

SECONDARY SCHOOL ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2000
Educational Assessment Unit – Education Division
Form 4

Listening Comprehension

THE SPICE GIRLS

In 1993 Geri Halliwell, Melanie Brown, Victoria Adams and Melanie Chishom answered an advertisement in a newspaper. Talent scouts realized that they had found a group of girls who wanted fame. The group was named 'Touch' and when one of the group, Michelle, quit, Emma joined as the youngest member. Emma had been a friend of Victoria since the age of ten.

The relationship with their managers did not last long. The managers wanted to sack Victoria for not being talented enough. The girls thought their managers were the ones lacking talent and sacked them instead. 'Girl Power' was born.

During the summer of 1996 the Spice Girls became more and more famous as their first single, *Wannabe*, went to No 1 and stayed there for seven weeks. They became the first all girl group to go to No 1 in Britain since the Supremes in 1964. Other singles from their first album became hits and the album, *Spice*, sold over 22 million copies worldwide. The girls were as famous as they had always wanted to be.

The girls became known by their nicknames. Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice), Melanie Brown (Scary Spice), Emma Bunton (Baby Spice), Victoria Adams (Posh Spice), and Melanie Chisholm (Sporty Spice). Many people think these names were made up by the group as a gimmick. In fact these names were used in an article about the girls, and have stuck ever since.

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Underline the correct answer.

1. The name of the member who quit was **(1 mark)**
 - a. Victoria.
 - b. Angela.
 - c. Michelle.
 - d. Geri.

2. The relationship with their managers did not last long because **(1 mark)**
 - a. they did not get paid enough.
 - b. Emma had been a friend of Victoria since she was ten.
 - c. they wanted to sack Victoria.
 - d. they did not like the name of the group.

3. ‘Girl Power’ means **(1 mark)**
 - a. the girls had no talent.
 - b. women have equal rights with men.
 - c. there was no power in the group.
 - d. they were all girls.

4. Their first single ‘Wannabe’ was in the charts for **(1 mark)**
 - a. 2 days.
 - b. 3 months.
 - c. seven weeks.
 - d. 1996.

5. The Spice Girls got their nicknames **(1 mark)**
 - a. from their mothers.
 - b. from an Italian recipe.
 - c. after an interview.
 - d. from an article about the girls.

6. State if the following are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F) **(5 marks)**
 - i. The group was first called ‘Touch’. _____
 - ii. Emma was the last to join the group. _____
 - iii. The Spice Girls became more famous during the Winter of 1995. _____
 - iv. The album ‘Spice’ sold 22 million copies. _____
 - v. The Supremes were a pop group of the sixties. _____

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English

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Class: _____

A. Match the statements in column A with the question tags in column B by writing the appropriate letter in the brackets. One has been done for you.

(5 marks)

A

B

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. You know Stephen, | (_____) | do we? |
| 2. You've been here already, | (_____) | can't she? |
| 3. She can swim, | (<u>1</u>) | don't you? |
| 4. They'll check the flight, | (_____) | won't they? |
| 5. We don't need to book, | (_____) | didn't she? |
| 6. She took the dog for a walk, | (_____) | haven't you? |

B. Fill in the blanks with the words in brackets as in the example. (10 marks)

Example: How can you drink that stuff? It looks disgusting. DISGUST

1. You know. Susan works the _____ of all the girls in the office. (HARD)
2. He's very unpleasant. In fact, I think he's the most _____ person I know. (AGREE)
3. To the best of my _____, there isn't another bus into town until 10 o'clock. (KNOW)
4. That fisherman is the _____ 60-year-old I've ever met. (HEALTH)
5. A film which is perhaps amusing for adults can be _____ for children. (TERRIFY)

C. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it. (10 marks)

Example: Would you like to go to Scotland in August?
How about going to Scotland in August?

1. I can't help you, although I'd love to.
I'd love to _____
2. I see people waste so much and I can't bear it.
I can't bear _____

3. She often has to do the washing up and she can't stand it.

She can't stand _____

4. I have to tell you that you're wrong, even though I hate to.

I hate _____

5. A car knocked down a man while he was crossing the street.

A man _____

D. COMPREHENSION

(25 marks)

Read the following passage and then answer the questions below:

Bill Jones

People who sleep on the streets are sometimes called 'dossers'. Bill Jones is 64 and a dosser. "If you're a dosser, people think you have a problem – drink, gambling or reckless living," Bill points out. But like a lot of people who live on the streets, Bill has none of these problems. He's on the streets because of something which happened three years ago.

5 Bill had his own restaurant in Folkestone. "I was doing well in business, I had money in the bank," he remembers. "I never dreamed that one day I would be sleeping out on the streets." Then his business failed and he had to sell his house to pay his debts. He was homeless and penniless. Bill went to London to look for work. Sometimes he's had jobs, like washing dishes in restaurants, but they've been poorly paid. Other times he has been unemployed.
10 Rents are very high, so Bill has never had enough money to pay for a flat.

In the last three years, Bill has survived by staying in very cheap hotels for one week and then the next week sleeping out on the streets when his money runs out. Living on the streets was a big shock for Bill. "I didn't know anything about how to survive sleeping out." To start with he used to go to the big railway stations to keep warm, but at midnight he was
15 thrown out because he didn't have a ticket. Then he'd walk the streets all night. "I had no money in my pocket to have a cup of tea," he recalls. "I thought, if I stop anywhere and sleep, I'm not going to wake up in the morning."

For a long time Bill was too proud to ask anyone for help. "I've been days without food and just lived on water." Bill watched other people who were homeless and slowly he learned
20 how to survive. He found places where there was warm air coming from buildings at night, and places where he could settle down and not be moved on by police. "I slept on cardboard and covered myself over with a big carton or something to keep me warm," he says. "Now I know where I can go and get a free cup of tea and a sandwich, or another place where I can get a free mug of soup and a couple of bread rolls."

25 Bill is quite smartly dressed. If you met him in the street you would never know that he sleeps out. "I've tried to keep myself clean and tidy all the time," he says. "People say, 'Oh, you're not a dosser, you can't be, you're too well-dressed'."

30 “If you’re homeless,” Bill explains, “people seem to look down on you. You get pushed around from one place to another – you’re not wanted here, you’re not wanted there. And finally there’s no place to go. People on the streets really don’t know where to go. They can’t see any future at all for themselves.”

Bill refuses to give up hope and is now waiting for the council to give him a small flat that he can afford to rent. “I couldn’t live for ever like this,” he says. “I’ve got to see an end to it.”

Underline the correct answer in questions (1) and (2).

1. ‘Dossers’ are **(1 mark)**
- a. reckless drivers.
 - b. people who gamble.
 - c. people who sleep on the streets.
 - d. people who stay in very cheap hotels.

2. Bill ended up living on the streets because **(1 mark)**
- a. he was lazy.
 - b. his business failed.
 - c. he wanted to be like other people.
 - d. his wife threw him out.

3. Mark TRUE or FALSE quoting proof from the text. **(10 marks)**

		TRUE	FALSE	
Eg.	Bill was a restaurant owner.	√		<i>Bill had his own restaurant in Folkestone.</i> _____
a.	Bill Jones is in his thirties.			_____ _____
b.	He’s been on the streets for 10 years.			_____ _____
c.	He could not afford a cup of tea.			_____ _____
d.	Sometimes the police didn’t let him stay in certain places.			_____ _____ _____
e.	Bill dresses shabbily.			_____ _____

Answer the remaining questions on the foolscap provided.

4. Why did Bill Jones watch what other homeless people did? **(2 marks)**
5. Why don't people believe that Bill Jones is really a 'dosser'? **(2 marks)**
6. Find a word or short phrase from the first three paragraphs which mean the same as:
(3 marks)
 - a. successful
 - b. not given enough money
 - c. sent away
7. From the second paragraph, list in point form SIX problems which caused Bill Jones to become a 'dosser'. **(6 marks)**

E. LITERATURE (10 marks)

1. **Poetry (5 marks)**
Which poem that you have done this year did you find most enjoyable? Write a short paragraph which includes the poem's title, the author and those things which you enjoyed.
2. **Prose (5 marks)**
Write a short paragraph about an episode which you found particularly interesting in a novel, short story or play that you have done this year with your teacher. This paragraph should include the title and author of the text referred to.

F. COMPOSITION (30 marks)

Write an essay of between 200 and 250 words on ONE of the following:

1. Write about what happened when you had to live on your own for some days.
2. The most important person in my life.
3. Write a letter to your Local Council about the terrible state of the street in which you live.
4. Write a short story which involves a teenager, a policeman, a taxi driver and a tourist.
5. There is a new student in your class. Write a conversation between him / her and yourself. This could include questions and answers about background, education, sports, hobbies and other relevant topics. The opening remarks have been done for you.

You:	<i>Hello there! You're new here aren't you? What's your name?</i>
New student:	<i>Hello. Yes, this is my first day at this school. My name is . . .</i>

