

**SECONDARY SCHOOL ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS 2008**  
**DIRECTORATE FOR QUALITY AND STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**  
Educational Assessment Unit – Education Division

**FORM 1**

**ENGLISH**  
**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

**Teacher's Paper**

**Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination**

The teacher should instruct the candidates to answer the questions on the paper provided. The following procedure for reading the Listening Comprehension passage is to be explained to the candidates immediately before proceeding with the examination.

**You have been given a sheet containing the Listening Comprehension questions. I shall first read through the questions and then read the passage at normal reading speed. You may take notes on the blank sheet provided during the reading. After this reading there will be a pause of another three minutes to allow you to answer some of the questions. The passage will be read a second time and you may take further notes and answer the rest of the questions. After this second reading you will be given a further three minutes for a final revision of answers.**

- a. 3 minutes - Teacher reads out the questions
- b. 3 minutes - First reading aloud of passage while students take notes
- c. 3 minutes - Students may answer questions
- d. 3 minutes - Second reading of passage and possibility of answering questions
- e. 3 minutes - Final revision

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**TIME: 15 minutes**

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**Jamaica**

Jamaica is a beautiful island with fantastic weather. It has white-sand beaches and clear seas. In winter the average temperature is 23°C. In summer it's around 26°C. However, Jamaica has its problems. There is a lot of poverty and drugs, especially in Kingston.

The Jamaican national dish is ackee and saltfish. Ackee is a fruit which is red when it is ready to eat. Jamaicans like to eat it for breakfast. Jamaica is famous for other dishes like rice and peas, curried goat and roasted yams. A lot of different fruits grow in Jamaica including mangoes, grapefruit, coconut and pineapples.

Robert Nesta Marley, also known as Bob Marley, is a legend around the world and a hero in Jamaica. In the 1970s he made reggae music popular among lots of people who had never listened to it before. Some of his hits are *Redemption Song*, *Exodus* and *No Woman No Cry*. He died at the age of 36.

In 1988 the Jamaicans entered the Winter Olympics for the first time with their bobsled team. They finished 35<sup>th</sup> after a crash but everyone loved them. They showed that anything is possible because they come from a country where it never snows. Although Jamaicans have never been successful at the Winter Olympics, Jamaica has won more medals in the Summer Olympics than any other small country.

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**TIME: 15 minutes****Name:** \_\_\_\_\_**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_**A. Underline the best answer.****(4 marks)**

1. Jamaica is a: a) wonderful town. b) sandy beach. c) beautiful island. d) very big lake.	3. Jamaica's national dish consists of: a) rice and peas. b) goat and yams c) curry and roasted chicken. d) ackee and saltfish.
2. Jamaica has a : a) very big population. b) very cold temperature. c) lot of mountains. d) fantastic climate.	4. Bob Marley made reggae music popular in the: a) 1960s b) 1970s c) 1980s d) 1990s

 marks
**B. Put a (✓) in the correct box according to whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE. (4 marks)**

- a) Jamaica's beaches are made up of white sand.  
 b) In Jamaica the average winter temperature is 26°C.  
 c) Bob Marley died at the age of 36.  
 d) Jamaica came first in the Winter Olympics of 1988.

True	False

 marks
**C. Fill in the blanks with ONE word from the text.****(2 marks)**

1. Ackee is a kind of fruit which becomes \_\_\_\_\_ when ready to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 2. Other fruits which grow in Jamaica include \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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**FORM 1****ENGLISH****TIME: 2 hours****Name:** \_\_\_\_\_**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

Oral Assessment	Listening Comprehension	Written Paper	TOTAL

**Language****(20 marks)**

**A. Re-write the passage below in the space provided, punctuating where necessary. The first two items have been done for you. (5marks)**

Have you ever seen the film '101 Dalmatians' it is a fantastic comedy the story takes place in and around london what a horrible woman cruella is she wants to make a coat from the fur of the dalmatian puppies pongo and perdy decide to save the other stolen puppies and their adventure begins 101 dalmatians is an amusing film for the whole family dont miss it

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**B. Read the dialogue below and fill in the blank spaces with Who, What, Where or How.**

**(5marks)**

Robert: I saw a great science-fiction film on TV last night: *ET, the Extra Terrestrial*.

Carol: Really! (1) \_\_\_\_\_ does the story take place?

Robert: In a small town in America.

Carol: I see. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ are the main characters?

Robert: Well, there is Elliot, a young boy; Mike and Gertie, his brother and sister; and of course, ET.

Carol: (3) \_\_\_\_\_ is ET?

Robert: ET is a lovable creature from outer space.

Carol: Hmm, it sounds interesting. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ is the plot of the film?

Robert: Well, Elliot finds ET when the other aliens leave Earth without him. Elliot takes ET to his house to hide him. He takes care of ET, together with his brother and sister. They also teach him things about life on Earth.

Carol: (5) \_\_\_\_\_ does ET feel?

Robert: Well ET loves his new friends, but he misses his family and wants to return home. In fact the children help him to do just that.

Carol: That's sweet. It sounds like a great film.

Robert: It is! You must see it!

marks

**C. Fill in the spaces of the letter below with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (10 marks)**

Dear Rosie,

Yesterday I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) some great news! Finally I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on the holiday of my dreams. My friend Anna (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (come) with me but unfortunately she (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (can, not) make it. I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) the first two weeks of July in the wonderful city of Copenhagen. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (be, not) that exciting? I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) there on Monday morning, 2<sup>nd</sup> July. First I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the beautiful statue of the Little Mermaid and the changing of the guard at Amalienborg Palace. I (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (going, also) to Tivoli to go on the rides. It (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) one of the most famous amusement parks in the world!

Love,

Daniela

marks

**D. Comprehension (20 marks)**  
**Read the following text, and then answer the questions that follow**

**Fishing holiday goes wrong.**

When Richard Brown sailed out of Long Beach in California, there were no clouds in the sky. Richard was a single man with no relatives and he didn't tell his friends about his day's fishing trip.

5 In the afternoon, the weather changed. There was a lot of wind and rain and some big waves hit his small boat. After the storm, his radio and engine did not work. In the boat, Richard had some mineral water, some biscuits, some peanuts and some chocolate. After three days, he had no food and no water!

10 Richard collected rainwater and caught fish. He used the fish to catch birds. Then he made a fire from parts of the boat to cook the birds. His television had solar power and he watched a lot of his favourite videos! He had twenty videos on his boat.

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Finally, after four months, a US Navy boat rescued him near the coast of Costa Rica. 'When we arrived, he was cooking a seagull,' said the captain. Richard had lost a lot of weight but he was okay. Were there any problems? 'Well,' said the captain 'his boat was a wreck and he didn't have any money! We collected \$800 to fly him home. I think he's very lucky!'

**Tick the correct answer in questions 1 and 2**

1. When Richard Brown sailed out, the weather was:

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a) sunny  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | b) stormy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | c) cloudy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | d) rainy  |

☐ (1 mark)

2. Richard Brown was:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a) married with two children.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | b) married and had relatives.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | c) not married but had relatives.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | d) not married and had no relatives. |

☐ (1mark)

3. Say whether the following statements are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F)

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|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a) Richard planned to go fishing for a whole day.               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | b) Richard informed nobody about his fishing trip.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | c) In the morning the weather changed from cloudless to cloudy. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | d) Richard had a bag of crisps on the boat.                     |

☐ (2 marks)

4. Name two problems caused by the storm.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ (1 mark)

5. List FOUR things Richard did to survive after his food ran out.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ (4 marks)

6. How did Richard kill time?

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☐ (2 marks)

7. What do the following numbers refer to in the passage?

a) Three \_\_\_\_\_

b) Four \_\_\_\_\_

c) Twenty \_\_\_\_\_

d) Eight hundred \_\_\_\_\_

☐ (4marks)

8. Who rescued Richard?

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☐ (1mark)

9. List Richard's two problems as described by the captain.

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ (2 marks)

10. How did Richard finally return home?

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☐ (2 marks)

**E. Literature.**

**(20 marks)**

**SECTION 1 – POETRY**

**(10 marks)**

**Answer either question (1) or question (2).**

**EITHER**

**1. Read the poem carefully and then answer the questions which follow.**

**Rainy Nights**

I like the town on rainy nights  
When everything is wet  
When all the town has magic lights  
And streets of shining jet;\*

When all the rain about the town  
Is like a looking glass\*\*  
And all the lights are upside down  
Below me as I pass.

In all the pools are velvet skies  
And down the dazzling street  
A fairy city gleams and lies  
In beauty at my feet.

\* black  
\*\* mirror

Irene Thompson

Tick (✓) the best answer.

1. The poem is about:

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|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a) nights and lights.                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | b) the lights in a town.                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | c) a magical town.                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | d) light reflections of a town on rainy nights. |

☐ (1 mark)

2. The poem consists of \_\_\_\_\_ stanzas.

Each stanza is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ lines.

☐ (1 mark)

3. The rhyme scheme of the first stanza is:

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|--------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a) a b a b |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | b) a b b a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | c) a b c b |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | d) a a b b |

☐ (1 mark)

4. From the whole poem quote FOUR separate words or phrases which describe the effect of light in town on a rainy night.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ (4 marks)

5. The town is described as being “like a looking glass.” In poetry this figure of speech is called a \_\_\_\_\_ .

☐ (1 mark)

6. What does the poet mean when she says

“A fairy city gleams and lies

In beauty at my feet”?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ (2 marks)



**OR**

**2. Write about a poem you have read in class this year with your teacher. (10 marks)**

a. Title of poem: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ (1 mark)

b. Name of poet: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ (1 mark)

c. The poem is about (in not less than 50 words):

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☐ (4 marks)

I like this poem because (in not less than 50 words):

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☐ (4 marks)

**Answer every Section.**

**SECTION 2 – PROSE/DRAMA**

**(10 marks)**

**Choose a play or short story that you have done in class this year and**

1. Write down the title of the book and the name of the writer. ☐ (2 marks)

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2. In not less than **50** words say what the play or story is about, and what you like/do not like about it. ☐ (8 marks)

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☐ (marks)

**F. Composition****(20 marks)****Write about 120 words on ONE of the following.**

1. The boy/girl next door.
2. The day everything went wrong.
3. Write a letter to a friend and tell him/her what you are doing to keep your environment clean.
4. Use the picture below to write a composition entitled 'A Day at the Beach.'

**Title no:**

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