

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS
HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATIONS 2012**

ENGLISH

YEAR 4 Reading Comprehension, Language and Writing TIME 1h 15 min

60

Name: _____

TOTAL

Class: _____

A. Reading Comprehension

Read the following comprehension passage which is divided into 2 sections to help you. THEN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW EACH SECTION.

WHO DID PATRICK'S HOMEWORK?

PART 1

Patrick never did homework. "Too boring," he said. He played baseball, basketball and Nintendo instead. His teachers told him, "Patrick! Do your homework or you won't learn a thing." And it's true, sometimes he did feel like a ding-a-ling. But what could he do? He hated homework.

(paragraph 1)

Then on St. Patrick's Day his cat was playing with a little doll and he grabbed it away. To his surprise it wasn't a doll at all, but a man of the tiniest size. He had a little wool shirt, old fashioned trousers and a high tail hat much like a witch's. He yelled, "Save me! Don't give me back to that cat. I'll grant you a wish, I promise you that."

(paragraph 2)

Patrick couldn't believe how lucky he was! Here was the answer to all of his problems. So he said, "Only if you do all my homework until the end of the semester, that's 35 days. If you do a good enough job, I could even get A's."

(paragraph 3)

Questions on Part 1

1. Who never did homework?

2. Which word in **paragraph 1** is the **opposite** of **interesting**?

3. Patrick played baseball, basketball and

4. A ding-a-ling is a (clever, stupid) person.

5. On which day did Patrick find the tiny man?

6. What did the tiny man wear on his head?

7. What did the tiny man want to give Patrick for saving him from the cat?

8. Patrick's wish was for the old man to do his _____
till the end of the semester.

(1 mark x 8 = 8 marks)

PART 2

The little man's face wrinkled . He kicked his legs and doubled his fists and grimaced and scowled and pursed his lips, "Oh, am I unlucky! But I'll do it."

(paragraph 4)

And as word, that little elf began to do Patrick's homework. However, there was the glitch. The elf didn't always know what to do and he needed help. "Help me!" he'd say. And Patrick would have to help ... in whatever way



(paragraph 5)

"I don't know this word," the elf squealed while reading Patrick's homework. "Get me a dictionary. No, what's even better, look up the word and sound it out by each letter."

(paragraph 6)

When it came to mathematics, Patrick was out of luck. "What are times tables?" the elf shrieked. "We elves never need that. And addition and subtraction and division and fractions? Here, sit down beside me. You simply need



(paragraph 7)



Questions on Part 2**(1 mark x 16 = 16 marks)**

Read the following sentences and write <u>True</u> or <u>False</u>.		
9.	The little man was very angry.	
10.	A glitch is a problem .	
11.	The elf never needed any help with Patrick's homework.	
12.	Patrick looked words up in the dictionary.	
13.	The elf knew the times tables very well.	
14.	shrieked means shouted	
15.	The elf was very patient.	
16.	Patrick had to help the elf when it came to mathematics.	

Find the correct half of these sentences.

17.	Patrick found homework		found a tiny man.
18.	Teachers told him to do		his homework till the end of the semester.
19.	On St. Patrick's Day the cat		know what to do.
20.	The elf granted Patrick		the dictionary.
21.	Patrick wanted the elf to do		too boring.
22.	The elf did not always		a wish.
23.	Patrick had to help by looking words up in		addition, subtraction, division or multiplication was.
24.	The elf did not know what		his homework or he would not learn a thing.

Eric

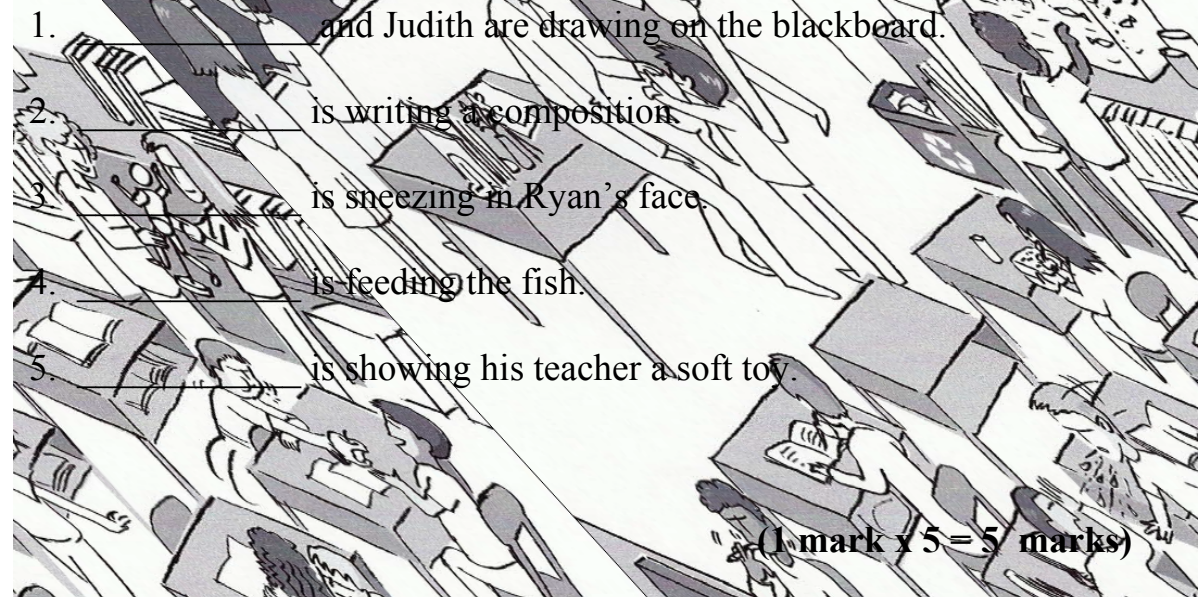
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B. Language Task 1

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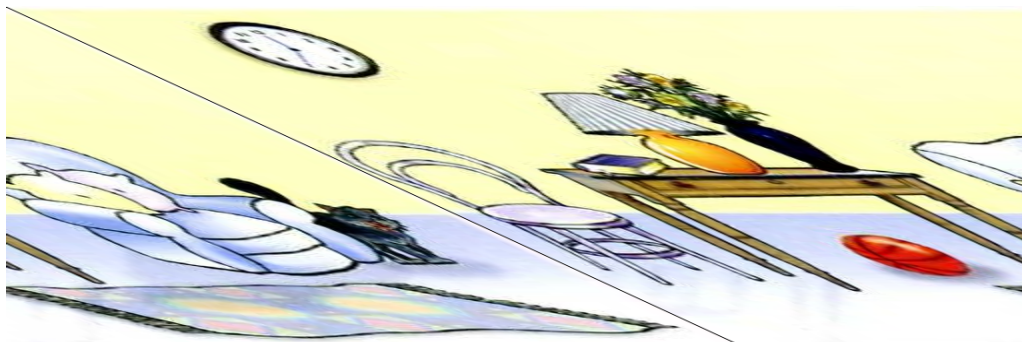
Look at the picture.

Find the children in this class and write their names in the blank spaces.



Language Task 2

Look at the picture.



1) The clock is the wall. 2) The cat is the floor. 3) The ball is the table. 4) The vase is the table. 5) The flowers are the table. 6) The lamp is the table. 7) The armchair is the table. 8) The table is the armchair.

Fill in the blanks with these words.

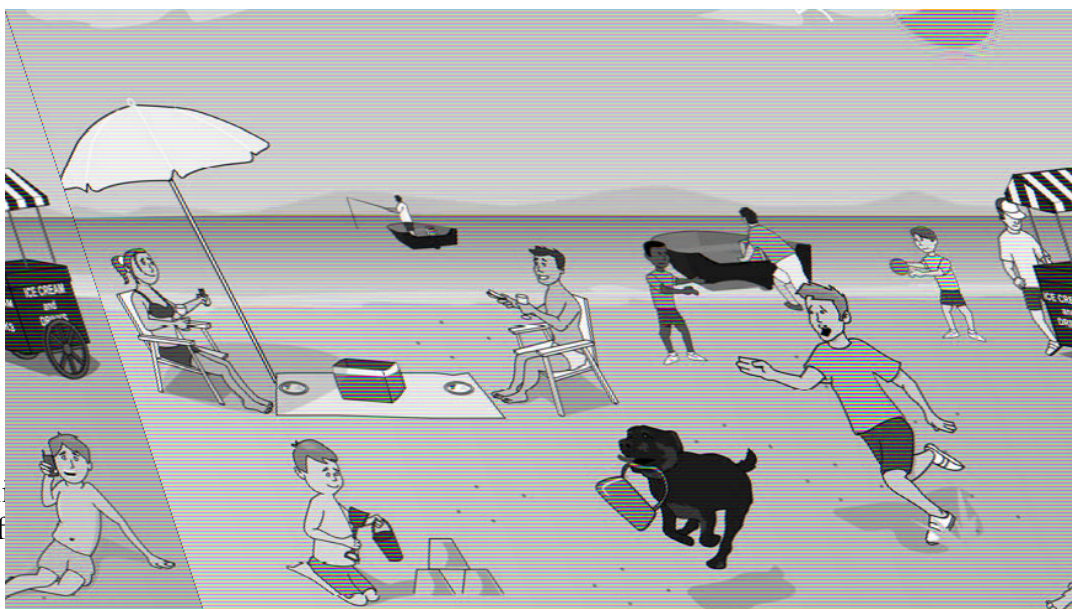
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1. The flowers are _____ the vase.
2. The table is _____ the chair and the armchair.
3. The ball is _____ the table.
4. The cat is _____ the armchair.
5. The lamp is _____ the table.

(1 mark x 5 = 5 marks)

C. Writing Task 1

Look at the picture carefully.



Complete these sentences about the picture.

(1 mark x 6 = 6 marks)

1. It is a _____.
2. The sea is _____.
3. There are _____.
4. A black dog is _____.
5. A little boy is _____.
6. A woman is _____.

Writing Task 2

Write 10 sentences OR a paragraph of 90 words on one of the following:



restaurant



**washing dishes in the
restaurant kitchen to
pay for the dinner**



1. Picture Composition: Look at the pictures carefully and write what is happening. The phrases under each picture will help you.

2. Write a **letter** to your friend who lives in England. Tell her about how you celebrated Christmas and what presents you received. Her address is

**45 Cromwell Road,
Kent
KNT 0134**

3. A picnic in the countryside.

(Write on where you went, with whom and what you did.)

4. Last Tuesday, I was alone at home doing my homework when I heard a crashing noise downstairs.....

Continue the story.

Title Number _____

Use this space to plan your writing.

(5 marks)

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Title number: _____

(15 marks)

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