



St. Thomas More College

Primary Schools

Half Yearly Examinations

ENGLISH

Reading Comprehension, Language, and Writing

Year 4

February 2015

Time: 1hr 15 min

Name: _____

Class: _____

Total: 60 marks

A. Reading Comprehension

20 marks

Read the following passage carefully.

The Curious Ladybird



Once upon a time, a cheerful ladybird was in the park hopping from one flower to another and enjoying the nice sunny day. The ladybird was very curious, and liked to check out anything new.

The ladybird flew over the road to look at the row of homes across the park. Each home had a little yard with plenty of flowers. Her favourite flowers were the red roses so she went to the yard that had the most. "Mmmmmm" she went as she started munching. "Such beautiful and delicious roses," she thought.



Suddenly, she noticed the front door opening and a man leaving the house. He left the door cracked open so the ladybird flew in. On her way in she almost bumped into a woman who was heading out. The woman walked out the door and slammed it shut. Oops, the ladybird was stuck inside!

The ladybird didn't care at first. She wanted to look around and explore. She flew into the bedroom, it was tidy and nice. She then flew to the bathroom and found it very boring so she left right away. Then she flew

into the kitchen where she nibbled on some crumbs and licked a spot of honey she found on the table.

Now that the ladybird had seen everything she was ready to leave. But how could she when all the doors and windows were closed? The ladybird decided to wait until the people came home so that she could fly out as they came in.

She waited, and waited until she got tired of waiting and got hungry too.



She decided to fly back to the kitchen to take another lick of the honey on the table. "Yum" she thought as she slurped up some honey, "Mmmm". But just then the man and woman came home and shut the door behind them. The ladybird had missed her chance.

She would have to try again the next day. This is what she thought as she hid under the lampshade in the living room, right next to the front door. The man and woman went to bed and the ladybird fell asleep under the lampshade.



(Adapted from The Curious Ladybug by Goodnight Stories)

1. Tick (✓) to show the correct answer.

i) How was the weather?

(1 mark)

a)	It was cloudy.	
b)	It was wet.	
c)	It was sunny.	
d)	It was snowing.	

ii) Where was the ladybird stuck?

(1 mark)

a)	in a tree	
b)	in a house	
c)	in a school	
d)	in a hotel	

2. Tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is True or False.

		True	False
a)	The houses were close to the park.		
b)	The ladybird did not like red roses.		
c)	A man opened the door.		
d)	The woman closed the door gently.		
e)	The ladybird got out through the window.		
f)	The ladybird liked the honey.		

(3 marks)

3. Answer the following questions.

a) What did the ladybird do in the park?

i) She _____.

ii) She _____.

(2 marks)

b) Why didn't the ladybird care that she was stuck inside?

_____.

(2 marks)

c) What did the ladybird find in the kitchen?

She _____ and
_____.

(2 marks)

d) Why was the ladybird ready to leave?

_____.

(2 marks)

e) Why do you think that she hid under the lampshade?

_____.

(2 marks)

f) Do you think that the ladybird got out of the house? Why?

_____.

(2 marks)

g) From the passage find another word that means:

swallowed = slurped ate = _____

crashed = _____ bits = _____

(3 marks)

B. Language

B.1. Fill in with the opposite of the underlined word.

The first one is an example.

(5 marks)



1. Entrance means the opposite of exit.

2. Remove that dirty shirt and put on a _____ one.



3. We found the keys which the teacher had _____.



4. Can you give me the _____ to this question?



5. The shop is open on Saturday but _____ on a Sunday.



6. Three sums were right and one was _____.

B.2. Where is the elf?

Fill in with the right word. The first one is an example. (5 marks)

under	behind	next to	in front of	on	above
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1. The elf is behind the ball.



2. The elf is _____ the ball.



3. The elf is _____ the ball.



4. The elf is _____ the table.



5. The elf is _____ the drum.



6. The elf is _____ the drum.



B.3. What are they doing? The words in brackets will help you.

The first one is an example.

(5 marks)

1. The girl **is jumping** (jump) on the trampoline.



2. The children _____ (swim) in the pool.



3. The boy _____ (write) a letter.



4. The ladies _____ (drink) tea.



5. The monkey _____ (eat) a banana.



6. The children _____ (skate) on the frozen pond.



C. Writing

(25 marks)

C.1. Look at the picture carefully.

Write 5 sentences about the picture.

(5 marks)



1. It is a sunny day so Ben and Jen decide to go to the beach.

2. _____
_____.

3. _____
_____.

4. _____
_____.

5. _____
_____.

6. _____
_____.

C.2. Composition

(20 marks)

In not less than 90 words write 10 sentences or a paragraph on **ONE** of the following:

1. My superpower

Which superpower would you most like to have?

to be invisible, super strength, the ability to fly

Describe how you would use your superpower.

2. Picture Composition : A scary experience at sea



The following words and phrases may help you:

boat, engine broke down, huge wave, life jackets, swam to shore

3. Write about your favourite hero

Who is your favourite hero? Describe your favourite hero. Write why she/he is your favourite hero.

4. I was watching a scary film on television. It frightened me, so I went to my room. I switched off the lights and got into bed.

Suddenly.....

Continue the story....

Title Number: _____

Plan your writing in the space below.

