(4 marks)**

- a. normally (line 1) _____
- b. precisely (line 6) _____
- c. perched (line 12) _____
- d. flutter (line 15) _____

E. Literature. (10 marks)

POETRY (5 marks)

1. Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

*The wind came down from mountains cold,
and like a tide it roared and rolled;
the branches groaned, the forest moaned,
And leaves were laid upon the mould.*

a. Copy a simile and a personification from the above lines.

i. a simile: **(1 mark)**

ii. a personification: **(1 mark)**

b. Fill in the missing word. **(1 mark)**

“cold and “rolled” are _____ words because they end with the same sound.

2. Write FOUR sentences about a poem you have done this year. **(2 marks)**

PROSE

(5 marks)

Fill in the missing information about a book you enjoyed reading in class this year.

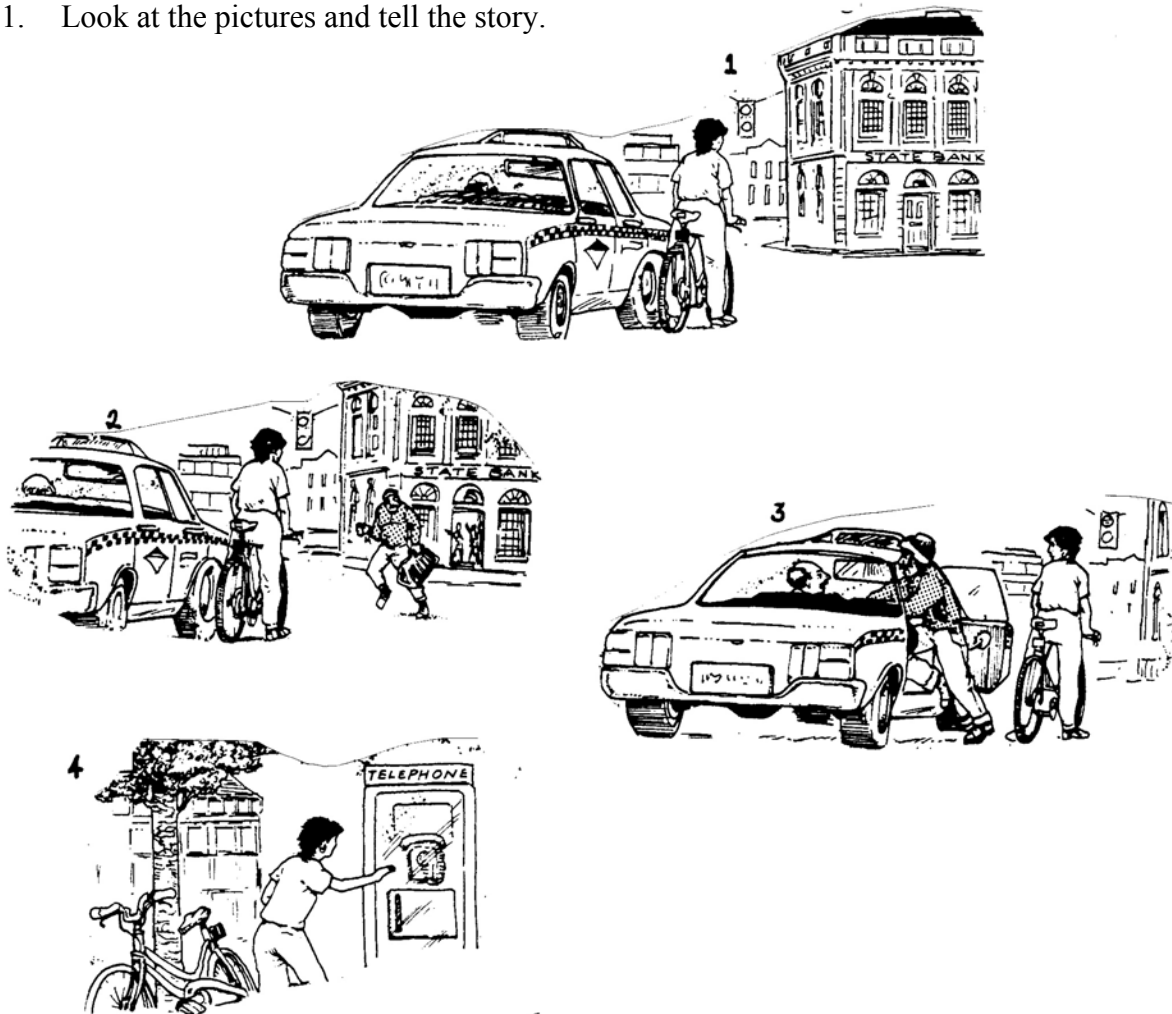
1. Title of book: _____ (1 mark)
2. Author: _____ (1 mark)
3. Main character: _____ (1 mark)
4. Write FOUR sentences about the book. (2 marks)

F. Composition.

(30 marks)

Write an essay of not less than 200 words on ONE of the following:

1. Look at the pictures and tell the story.



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