



**St. Thomas More College**

**Primary Schools**

**Half Yearly Examinations**

**ENGLISH**

**Reading Comprehension**

**Year 6**

**February 2017**

**Time: 50 minutes**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: 30 marks**

Reading Comprehension 1

6 marks

This is Jack’s time table.

Read it carefully and answer the questions below.

Time Table					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00	Religion	Social Studies	Religion	Social Studies	PE
09:45	Mathematics	PE	Mathematics	English	Mathematics
10:30	B	R	E	A	K
11:00	Art	Mathematics	Music	Maltese	English
11:45	Art	English	English	PE	Religion
12:30	B	R	E	A	K
13:00	English	Maltese	PE	Mathematics	Maltese
13:45	Maltese	PSCD	Maltese	Religion	Social Studies

True (T), False (F) or No Information Given (NIG)

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.

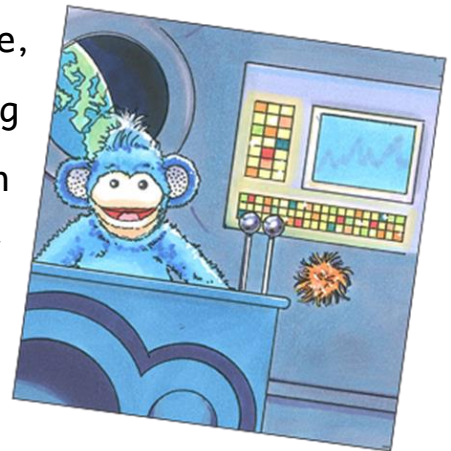
		T	F	NIG
a.	Jack needs to take his water colours to school on Thursday.			
b.	During the first lesson children sing the national anthem.			
c.	English lessons are held every day.			
d.	The first lesson starts at nine o’clock.			
e.	On Friday the second lesson is Religion.			
f.	Jack has Mathematics lessons once a week.			

Read the passage below and then answer the questions related to it.

**Section 1:**

It was a dark night just like any other. The stars were shining brightly and everything was very quiet. Suddenly there was a strange noise. It seemed to be coming from the sky. All of a sudden another star appeared. The new star was not like any of the others, it was bigger, brighter and blue.

In fact it wasn't a star at all, high above the Earth a spaceship had arrived. On board there were two visitors from a small blue planet who had travelled a very, very, very long way. Their names were Captain Busta who looked like a blue, fluffy monkey and his assistant Private Pong who looked like a brown furry ball. Captain Busta and Private Pong were on a very special mission.



Inside the spaceship Busta was talking to his friend Poogle, who was a very clever computer.

“When does our mission start Poogle?” asked Busta, hopping up and down with excitement.

“First thing in the morning,” replied Poogle the computer, sounding a bit less annoyed.

**Questions on Section 1****10 marks**

1. **Underline the correct answer** (4 marks)

- a. The story takes place (in the morning, in the evening, at night).
- b. On board the spaceship there were (two, three, four) visitors.
- c. Poogle was a (captain, computer, human being).
- d. Busta was feeling (scared, bored, excited).

2. **Write down TWO ADJECTIVES to describe the new star.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

3. **True (T), False (F) or No Information Given (NIG)** (5 marks)

**Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.**

		<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>NIG</b>
a.	There were no stars in the sky.			
b.	Private Pong looked like a brown furry monkey.			
c.	Captain Busta and Private Pong were still very young.			
d.	Captain Busta and Private Pong arrived in a spaceship.			
e.	Poogle the computer was brand new.			



Poogle lit up the screen once again to show Busta and Pong what recycling is. “Metal cans like that one could be recycled and become parts of planes, cars, bicycles or even robots. Paper could be turned into a new comic, a newspaper, a magazine or even a new toilet roll!”

“What about that plastic bottle?” asked Busta.

“Well, that plastic bottle could become a new plastic bottle or even a new fleece jacket! The more humans recycle, the less things will be wasted in landfill sites,” continued Poogle.

“How do humans recycle?” asked Busta.

“It’s easy,’ replied Poogle.

“They have special recycling bins for all the things that can be recycled. They have them at home, at school, around the cities, everywhere! Your mission starts now! Help human beings remember to use them!”



Adapted from **The Arrival**. Retrieved from <https://www.recyclenow.com>

Questions on Section 2

10 marks

4. Why is Planet Earth being destroyed according to Poogle?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

5. Explain in your own words what a landfill is.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

6. Write down the sentence which shows that the landfill is too big.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

7. Why should human beings recycle metal cans?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

8. Name two **other** materials that can be recycled.

\_\_\_\_\_ (2 marks)

9. How can you tell that Busta didn't know the meaning of recycling?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)

10. What do the underlined words refer to? (3 marks)

a. Planet Earth is a beautiful place,” explained Poogle. “But some people who live there are making quite a mess. *There* refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

b. “This is a landfill site”, explained Poogle. ‘It is full of all the things humans throw away in their rubbish bins.’ *It* refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

c. “They have special recycling bins for all the things that can be recycled. They have them at home, at school, around the cities, everywhere! *Them* refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions on the whole passage 4 marks

11. Underline the correct answer.

(a) The star appeared (slowly, all of a sudden, later).

(b) The new star was (like, smaller, different from) the other stars.

12. Underline the correct answer. Then complete the sentence.

This passage is taken from a (newspaper, website, book).

I can tell because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**END OF READING COMPREHENSION PAPER**