

Year 5                      ENGLISH (Listening Comprehension)                      Time: 30 minutes  
TEACHER'S COPY

**Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination**  
**ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH**

- a) 4 minutes – First reading aloud of text by teacher
- b) 4 minutes – Teacher reads out the questions
- c) 4 minutes – Second reading aloud of text by teacher
- d) 8 minutes – Students answer the questions
- e) 4 minutes – Third reading aloud of text by teacher
- f) 6 minutes – Final revision of answers by students

**Resources**

Teacher: Reading Text and Questions  
Each student: Pen and Examination Paper

**Introduction**

The teacher in charge distributes the examination papers to the students and asks them to write their name, surname and class on the front cover.

**THE TEACHER TELLS THE STUDENTS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER (STUDENT'S COPY) AS S/HE READS.**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I will read the text to you a third time.</li><li>• You may complete any unanswered questions as I read.</li></ul>
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**TOTAL: 20 MARKS**

## Life in the Desert

1. There are different kinds of deserts. There are hot deserts and there are cold deserts. The Sahara Desert is the largest hot desert in the world. The Gobi Desert is always very cold. Some deserts are sandy. Some deserts are rocky. Other deserts have mountains. Antarctica is the coldest place in the world, but it is a desert and it is covered in snow and ice.
2. It can be very windy in the desert, too. There can be sandstorms or snowstorms. In sandy deserts, the wind blows the sand and forms sand dunes. A sand dune is a mountain of sand. Some sand dunes can be as high as 182 metres.
3. A desert is a very dry place. It has very little rain. It snows in Antarctica, but it does not often rain. In hot deserts, it is very hot during the day and then very cold at night. When it rains, it rains suddenly. However, there is very little water in the desert. Sometimes you can find water in rocks underground. These places are called oases.
4. The rain in the Sahara desert is less than 25 centimetres a year. People cannot survive without water. There are few lakes. Most of these are saltwater lakes. People cannot drink from them. Lake Chad is the only freshwater lake in the desert.
5. Plants and animals need water to survive in hot deserts. Although these deserts are very dry, it is amazing how many plants live there. There are also many animals, insects and birds. In sand dunes of the Sahara desert there are mostly birds, snakes, lizards, gerbils, and small foxes.
6. Some plants, like cacti, keep rain water in their leaves for a long time. Other plants have long roots. The roots take water from deep under the ground.
7. Some animals in the desert never drink. They get water from seeds and plants. Many animals are nocturnal. This means they sleep during the hot day and come out at night. Some animals live underground for most of the time because it is colder.
8. People often travel to the desert on camels. Camels have humps on their backs in which they carry food. They can drink a lot of water at once and then, they do not need to drink for a very long time. They have thick fur to keep them warm at night when it is cold. They are perfect for desert life.

Tick (✓) the correct word, phrase or sentence to answer the questions.

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- c) Chad
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2. What is a mountain of sand called?

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3. Why are deserts very dry places?

- a) It rains heavily.
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7. What is surprising about the hot and very dry deserts?

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11. Put a tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is TRUE or FALSE.

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TRUE	FALSE

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12. Fill in each blank with a suitable WORD.

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**Year 5**

**ENGLISH**

**Time: 1h 15min**

**(Reading Comprehension, Language, and Writing)**

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

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

**Total: 60 marks**



## A. Reading Comprehension

Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

### The Giant's Garden

Every afternoon, the children used to go and play in the giant's garden. It was a large garden, with soft green grass and beautiful flowers. There were twelve peach trees that blossomed in spring, and bore fruit in autumn. The birds sat on the trees and sang so sweetly that the children used to stop their games in order to listen to them.

(paragraph 1)

Meanwhile, the giant was staying at his friend's house. One day he decided to return home. On arriving, he saw the children playing in his garden.

(paragraph 2)

"What are you doing here?" he cried in a gruff voice, and the children ran away. "This is my garden," said the giant. "I will allow nobody to play in it." So he built a high wall all round it.

(paragraph 3)



Spring came, but in the giant's garden the snow covered up the grass. The cold wind howled all day. The giant hoped for a change in the weather. However, spring never came, nor summer. His garden had no fruit in autumn. It was always winter there.

(paragraph 4)

One morning the giant heard some lovely music. It was a bird singing outside his window. Then it stopped snowing and the wind **ceased** howling. The giant looked out of the window.

(paragraph 5)

The children had crept through a hole in the wall, and they were sitting in the branches of the trees. The birds were flying about and twittering with delight. There were blossoms in every tree except one. This tree was still covered with snow. A little boy stood underneath it. He was so small that he could not reach up to its branches. He was **crying bitterly**.

(paragraph 6)

The giant's heart melted. "**How selfish I have been!**" he said. He went out into the garden. He took the child gently in his hand, and put him up into the tree.

(paragraph 7)

"It's your garden now, little children," said the giant. He took a great axe and knocked down the wall.

(paragraph 8)

When the people were going to the market at twelve o'clock they saw the giant playing with the children in the most beautiful garden they had ever seen.

(paragraph 9)

(Adapted from *The Selfish Giant* by Oscar Wilde)

**1. Tick (✓) to show the correct answer.**

i) When did the children use to go to the giant's garden?

(1 mark)

- a) every morning
- b) every afternoon
- c) at noon
- d) at midnight

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

ii) Why did the children use to stop their games?

(1 mark)

- a) to listen to the birds
- b) to eat the peaches
- c) to climb the trees
- d) to sleep on the soft grass

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

**2. Tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is True or False.**

(3 marks)

		True	False
a)	The giant had more than ten peach trees in his garden.		
b)	The trees produced pears in autumn.		
c)	The giant was away from home for some time.		
d)	The giant wanted to share his garden on his return.		
e)	At first the giant was greedy.		
f)	The giant liked the cold weather.		

3. Answer the following questions.

a) Why did the giant build a high wall around his garden?

He did so because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(2 marks)

b) Why were the birds delighted?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(2 marks)

c) Why was the little boy **crying bitterly**? (paragraph 6)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(2 marks)

d) **“How selfish I have been!”** (paragraph 7)  
Why had the giant been selfish?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(3 marks)

e) Write TWO things that the giant did when he realised how selfish he had been.

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

(2 marks)

**4. Fill in.**

- a) Name the tool the giant used to demolish the wall. (paragraph 8)

\_\_\_\_\_

(1 mark)

- b) The word **ceased** in paragraph 5 means \_\_\_\_\_.

(2 marks)

- c) Find **a word** in paragraph 6 which means:

**the flowers that appear on a tree before the fruit.** \_\_\_\_\_

(1 mark)

**B. Language**

**10 marks**

**B. 1. Read the paragraph below.**

**Underline the correct word or words.**

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

**(5 marks)**

At noon the giant's garden was warmer\* / **colder** than it was in the morning. The trees were **whiter** / **greener** after the giant knocked down the wall, and the birds were **quieter** / **more excited**. The giant shared his garden with the children. They were **more afraid** / **happier** and he felt **kinder** / **more selfish**. The garden was **more beautiful** / **uglier** than it was before.



**B. 2. Complete the sentences below.**  
 Use so that or because to join each pair of sentences.  
 The first\* one has been done for you.

(5 marks)

1.	At home we keep a lot of used things. We will reuse or recycle them.
2.	Recycling is a great idea. We can make other things from used things.
3.	We are collecting old magazines. We will make greeting cards.
4.	We never carry our shopping in plastic bags. Plastic is harmful to the environment.
5.	We always recharge our batteries. We do not have to buy new ones.
6.	We do our best to reuse things. We want to protect our environment.

**Caring about the Environment**

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\_\_\_\_\_.

We never carry our shopping in plastic bags \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. We always recharge

our batteries \_\_\_\_\_.

We do our best to reuse things \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

## C. Writing

## C. 1. Complete the questions.

(5 marks)

Time	Channel One	Channel Two	Channel Three
8.00	News	News	City Life
8.30	Weather Report	Famous People	News
9.00	You can build it!	Sid and Cindy	Cooking with Bill
9.30	Our planet	Football	Space Travel
10.00	Sport	News	The Fashion Show

Example: **What time** is the Fashion Show on?

It's on at ten o'clock.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ times is the news on?

Four times

2. \_\_\_\_\_ does the Weather Report start?

At half past eight

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is on Channel One at 9.00?

You can build it!

4. \_\_\_\_\_ shows Football at 9.30?

Channel Two

5. \_\_\_\_\_ of programme is Sid and Cindy?

It's a children's programme.

C. 2. Read about Class 5's plans for next Monday.  
Write FIVE sentences to complete the paragraph.

(5)

**Class 5's Day Out!**

**Morning**

**8.30** meet at the school

**9.15** arrive at the bay

**9.30** ball game

**10.00** boat ride / swimming

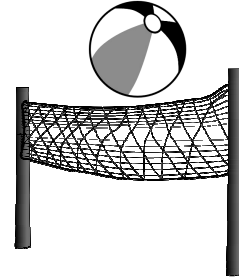
**12.00** picnic on the beach  
(no swimming after lunch!)

**Afternoon**

**1.00** go for a walk – explore the coast

**2.00** group photo

**3.30** time to go home



The children are going to meet at the school at half past 8. They are going

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They are going home at half past 3.

### C. 3. Composition

In **not less than 120 words** write a composition on **ONE** of the following:

1. **A day to remember**

Write about a special day in your life. Who did you spend it with? What did you see and do?

2. Write a **letter** to your friend about your interests. Write about the things you like and describe what you like doing.

3. **A famous person**

Describe a famous person you read or heard about. Write about his or her life. Why is he or she famous? What did he or she do? What else do you know about him or her?

4. Picture Composition: **In the News**

**Write a story beginning with the following words:**

*The children were on a hike when it started raining. They looked for shelter and found a ...*

**Look at the pictures. Write what happened. Conclude your story with a suitable ending.**

The following words and phrases may help you:

**cave, heavy rain, explored, an old chest, full of coins, newspaper article**



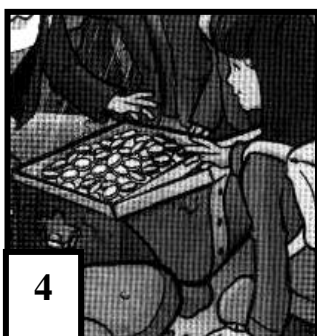
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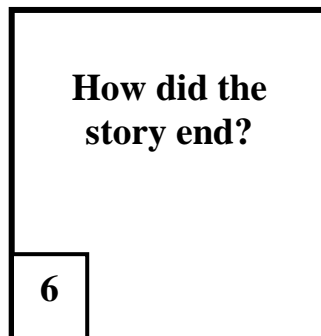
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**Title Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Use the space below to plan your writing.**





