



St. Thomas More College

Primary Schools

Half Yearly Examinations

ENGLISH

Reading Comprehension, Language, and Writing

Year 5

February 2015

Time: 1hr 15 min

Name: _____

Class: _____

Total: 60 marks

A. Reading Comprehension

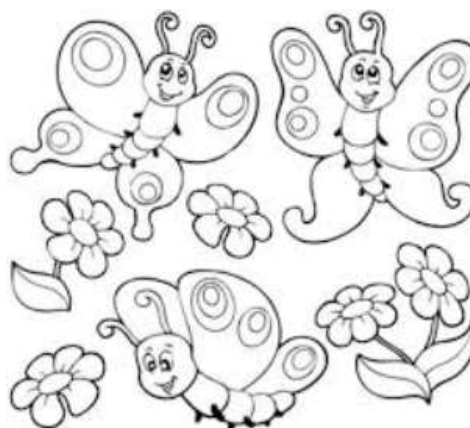
Read the following passage carefully.

(20 marks)

The three little butterfly brothers

There were once three little butterfly brothers, one white, one red, and one yellow. They played in the sunshine, danced among the flowers in the garden and never grew tired because they were so happy.

One day it rained heavily and the rain wet their wings. They flew away home but when they got there they found the door locked and the key gone. So they had to stay out of doors in the rain and they grew wetter and wetter. By and by they flew to the red and yellow striped tulip and said, "Friend Tulip, will you open your flower-cup and let us in till the storm is over?" The tulip answered, "The red and yellow butterflies may enter because they are like me but the white one may not come in." But the red and yellow butterflies said, "If our white brother may not find shelter in your flower-cup, then, we'll stay outside in the rain with him."



It rained harder and harder and the poor little butterflies grew wetter and wetter so they flew to the white lily and said, "Good Lily, will you open your bud a little

so we may creep in out of the rain?” The lily answered,: “The white butterfly may come in because he is like me but the red and yellow ones must stay outside in the storm.” Then the little white butterfly said, “If you won’t receive my red and yellow brothers, then I’ll stay out in the rain with them. We would rather be wet than be parted.” So the three little butterflies flew away.

But the sun who was behind a cloud, heard it all and he knew what good little brothers the butterflies were, and how they had held together in spite of the rain. So he pushed his face through the clouds, chased away the rain and shone brightly on the garden.

He dried the wings of the three little butterflies and warmed their bodies. They ceased to sorrow and danced among the flowers till evening. Then they flew away home and found the door wide open.

(by Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co)

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

The three little butterflies were

(1 mark)

a) cousins

b) brothers

c) sisters

a)	
b)	
c)	

(1 mark)

2. Write True or False

(3 marks)

- a) The butterflies were white, black and yellow. _____
- b) The butterflies looked for shelter because it was a very hot day. _____
- c) The tulip did not want to shelter the white butterfly. _____
- d) The red and yellow butterflies agreed to leave their brother outside. _____
- e) Then, the sun shone brightly and warmed them. _____
- f) The butterflies held together and flew happily back home. _____

3. Answer the following questions.

a) Where did the butterflies play?

(1 mark)

b) Did they ever grow tired? Why?

(2 marks)

c) What wet their wings one day?

(1 mark)

d) Till when did they ask to stay in the tulip's flower-cup?

(2 marks)

e) Why didn't the tulip let the white butterfly enter?

(2 marks)

f) Find two nouns from the last paragraph.

(2 marks)

g) Find words from the story that are the opposite of:

infront	
dully	

(2 marks)

h) What did the butterflies do when their bodies were dry and warm?

(2 marks)

i) Chased away means _____

(2 marks)

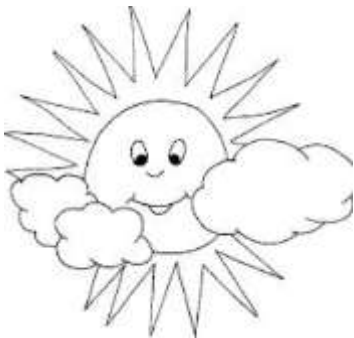
B. Language

10 marks

B. 1 Change the verbs in the brackets into the present tense.

Three butterflies like to (played) _____ and (danced) _____ among the flowers, they never (grew) _____ tired because they (were) _____ so happy. They (flew) _____ to a tulip and to a lily and (asked) _____ them for help. The sun (knew) _____ the good little butterflies and (wanted) _____ to help. It (chased) _____ the rain away and (shone) _____ brightly on the garden.

(5marks)



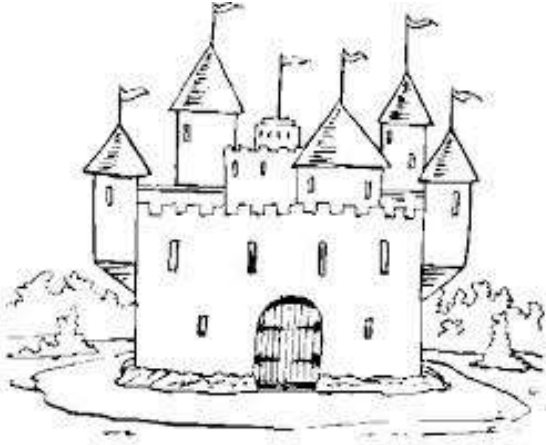
B. 2 Write the correct adjective in the space provided.

1. The butterflies were (more happy) _____ when their wings were dry.
2. The sun was (more kind) _____ to the butterflies.

(2 marks)

B. 3 **Fill in with:**

When	What	Who
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Billy went to Bodiam Castle. He went in winter. There was water around the castle.



- a) _____ went to Bodiam Castle?
- b) _____ did he go to the castle?
- c) _____ was around the castle?

(3 marks)

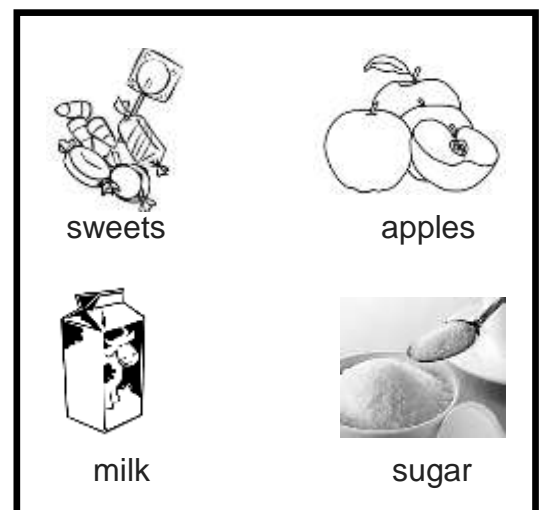
C. Writing

10 marks

C. 1 At the dentist

Underline the correct answer

- 1. You shouldn't eat (much, many) sweets.
- 2. Milk is (good, bad) for your teeth.
- 3. You (should, shouldn't) eat much sugar.
- 4. You should visit your dentist (never, often)



(4 marks)

C.2 Mrs. Hill is talking about the Dodo. Look at her board and write sentences to complete her notes:

not one in the whole world



300 years ago

sailors came and killed the birds

easy because they could not fly

island in the Indian Ocean

Today we talked about extinct animals. One of the animals we talked about is the Dodo. _____

(6 marks)

C.3 Writing task – Composition

20 marks

In not less than 120 words write a composition on **ONE** of the following:

(1) My favourite time of the year.

What makes it so special to you.

(2) My school.

Describe it and write about what you like about it and what would you like to change.

(3) Write about a T.V. programme you enjoy watching.

Describe the programme and say why you like it so much. When do you watch this programme and where?

(4) Picture Composition:



Bob is playing football with his friends. Write a story describing what happens next.

