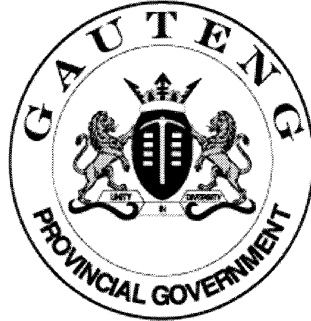


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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Write your answers in the answer book provided. This includes multiple-choice questions which require a number word.
- Number your work carefully.
- Submit work which is well-presented and legible.
- You must answer all the questions.
- This paper consists of THREE sections:

SECTION A – Reading Comprehension

SECTION B – Summary

SECTION C – Communicative Competence (Language)

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**SECTION A**  
**READING COMPREHENSION**

Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

**SCORPIONS**

But the shyest of the wall community were the most dangerous; you hardly ever saw one unless you looked for it, and yet there must have been several hundred living in the cracks of the wall. Slide a knife blade carefully under a piece of the loose plaster and lever it gently away from the brick, and there, crouching beneath it, would be a  
5 little black scorpion an inch long.

They were weird looking things, with their flattened, oval bodies, crooked legs, the enormous crab-like claws, and the tail like a string of brown beads ending in a sting like a rose-thorn. The scorpion would lie there quietly as you examined him, only raising his tail in warning if you breathed too hard on him. If you kept him in the sun  
10 too long he would simply turn his back on you and walk away, and then slide slowly but firmly under another section of plaster.

15 Then one day I found a fat female scorpion in the wall, wearing what at first glance appeared to be a pale fawn fur coat. Closer inspection proved that this strange garment was made up of a mass of tiny babies clinging to the mother's back. I was fascinated by this family, and I made up my mind to smuggle them into the house and up to my bedroom so that I might keep them and watch them grow up.

20 With great care I placed the mother and family in a matchbox, and then hurried to the villa. It was rather unfortunate that just as I entered the door lunch should be served; however, I placed the matchbox carefully on the mantelpiece in the drawing-room, and made my way to the dining-room and joined the family for the meal.

Taking time to eat my food, feeding Roger secretly under the table and listening to the family arguing, I completely forgot about my exciting new captures.

25 At last Harry, having finished, fetched the cigarettes from the drawing-room and, lying back in his chair, he put one in his mouth and picked up the matchbox he had brought. Oblivious of my impending doom I watched him interestedly, as, still talking glibly, he opened the matchbox.

Now I maintain to this day that the female scorpion meant no harm. She was agitated and a trifle annoyed at being shut up in a matchbox for so long, and so she seized the first opportunity to escape.

Adapted from "My Family and Other Animals – Gerald Durrell

- 1.1 About what is the author telling us in the passage? (2)
- 1.2 Explain in your own words how the author managed to find the 'little black scorpion'? (line 5) (2)
- 1.3 Having read paragraph 2, would you say the scorpion is aggressive? Give a reason for your answer. (2)
- 1.4 Whereabouts on its body is a scorpion's sting? (1)
- 1.5 How, from reading the passage, do you know that the scorpion did not like the sun? (2)
- 1.6 1.6.1 Explain in your own words what Gerald found strange about the female scorpion? (2)
- 1.6.2 What did Gerald find on the scorpion on closer inspection? (2)
- 1.7 1.7.1 Where did Gerald intend to keep his family of scorpions? (1)
- 1.7.2 Why do you think he made this decision? (2)
- 1.8 The female scorpion was a relatively small creature. Prove this statement by quoting from the passage. (1)
- 1.9 Because Gerald was 'fascinated by this family' (line 15), what did he want to watch them do? (2)

- 1.10 Why was it so unfortunate that Gerald was called to lunch on his way into the house? (2)
- 1.11 Why, according to the passage, did the author forget his 'exciting new captures' (line 22)? Give one reason. (2)
- 1.12 Why do you think Gerald was feeding Roger 'secretly' (line 21)? (2)
- 1.13 The word 'doom' (line 25) suggests something unpleasant is about to happen. Explain in your own words what does take place. (2)
- 1.14 Say whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE.  
Quote from the passage to verify your answer.
- 1.14.1 Gerald picked the female scorpion up and placed it in the matchbox. (2)
- 1.14.2 The scorpion did not like being shut up in the matchbox. (2)
- 1.14.3 Larry carried his cigarettes with him. (2)
- 1.15 What do you think happens at the end of the passage? (2)
- TOTAL FOR SECTION A: [35]**

**SECTION B  
SUMMARY**

**QUESTION 2**

Summarise the following passage about "The myth of perfect happiness" in not more than **65 words**.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Your summary must be in point form.
- List at least 4 facts.
- Number your facts 1 through to 4.
- Write down only one fact per line.
- Use full sentences.
- Use your own words as far as possible.
- Indicate the number of words you have used in brackets at the end of your summary.
- You will be penalised for exceeding the maximum number of words or failing to indicate the number of words used.
- Remember to cross out your rough draft.

***The myth of perfect happiness***

What are most pop songs about? Love and only love ... love. How do most fairy stories end? 'So they married and lived happily ever after' – eternal bliss. The same is true of most popular movies and fictional romances. The hero almost always gets the girl (or she gets him, if you prefer), and that's it. We are meant to think that the characters will live forever in perfect happiness and harmony. Forever...

One of the most popular ideas of modern times is that true happiness can only be found in the form of another person. It is often called 'the myth of romantic love'. This is not to deny the need for affection and good relationships, but it has often been pointed out that the people come to have unreal expectations of others and lose touch with reality.

TOTAL FOR SECTION B: [10]

**SECTION C  
COMMUNICATIVE LANGUAGE**

**QUESTION 3  
DICTIONARY WORK**

Study the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

**heat** [hi:t] n. 1. [U] **hotness**: the ~ of **the sun's** rays. *Cold is the opposite of ~.* She's **suffering** from the ~, **prickly** ~, itching rash caused by inflammation of the sweat glands. 2. (Fig., [U]) intense **feeling** *speak with considerable ~; in the ~ of the argument.* 3 [C] competition the winners of which take part in the further competition leading to the finals: *trials (preliminary) ~S.* '~ - **flash** n. intense ~ of an atomic bomb explosion. ~ - **stroke** n. sudden illness caused by ~. ~ - **wave** n. period of unusually hot weather. ~ ed ly **adv.**, in a passionate manner. ~ **er** n. device for supplying warmth to a room, etc: gas~ er.

3.1 What is 'prickly heat'? Study the relevant entry and choose the best answer. Write only the correct letter, e.g. 1.1 C.

- A. A competition.
- B. A kind of discomfort.
- C. An argument.

(2)

- 3.2 What are the 'preliminary heats' in a competition? (2)
- 3.3 Find ONE example of a compound noun in the entries. (2)
- 3.4 Find an example of a noun that you can make using the –er suffix. (2)
- 3.5 Form an adverb from the word heat. (2)
- 3.6 After the entry 'heat' you find this:[hi:t]. What does it show? (1)

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**QUESTION 4  
CARTOON**

Study the cartoon and then answer the questions on it.



How often have you been told that you 'eat like a pig' or somebody has 'kicked the bucket'? In both cases the phrases can be referred to literally or figuratively (with a second meaning).

Study the cartoon above, where Madam and Eve illustrate yet another example of something being literal or figurative and then answer the questions that follow.

- 4.1 Is the result of the cartoon a literal or figurative one? Explain your answer. (2)
- 4.2 What is Eve really advertising? (1)
- 4.3 To what does Madam think Eve is referring? (1)
- 4.4 How would you describe Madam's facial expression in frame 4? (1)
- 4.5 Rewrite Frame 3 in the reported (indirect) speech starting as follows:  
Madam replied that it ..... (5)

[10]

**QUESTION 5  
ADVERTISEMENT**

Study the advertisement and then answer the following questions.

**It's not just a  
middle-age spread.**

You may think that it's only older people who have to worry about heart disease.

But recent studies have shown that many risk factors in the development of Coronary Heart Disease can be identified even amongst schoolchildren.

And by the time you're 20, you should be having your blood pressure and cholesterol levels checked regularly.

You see, prevention really is better than cure when it comes to combating one of the major causes of death in South Africa.

That's why more and more people are choosing and using Floro. *Floro has essential polyunsaturates.* Floro has the combined benefit



And the fact is that lowered cholesterol levels, combined with a healthy diet and regular exercise, can help reduce the risk of Coronary Heart Disease.

So if you want to stay young at heart, make sure you keep your heart young.

*Free booklet*

For your *free* booklet on heart disease and how it can be avoided in your family, write to the *The Floro Information Service, P.O. Box 5518, Durban 4000.*

of being low in saturated fats and having more than 50% polyunsaturated fats.

Polyunsaturated fats have been shown to actually lower cholesterol in your blood. That's why leading heart specialists recommend a diet high in polyunsaturated fats.

APPROVED AS  
PART OF THE  
HEART FOUNDATION  
EATING PLAN







**floro** - at the heart of every home

- 5.1 What does this advertisement set out to do? (1)
- 5.2 Explain what the slogan at the bottom is suggesting. Hint: there are two meanings. (2)
- 5.3 Explain at whom you think this advertisement is aimed? (1)
- 5.4 Why does the advertiser use pictures of thin, healthy people? (1)
- 5.5 Why are more people choosing to use Floro? Give two reasons. (2)
- 5.6 Name TWO facts that can reduce the risk of Coronary Heart Disease. (2)

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**TOTAL SECTION C: [30]**

**TOTAL: 75**

**END**