



English

Year 6

MARCH EXAMINATION 2021

1 hr. 30 min

Additional Materials:

- Soft clean eraser
- Soft pencil (type B or HB recommended)

Read these instructions first

This paper contains 4 sections. Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, and glue or correction fluid.

Any rough working should be done in the rough work booklet provided.

NAME:

DATE:

SCORE:

TOTAL MARKS:

[Turn over]

Section A: Grammar

1. Rewrite the following sentences using an apostrophe.

a. The car belonging to my mother broke down (3mks)

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b. The book belonging to Mwende is very old

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c. You should not come.

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2. Match the sentences below with their most likely final punctuation. (3mks)

Are you listening to me

A. ?

B. .

C. !

I can't hear you

A. ?

B. .

C. !

Stop talking now

A. ?

B. .

C. !

3. Look at the sentence below. Can you identify after which word you would add a dash?

(2mks)

4. *I saw her the lady who stole my ice cream!*

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6. Choose the correct ending to make the adjective **happy** into an adverb. (2mks)

- A. happier
- B. happily
- C. happiness

7. Tick the sentence that contains two verbs. (2mks)

- A. My Dad always goes to the pub on a Friday night.
- B. Tim and Ella play cricket every week.
- C. Mary brushed her teeth and went to bed.
- D. Jacob got a new bicycle and a watch for his birthday.

8. *Change the following sentence into passive voice* (2mks)

Mueni did the homework yesterday.

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9. Which pair of pronouns is best to complete the following sentences? (2mks)

**The coach divided _____ into two groups. The red group was attacking;
_____ were defending.**

- A. 'they' and 'them'
 - B. 'us' and 'we'
 - C. 'her' and 'she'
 - D. 'them' and 'I'
10. Which of the following words is the most formal? (2mks)

- A. Conclude
- B. End
- C. Finish

11. Which of the following sentences is **not written** in Standard English? (2mks)

- A. You should of read the instructions.
- B. I'm going to call the plumber.

Section B: POETRY

Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

My Shadow'

By Robert Louis Stevenson, published in 1885.

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me, And
what can be the use of him is more than I can see. He is
very, very like me from the heels up to the head;
And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my bed.

The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow— Not
at all like proper children, which is always very slow; For he
sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber ball,
And he sometimes gets so little that there's none of him at all.

He hasn't got a notion of how children ought to play,
And can only make a fool of me in every sort of way.
He stays so close beside me, he's a coward you can see;

I'd think shame to stick to nursie as that shadow sticks to me!

One morning, very early, before the sun was up,
I rose and found the shining dew on every buttercup;
But my lazy little shadow, like an arrant sleepy-head,
Had stayed at home behind me and was fast asleep in bed.

Questions.

1. Who is the author of the poem? (2mks)

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2. What is a stanza (2mks)

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3. Give an example of a simile from the poem (2mks)

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4. Why does shadow stay at home in the last verse? (3mks)

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5. What does the shadow do when the narrator jumps in bed? 2mks

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6. Give two pairs of rhyming words from the poem 4mks

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Section C: Comprehension

Whale Adventure

Suddenly the whale changed direction. The boat was yanked round to the right so forcibly that a man who had stood up to bail a bucket of water into the sea went over the side.

Roger was amazed that no one did anything about it.

'Man overboard!' he yelled. Surely they would cut the tow-line, turn the boat about and go back to the rescue. But the mate gave no such order. He stood, gripping the steering-oar, gazing straight ahead at the speeding whale. The other men were equally silent. They kept on scooping out the water. The mate noticed that Roger had stopped work and was staring at him in astonishment.

'Bail, boy, bail!' 'But the man - '

'One of the other boats may pick him up. If not, it's his bad luck.' Seeing the shocked look on Roger's face the mate went on: 'You'll soon learn, boy.'

Whaling is a serious business. That big bull has a hundred barrels of oil in him. What d'ye think the captain would say if we let him go just to pick a man out of the water?'

Roger went back to bailing. He felt he was in a world of a hundred years ago. The whaling ship Killer stuck to the old traditions. Human life was cheap. What mattered was barrels of oil. Today,

men who work are protected by many safety devices. In the old days a man must look out for himself and devil take him if he didn't look sharp. Today, we are quite careful not to kill one man at a time - we only plan to kill a hundred thousand or a million at one blow with a hydrogen bomb. Roger gave up trying to figure which were crueller, the old days or the new.

Suddenly the line slackened. The whale had again changed direction. It was now coming straight for the boat.

It had not been able to get rid of its enemy by running away. Now it was going to attack. It opened its enormous jaws, revealing a cavern big enough to take boat and all. It was like looking through the door into a room twenty feet long and twelve feet wide.

But it was not a comfortable-looking room. The floor was paved with sharp teeth a foot long and weighing as much as four pounds each. The upper jaw had no teeth, but a row of sockets into which the teeth of the lower jaw would fit when the mouth was closed. It would be too bad for the man or the boat that happened to get ground into one of those sockets like meal in a mortar.

Roger had learned enough about whales to know that the sperm is a man-eater and a boat-eater. It is quite different from the toothless baleen, or whalebone-whale, that has nothing in its mouth but a big sieve to catch the small creatures of the sea that are its food. Such a whale couldn't

swallow a man, and wouldn't want to. It could take a thousand crayfish but wouldn't know what to do with a shark.

But the big sperm has no use for the little titbits that can be found on the surface of the sea. His favourite food is the enormous cuttle-fish sometimes fifty feet long and equipped with a great savage beak that may kill the whale or wound it so badly that it will carry the scars for the rest of its life.

Such a whale can swallow a man as easily as a man may swallow a pill. Many times whalers have found a shark twelve feet long or longer in the stomach of a sperm-whale.

'Lay to the oars!' yelled the mate.

The men left bailing to row. The boat had not yet lost the momentum of its swift flight over the sea. This, helped by the rowing, carried it forward fast enough, so that when the whale arrived the boat was no longer there. It barely missed the jaws, which closed on the steering-oar, crunching it to bits.

Away went the whale, only to turn and come back again towards the boat.

This time it dived, as if planning to come up beneath the boat and toss it into the air.

'Hang on!' shouted the mate.

The men clutched the gunwales and waited for the shock.

Questions

- a. Why was the mate unconcerned about the fate of the man who had fallen overboard?

Support your answer with a quotation from the text.

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- b. Look at the paragraph which begins 'Roger went back to bailing'. Explain why Roger was so shocked.

Support your answer with a quotation from the text

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- c. Select a quotation from the text that makes a wry comment about the absurdity of today's safety devices.

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d. Why, according to the extract, was the sperm whale so frightening? Remember to support your answer with a quotation from the text.

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e. What risk does the sperm whale take in return for its favorite meal? Support your answer with a quotation from the text.

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f. In the last line of the extract, what shock were the men expecting?

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SECTION D: Writing

You have been invited to your friend’s birthday party; write a diary for the day.

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