

SECONDARY SCHOOL ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2001

Educational Assessment Unit – Education Division

FORM 2

ENGLISH
LISTENING COMPREHENSION

TIME: 15 minutes

The Sahara desert is one of the driest and hottest parts of the world. There, temperatures can rise to 55°C at mid-day. It is a very difficult place to live in, but it is home for the Tuareg people. They share the desert with wild animals such as elephants, snakes and lizards. The Tuaregs look after their goats.

For many years, the Tuaregs moved from place to place. In the past, the rain came every July and the Tuaregs, their goats, the elephants and other wild animals moved to the rivers and water holes. Every year, at the same time, the Tuaregs went to the markets to buy and sell camels and buy food for their journeys. This was the way the Tuareg people lived.

But now the climate is changing and the Tuaregs have to change their way of life. The rain doesn't come every July. There isn't enough water in the desert for the goats and the wild animals. The Tuaregs cannot travel in the desert with their camels and goats. They have to stay in a village all the time. The children look after the goats in the villages and they go to school. The Tuaregs grow fruit and vegetables next to little rivers.

The changing climate changed the Tuaregs' way of life. Now it is changing the elephants' way of life! The desert is too dry for the elephants. They cannot find all the water they need (600 litres a day!) so they break the walls around the Tuareg's gardens and eat the bananas and pineapples that the Tuaregs grow. What can the Tuaregs do?

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Name: _____

Class: _____

Choose the best answer in questions (1) and (2).

1. The passage is about: **(1 mark)**
- a. the Sahara desert.
 - b. the Tuareg people.
 - c. goats and camels.
 - d. the climate.
2. The way of life of the Tuaregs: **(1 mark)**
- a. has risen to 55^oC.
 - b. is rapidly improving.
 - c. has been changed by the climate.
 - d. never changes.

Mark these sentences True (T) or False (F). **(5 marks)**

3. The Tuaregs always moved at the same time of the year. _____
4. At the markets the Tuaregs bought elephants and goats. _____
5. Nowadays, Tuareg children do not attend school. _____
6. The climate change has turned the Tuaregs into farmers. _____
7. Elephants are ruining the Tuareg's gardens. _____

Fill in with ONE word from the passage: **(3 marks)**

8. Food for the jounies was bought at the _____.
9. Next to little _____, Tuaregs grow fruit and vegetable.
10. The desert has become too _____ for the elephants so they raid the Tuaregs' gardens.

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TIME: 2 hours

Name: _____

Class: _____

A. Look at the picture below and mark TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). (5 marks)

1. Phil is sitting on the floor playing a computer game. _____
2. Carol and Tom are sitting on the sofa talking. _____
3. Michael is patting the dog next to the television. _____
4. Sara and Phil are Carol's children. _____
5. Tom is a visitor and doesn't know Carol's family. _____
6. Sara is Michael's son. _____
7. Tom is Carol's husband. _____
8. The lamp is in the centre of the room. _____
9. There are some presents on the table. _____
10. They are all looking very bored. _____



B. Complete Carol's sentences with 's, my, his, her, our, its or their. (5 marks)

1. My son 's name is Phil and my husband _____ name is Michael.
2. Today is my son _____ birthday. That is _____ new video game system.
3. My husband has a dog. _____ name is Brownie.
4. _____ daughter Sara likes jazz. She's trying the new tape player she gave to _____ brother.
5. We live on Sunset Ave. _____ house is old but it's very comfortable.
6. My son and daughter are students. _____ school is on Tramont Avenue.
7. Our new neighbour is here today. _____ name is Tom. _____ favourite kind of music is raggae.

C. Match the following questions and answers by putting numbers in the spaces next to each answer. The first one has been done for you. (6 marks)

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| 1. What do you do? | _____ | That's my friend Mary. |
| 2. What are you doing? | _____ | I usually take the motorway. |
| 3. Which way do you go? | _____ | I don't know. I just am. |
| 4. Which way are you going? | <u>1.</u> | I'm a doctor, actually. |
| 5. Why do you do it that way? | _____ | I don't know. I just do. |
| 6. Why are you doing it that way? | _____ | We're going via Lincoln, as a matter of fact. |
| 7. Who is that tall blonde lady? | _____ | I'm trying to phone John. |

D. Fill in each blank in the story with a verb in the past tense. (9 marks)

John Sutter _____(grow)(1) up in Switzerland. In 1834, he _____(go)(2) to the United States. He _____(buy)(3) land in California and _____(start)(4) a farm called Sutter's Fort. In 1848, a man named James Marshall, who was working for Sutter, _____(find)(5) gold on Sutter's land. He _____(show)(6) it to Sutter. The two men _____(try)(7) to keep it a secret, but other men who were working there soon _____(find)(8) out about it. Right away they _____(stop)(9) work to hunt for more gold. Sutter's Fort quickly _____(become)(10) famous. During the next two years, over 40,000 people _____(go)(11) there. Workers _____(leave)(12) their jobs, soldiers _____(quit)(13) the army, and husbands _____(leave)(14) their wives. Sutter _____(fight)(15) to save his farm, but the crowds _____(destroy)(16) it. In 1873, Sutter _____(leave)(17) California. He _____(die)(18) a poor and unhappy man.

E. COMPREHENSION (25 marks)

Read the following passage and then answer the questions below:

20,000 DEAD AS VOLCANO ERUPTS

At least 20,000 people were feared dead yesterday after a volcano 'exploded like a bomb'.

The volcano, in the Andes Mountains, west of Bogota, Columbia, erupted twice, showering the area with molten lava and causing massive landslides and flooding.

The town of Armero, with a population of 25,000, was completely buried by 15 feet of mud and ash.

The white-hot lava melted the permanent snow on the mountainsides, causing massive flooding and mud slides. Heavy rains, which have pounded the

remote coffee-growing area for three days, added to the horror.

SMOKE

Large parts of four other towns were washed away by rivers of water and mud. Rescue workers were hampered by the torrential rain and vast clouds of smoke and ash from the volcano, which had lain dormant for nearly 400 years.

A pilot who flew over Armero, 100 miles north-west of Bogota, said: 'The town has disappeared. What is left looks like a desert or a beach.'

The volcano, called Nevado del Ruiz, which last erupted in 1595, began sending sinister columns of smoke into the area three months ago.

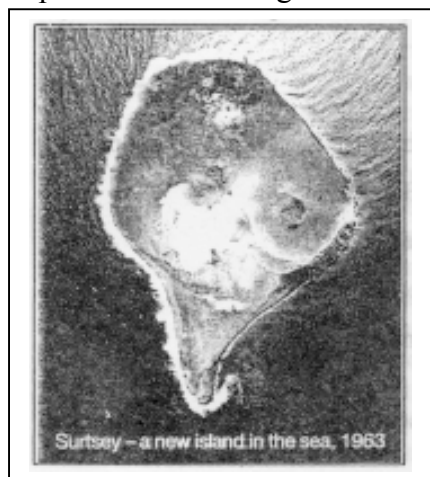
Despite the fears of the area's inhabitants, geologists told them the volcano was likely to remain dormant. During Wednesday night it erupted twice. One observer said: 'It exploded like a bomb, shooting lava, ashes and smoke miles into the air. It was like a vision of Hell.'

Mirror

Friday 15 November 1985

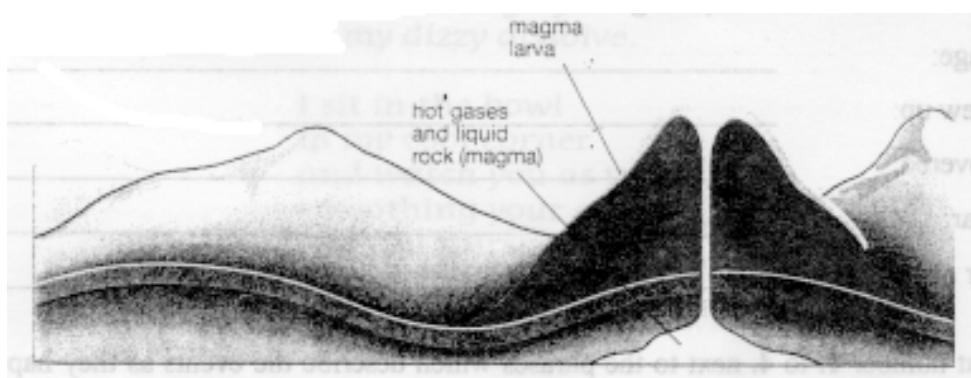
WHAT IS A VOLCANO?

Under the ground there are hot gases and liquid rock. Sometimes, these gases and rock explode out of the ground. The liquid rock is called lava. When it becomes colder it becomes very hard. Slowly, as more and more lava comes out, it makes a big hill.



Many of the world's volcanoes are in the Pacific Ocean, but there are also volcanoes in Japan, Mexico, Italy, Turkey and many other countries. There are about 500 active volcanoes in the world today; many of them are under the sea.

In 1963, a new island appeared in the sea. A volcano under the sea pushed lava up to the surface near Iceland. Today, the island, called Surtsey, has plants and flowers on it.



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

1. The first passage
 - a. is a fairytale.
 - b. deals with various volcanoes.
 - c. is a newspaper report.
 - d. is a scientific report.

(1 mark)

2. The second passage **(1 mark)**
- a. was written by a pilot.
 - b. was taken from an encyclopedia.
 - c. is a newspaper report about an accident.
 - d. includes information about the author.

3. Mark TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). **(5 marks)**

From the first passage:

- a. The volcano Nevado del Ruiz is found in the mountains. _____
- b. The volcano Nevado del Ruiz erupted three times in a month. _____
- c. Armero is the name of one of the inhabitants. _____

From the second passage:

- d. Lava is melted rock. _____
- e. Volcanoes can also be found in the sea. _____

4. Fill in with numbers taken from both passages. **(5 marks)**

- a. The eruption of the volcano may have caused the death of _____ people.
- b. Armero is a town _____ miles away from Bogota.
- c. The volcano had not erupted for _____ years.
- d. There are _____ active volcanoes in the world.
- e. In _____, a new island appeared near Iceland.

5. Find words in the first passage which have the same meaning as: **(5 marks)**

- a. huge: _____
- b. blew up: _____
- c. covered: _____
- d. fear: _____
- e. far away: _____

6. Put number **1.** to **4.** next to the phrases which describe the events as they happen in the second passage. **(4 marks)**

- _____ The lava becomes very hard.
- _____ Gases and rock explode underground.
- _____ The lava forms a big hill.
- _____ Liquid rock comes out of the volcano.

7. Complete these sentences: (4 marks)
- a. The pilot who flew over Armero said that _____
 - b. The geologists told the inhabitants that the volcano was likely to remain dormant although the inhabitants _____
 - c. One observer said that the volcano _____
 - d. The new island is now fertile because _____

F. LITERATURE (10 marks)

1. Poetry (5 marks)

Read the poem and answer the questions that follow.

The Apple's Song

Tap me with your finger,
rub me with your sleeve,
hold me, sniff me, peel me
curling round and round
till I burst out white and cold
from my tight red coat
and tingle in your palm
as if I'd melt and breathe
a living pomander
waiting for the minute
of joy when you lift me
to your mouth and crush me
and in taste and fragrance
I race through your head
in my dizzy dissolve.

I sit in the bowl
in my cool corner
and watch you as you pass
smoothing your apron.
Are you thirsty yet?
My eyes are shining.

Edwin Morgan

Underline the correct answer in questions (a), (b) and (c).

- a. This poem is spoken by: (1 mark)
- i. a daughter.
 - ii. a mother.
 - iii. an apple.
 - iv. the teacher.

- b. The poem is about: **(1 mark)**
- i. Edwin Morgan eating an apple.
 - ii. a woman eating an apple.
 - iii. an apple inviting someone to eat it.
 - iv. an apple which is being peeled.

- c. The poet, Edwin Morgan, uses _____ to make the poem more effective. **(1 mark)**
- i. songs.
 - ii. personification.
 - iii. lines.
 - iv. capital letters.

- d. Who is the “*you*” in the poem? **(1 mark)**

- e. Why does the apple say “*My eyes are shining*” in the last line? **(1 mark)**

2. Prose (5 marks)

Write 10 sentences about a book which you have read this year in class with your teacher. You must say what it is about and why you liked it so much.

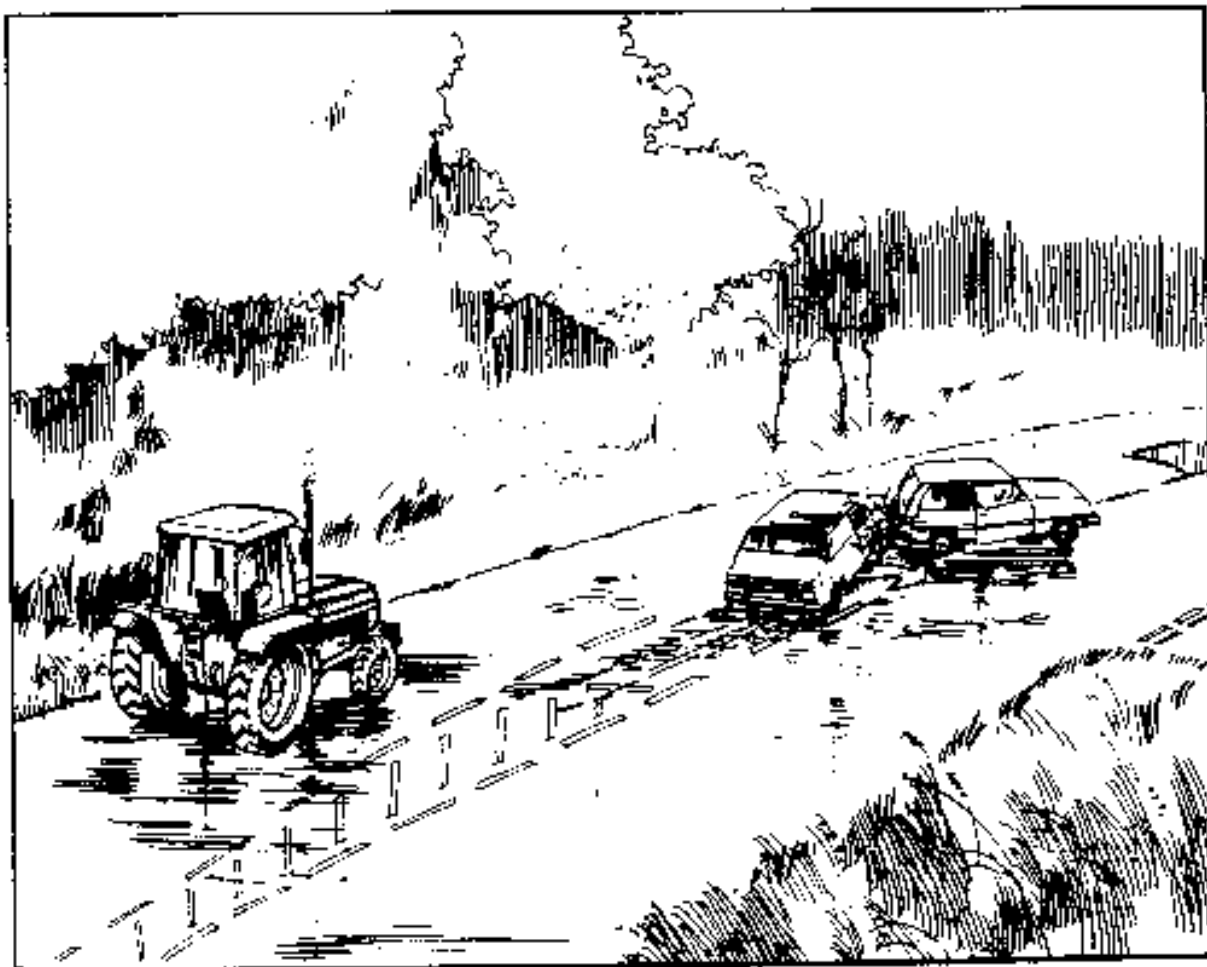
G. COMPOSITION

(30 marks)

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

1. Look at the picture and write a composition of 200 words about it. You may use the following words:

rainy weather - slippery roads - countryside - slow moving tractor - overtake - skidded - bumped into - stationary car - turning into a side-road - driver hurt - call for an ambulance - hospital



2. Write about a funny story which happened to you or to someone you know.
3. Your cousin, who has just had a bad time, came to stay with you for a few weeks. Write about what you had to do to make him/her feel happy. You may write about having to share your room, sharing toys/games and going out together.
4. The village square.
5. Some people are cruel to animals. They are wrong. Write about how and why you and your friends take care of the pets you may have at home.
