



**St Margaret College
Half Yearly Examinations 2011**

Year 5

English Written

Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes

Name: _____ **Class:** _____

A. Underline the word that does not rhyme.

Example: cake, make, bake, date

1. boat, goat, coat, mate
2. think, flash, pink, drink
3. mash, flush, blush, crush
4. teeth, bread, meet, greet

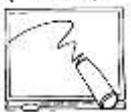


(4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)

B. Who uses these things? Put these words in the correct box.

shop keeper	reporter	dentist	doctor
fireman	policeman	teacher	

			
1.	2.	3.	4.

		
5.	6.	7.

(7 x 1 mark = 7 marks)

C. Punctuate these sentences.

Example: where is mr smith

Where is Mr Smith?

1. on friday we are going to tom's birthday party

2. have you ever been to london

3. sarah is visiting us in april

(10 × $\frac{1}{2}$ marks = 5 marks)

D. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. The first one has been done for you.

Last year Samantha worked (work) in a hairdresser's shop in Naxxar. She

_____ (do) a lot of different jobs; she _____ (wash)

people's hair and even _____ (cut) the hair of both men and

women. Sally and Jack _____ (help) out at the shop.

Samantha _____ (be) very happy with her new job and

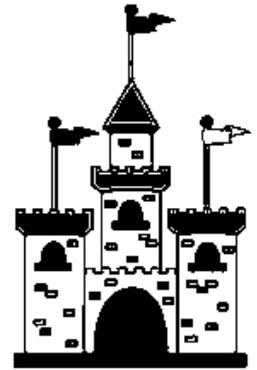
_____ (wish) to stay there for a long period of time.



(6 × 1 mark = 6 marks)

E. Fill in with describing words (adjectives). Don't use the same word twice.

In the middle of the dense forest, there stood a _____ castle with golden windows and a huge pointed tower. Inside the castle lived a _____ king with his _____ daughter Lisa. She was nine years old and had _____ hair and deep blue eyes. Sometimes she felt very _____ as her mother had died a few months before. Lisa had a special friend, her dog Fluff. It had a _____ tail and pointed ears. They played and ran together in the _____ fields by the castle. Thanks to Fluff, Lisa was able to be _____ again because she found a true, fluffy and cuddly friend.



(8 x 1 mark = 8 marks)

F. Change the words in brackets into the plural.

Cruella the witch was preparing a magic soup. She needed different ingredients (ingredient). She bought seven _____ (frog), eight _____ (spider) and ten _____ (cherry). She put everything in the boiling water and added some _____ (leaf) to flavour the recipe. When she was ready, Cruella invited four _____ (child) to dinner. She gave them the magic soup and they turned into _____ (sheep). She wanted to punish them for stealing her _____ (rose) and her _____ (peach)



(8 x 1 mark = 8 marks)

G. Read the following passage carefully then answer the questions.

There was once a farmer who was very wealthy but he was always looking for ways of avoiding paying his workers. At the end of the month he would say that they weren't doing their work well enough so that he wouldn't have to pay them all of their money. (paragraph 1)

One day he hired a young man who worked hard throughout the month but when the time came for him to be paid the first wage, the farmer said, "Before I pay you, I need you to go to the market and get me some **ou** and **ouch** - and don't come back until you have some". (paragraph 2)



The man smiled because he had a plan and walked briskly down the road. First, he went back to his old mother's cottage and borrowed two large brown jars. Next he went into an old shed where he kept his pets - a mouse and a rat. Into one jar he gently put the mouse, into the other he carefully placed the rat and off he went back to the farmer. (paragraph 3)

"What have you brought?" asked the curious farmer. "Here is some **ou**," said the young man taking out the jar with the mouse from the sack. "How is this **ou**?" grumbled the grumpy farmer. "Open it and you'll see," said the young man. (paragraph 4)

And no sooner had the farmer unscrewed the lid than the mouse had leapt up and bit him. "**Ou!!!!**" cried out the farmer, "**Ou!!!!**" "There, you see," said the young man with a laugh, "and here is a jar of **ouch**." "All right, all right," said the miser feeling very foolish and he gave all his workers their wages. (paragraph 5)

But he never tested the jar of **ouch** and he never tried to avoid paying his workers their proper wages again. (paragraph 6)

1. Underline the correct answer.

- i) The farmer was
- a) very poor.
 - b) very rich.
 - c) very generous.
- ii) The young man he hired was
- a) really lazy.
 - b) a hard worker.
 - c) robbing him.
- iii) In the end the farmer
- a) sent the workers away.
 - b) didn't pay the workers.
 - c) paid all the workers.

(3 marks)

2. Put a tick (✓) in the box to show whether each sentence is True or False.

		True	False
a.	The farmer went to the market.		
b.	The pets were put in two jars.		
c.	The young man was afraid of the farmer.		
d.	The mouse bit the farmer.		
e.	The farmer checked both jars.		
f.	The young man kept his pets in the shed.		

(6 × $\frac{1}{2}$ mark = 3 marks)

3. Find words in the passage which mean the same as:

- a. rich (paragraph 1) _____
- b. quickly (paragraph 3) _____
- c. opened (paragraph 5) _____

(3 marks)

4. Answer the following questions. Write complete sentences.

a. What would the farmer say to avoid paying his workers? (3 marks)

b. Where did the farmer send the young man? Why? (3 marks)

c. From where did the young man get the jars? (2 marks)

d. What happened when the farmer opened the jar? (2 marks)

e. Do you think the farmer learned his lesson? Why? (3 marks)
