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**Reading Comprehension 1****(6 marks)**

**Read carefully the three book blurbs on the opposite page.  
Now answer the questions below.**

**1. Underline the correct answer.****3 marks**

- (a) *Tiggy's Pet* is a (frightening, funny, historical) story.
- (b) Tiggy is quite an (ordinary, extraordinary, awful) kitten.
- (c) *Seaside Surprise and Other Stories* should be read during the (carnival, mid-term, summer) holidays.
- (d) You can learn about the sea's secrets (during the night, when the sea is calm, during the day).
- (e) John, Peter and Pam go to live (in the countryside, by the seaside, in another town).
- (f) There the children meet someone who becomes their (enemy, friend, teacher).

**2. Read the following sentences. Write a **T** if the sentence is True, an **F** if it is False and an **N** if there is No Information Given.****2 marks**

- (a) *Tiggy's Pet* is about a toy mouse. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) 'Seaside Surprise' is the only story in the book written by Marie Smith. \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) *The Countryside Children* is an adventure story. \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) The three books are each one hundred pages long. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Complete the sentences.****1 mark**

- (a) Tiggy and Jinny have many \_\_\_\_\_ together.
- (b) The countryside children's father \_\_\_\_\_.

## Tiggy's Pet

by  
Charles Weary

Everybody knows that cats chase mice. And what's more, they catch them and eat them too. At least normal cats do ... but Tiggy is no ordinary kitten. To everyone's embarrassment he prefers tinned cat food to real mice. When at last he does catch a mouse, he decides not to eat it, but to keep it as a pet!

Read about Tiggy, Jinny the mouse and their adventures.

A delicious, humorous story!



## Seaside Surprise and Other Stories

by  
Marie Smith



The wonderful sea holds many secrets that are only revealed when the moon is shining.

A delightful collection of short stories for the summer holidays.

## The Countryside Children

by  
Adele Brown

When their father is mysteriously taken away, John, Peter and Pam have to move with their mother to the countryside. A nearby farm becomes the centre of their new life, bringing them not only fun and adventure, but an important new friend who changes their lives.



What adventures await the three children?  
Read the book now!

## Reading Comprehension 2

Read the passage below, which is divided into two sections. Then, answer the questions that follow each section.

### Section 1



Amelia Earhart was one of the world's most famous pilots. She broke records and showed great courage during her short life. She disappeared while she was on a flight around the world. Amelia Earhart's family consisted of her father Edward, her mother Amy, Amelia and her younger sister Muriel. Amelia's nickname 'Meelie' remained with her throughout her life.

(paragraph 1)

Born on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1897, Amelia was daring even when she was a child. When she was



seven years old she wanted to ride an elephant, but her mother said, "No". However, she allowed her to ride a Ferris wheel instead. A short time later, Amelia, Muriel, and a boy, Ralphie, built a roller coaster in their garden. It ran from the top of a three-metre tool

shed to the ground. Their Uncle Carl, whom they called 'Nicey', helped them with it.

Amelia took the first ride and felt as if she were 'flying', but when their mother came out and saw how unsafe it was, she made them tear it down. To make up for the loss of their roller coaster, their parents gave them a swing, and Uncle Carl made a merry-go-round for the girls. Their mother made tracksuits for them to wear and encouraged their outdoor activities.

(paragraph 2)



A tool shed is a small building that is used for storing things such as garden tools.



A Ferris wheel, also known as a big wheel, is a structure consisting of a rotating upright wheel with passenger cars.

Amelia and her sister loved animals, and it hurt them when they saw animals being abused. Once she was very upset at their neighbour, Mr. Oldham, because he had been cruel to his horse.

(paragraph 3)

## Questions on Section 1

1. Write down Amelia Earhart's date of birth.

1/2

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2. Read the following sentences. Put a **T** if the sentence is True, an **F** if it is False and an **N** if there is No Information Given in Section 1.

3 marks

(a) Amelia Earhart was a well-known pilot.	
(b) Amelia was adventurous.	
(c) Uncle Carl built the roller coaster.	
(d) Edward Earhart was Uncle Carl's brother.	
(e) Amelia and Muriel had a horse.	
(f) Amelia was angry at Mr. Oldham.	

3. In what way is Uncle Carl's nickname a good one for him?

1 mark

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4. Find a word from paragraph 3 which is the opposite of *cared for*.

1/2 mark

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5. How do you know that Amelia loved animals?

1 mark

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Underline the correct answer.

4 marks

- (a) Amelia was (old, young, a child) when she died.
- (b) Amelia and Muriel had a (Ferris wheel, swing, slide) in their garden.
- (c) Mother made them tear down the roller coaster because it was (ugly, dangerous, fast).
- (d) Mother made tracksuits for the girls so that they would be (comfortable, elegant, smart) while playing.

## Section 2



In 1921, Amelia began taking flying lessons. She worked in an office to pay for the lessons and bought her first plane that summer. She told Muriel, her sister, that she thought that in the future the cockpits of planes would be covered, and planes would be large enough to carry 10 or 12 passengers. They would even run according to a timetable.

She loved travelling so much that she designed clothing suitable for travel and even designed some light weight luggage for air travel. **(paragraph 4)**

In 1932, one year after her flight as a passenger across the Atlantic, she crossed alone from Canada to Ireland. It was a dangerous flight due to the fact that one of the instruments on her latest plane wasn't working. She didn't know how high she was above the ocean, but she arrived safely and was awarded many honours in Europe. **(paragraph 5)**

Amelia's last flight began in June 1937. She and her friend Fred Noonan set out to fly around the world in a twin-engine plane. The two of them took off from Miami in America to South America. Then they crossed the South Atlantic Ocean to Dakar in Africa. From there they had to go to Thailand and then to



Australia. However, on the way, radio contact with the plane was lost. A final message from Amelia was received on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1937 at 8.45 a.m. Amelia's voice was described as frantic. **(paragraph 6)**

Although there was a long search, the American Navy never found a trace of either the plane or the pilots. After 16 days the Navy called off the search. Their disappearance is still a mystery. **(paragraph 7)**

**Adapted from *Amelia Earhart* – Biography by Patsy Stevens**

### Questions on Section 2

**10 marks**

7. Why did Amelia work in an office? 1 mark

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8. What happened on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1937? 1 mark

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9. What is mysterious about the disappearance of Amelia Earhart? 1 mark

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**10. Underline the correct answer.**

- (a) In 1921, planes could carry (more than, less than, up to) 10 passengers.
- (b) Amelia liked (practical, fashionable, designer) clothing for travel.
- (c) Amelia (always, sometimes, never) travelled with a companion.
- (d) (The American Navy, Nobody, Muriel Earhart) knows what happened to Amelia Earhart.

**11. Read the following sentences. Put a **T** if the sentence is True, an **F** if it is False and an **N** if there is No Information Given in Section 2.**

3 marks

(a) Amelia Earhart believed planes would improve in the future.	
(b) Amelia Earhart was admired in Europe.	
(c) Amelia did not like travelling by train.	
(d) Amelia owned more than one plane.	
(e) Amelia sent only one message during her last flight.	
(f) Muriel sometimes travelled with her sister.	

**Questions on the whole passage**

**4 marks**

**12. Continue this sentence:**

1 mark

For Amelia it was a problem that one of the instruments wasn't working because

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**13. Put these sentences in the order they happened.**

**The first one has been done for you.**

2½ marks

(a) Amelia bought her first plane.	
(b) Amelia worked in an office.	
(c) Amelia was given an award in Europe.	
(d) Amelia rode a Ferris wheel.	<b>1</b>
(e) Amelia flew alone.	
(f) Amelia crossed the Atlantic.	

**14. Write down a sentence from paragraph 6 which shows that Amelia was frightened.**

½ mark

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