



PRIMARY SCHOOLS		
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2009		
YEAR 4	ENGLISH	Time: 1hour 15 minutes
Name: _____		Class: _____

A. Look at the pictures in the box below.

Each picture shows us a person who helps us.

Fill in the blanks with the words beneath the pictures.



policeman



fireman



doctor



carpenter



dentist

1. When I am sick I go to the _____ .
2. The _____ looks after my teeth.
3. The _____ makes chairs and tables.
4. The _____ helps me cross the street.
5. When a house is on fire, we call the _____ .

(5 marks)

B. Choose the right describing word.

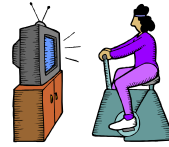
Example: Happy children are always smiling. (sad, tall, happy)

1. In summer the sky is _____. (clear, cloudy, dark).
2. My sister has _____ hair. (blue, curly, empty).
3. The ground is _____ after the rain. (short, dry, wet).
4. The _____ man uses a stick to walk. (rich, old, happy).
5. A pig is a _____ animal. (thin, brown, fat).

(5 marks)

C. What are they doing?

Example: Anne is watching TV. (watch)



1. Mary _____ a ball. (**throw**)



2. Jane _____ a book. (**read**)



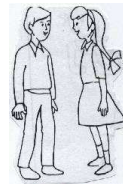
3. Paul _____ in bed. (**sleep**)



4. Kate _____ a letter. (**write**)



5. Peter and Doris _____ to each other. (**talk**)



(5 marks)

D. Using the words below, write down sentences in order to compare person or things.

Example: An ant is smaller than a rabbit. (**small**)

1. John _____ Peter. (**tall**)

2. Line A _____ Line B. (**long**)

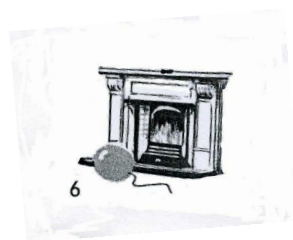
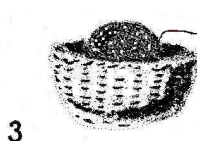
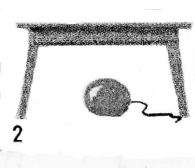
3. This church _____ that house. (**old**)

4. A tiger _____ a cat. (**strong**)

5. Elephants _____ dogs. (**big**)

(5 marks)

E. (i) Look at the pictures below showing where Mary's balloon is.



Now fill in the blanks with the following words

in	above	in front of	on	under	behind
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1. Mary's balloon is _____ her head.
2. Now it is _____ the table.
3. Now it is _____ a basket.
4. Now it is _____ her back..
5. Now it is _____ the chair.
6. Now it is _____ the fire.

(6 marks)

ii) Fill in with the right preposition

1. The boy is diving _____ the water.
2. The aeroplane is leaving _____ Rome.

(2 marks)

F. In column A the words of each question are not in the correct order. Write the correct answer in column B.

A	B
Example: your What is name?	What is your name?
1. doing you What are?	
2. going Where they are?	
3. she coming is When?	
4. dishes the Who washing is?	
5. book is Which your?	
6. across you Can bridge run the?	

(6 marks)

G. Complete the three sentences below. Use more than one word in each blank

- My brother _____

- Every morning _____

- Who _____
_____?

(6 marks)

Now answer the questions about the passage.

1. **Underline the correct word.**

- a) The dog's master is (cruel, kind, dirty).
- b) The wolf is (fat, happy, thin).
- c) The wolf's life is (hard, easy, comfortable).

(3 x 1 mark = 3 marks)

2. **Put a mark (✓) in a box to show the correct answer.**

a) Who looks very healthy?

- 1. The wolf looks very healthy.
- 2. The dog looks very healthy.
- 3. Both the dog and the wolf look healthy.

1.
2.
3.

b) Where does the dog live?

- 1. It lives in a home.
- 2. It lives on the street.
- 3. It lives in a forest.

1.
2.
3.

c) What is the work of the dog?

- 1. The dog takes care of sheep.
- 2. The dog guards the house.
- 3. The dog works on the farm.

1.
2.
3.

d) Why is the wolf so thin?
The wolf is so thin because

- 1. it is ill.
- 2. it doesn't have enough food.
- 3. it runs a lot.

1.
2.
3.

(4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)

3. **Put a tick (✓) in the box to show whether each sentence is TRUE or FALSE.**

- a) The master doesn't feed the dog every day.
b) The wolf often runs into danger.
c) The wolf has a collar round its neck.

<u>TRUE</u>	<u>FALSE</u>

(3 x 1 mark = 3 marks)

Answer the following questions. Write complete answers.

4. What does the wolf worry about?

5. What is leaving an ugly mark on the dog's neck?

6. When is the dog tied to its kennel?

7. Write down two words from the last paragraph which describe the life of the dog.

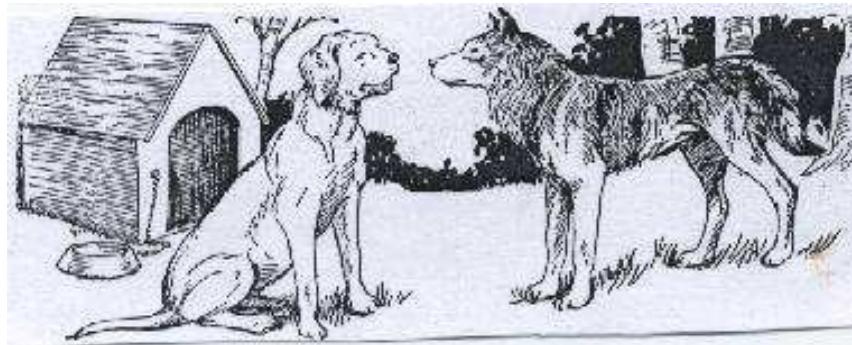
The dog is _____ and _____ .

8. Why doesn't the wolf want to live like the dog?

(2 marks each)

H. Comprehension

(20 marks)

Read the following passage carefully**DOG MEETS WOLF**

DOG: Good morning, my friend! How do you do?

WOLF: I am well, thank you! You also look well. You look the picture of health.

DOG: Yes, I feel fine! I have to work for my living but I have a good kind master. I guard his home and frighten away thieves.

WOLF: You certainly look well fed and happy. Look at me! Worry keeps me thin. I have no home as you have. I never know where my next meal is coming from.

DOG: Dear me! What a life! I don't envy you.

WOLF: It is a hard life. I run into danger every day. I could tell you tales that would make your hair stand on end. By the way, what is that ugly mark round your neck?

DOG: It's the mark of my collar. My chain is heavy and makes the collar rub against my neck.

WOLF: A chain! Does your good kind master keep you tied by a chain?

DOG: No ...not always. I am chained to my kennel at night.

WOLF: I don't envy you now. I like to wander where I please. I would rather be hungry and free than well-fed and chained. Goodbye and good luck, my friend.