



**St Margaret College**  
**Half Yearly Examinations 2011**

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**Year 4**

**English Listening Comprehension**

**Time: 30 Minutes**

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**Teacher's Copy**

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

- a) 5 minutes - First reading aloud of passage by teacher
- b) 5 minutes - Teacher reads out the questions
- c) 5 minutes - Second reading aloud of passage by teacher
- d) 5 minutes - Pupils answer questions
- e) 5 minutes - Third reading aloud of passage by teacher
- f) 5 minutes - Final revision of answers by pupils

**Resources**

<p><b>Teacher: Reading Text and Questions</b> <b>Each pupil: Pen and Examination Paper</b></p>
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**Introduction**

<p><b>The teacher in charge distributes the examination papers to the pupils and asks them to write their name, surname and class on the front cover.</b></p>
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<p><b>THE TEACHER TELLS THE PUPILS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER (PUPIL'S COPY) AS S/HE READS.</b></p>
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## Instructions

1.	- I am going to read a story called ' <i>A Day in the Country</i> ' and you are to listen carefully. - Do not answer the questions or write anything while I am reading.
2.	- Open the exam paper and look at the questions. - I will read the questions to you once.
3.	- Close the exam paper and listen carefully. - I will read the story a second time. - Do not write anything while I am reading.
4.	- You have five minutes to answer questions 1 to 14. - In questions 1 to 13 put a tick in a box. Tick only the correct box. - In question 14 (a - d) underline the correct word.
5.	- I will read the passage a third time. - You may complete any unanswered questions as I read.
6.	- You now have five minutes to check your answers and complete any unanswered questions.

Questions 1 to 13 (1 mark each) = 13 marks

Question 14 (a to d) ( $\frac{1}{2}$  mark each) = 2marks

Total 15 Marks

## **A Day in the Country**

Sarah and Thomas lived with their parents in a small terraced house in a big city. There was only a small garden at the back of the house where the children could play, so it was always an exciting adventure when they were able to visit their grandparents who lived in a pretty cottage with a tiny garden. Grandpa had planted flowers, all the colours of the rainbow, where bees, dragonflies and butterflies seemed to dance around forever. Most of all Sarah and Thomas enjoyed listening to their grandparents talking about the times when they were young. The children would giggle when grandpa told about the pranks he and his friends used to play. 'It was just mischievousness, we did not hurt anybody or damage property,' grandpa would say.

Sarah and Thomas always found it hard to imagine their dear grandpa ever doing anything the slightest bit naughty at all. Grandpa always used to say that no one knows what is going to happen in life. 'When we are born we are like a parcel - a box of surprises. No one knows what is in the box until the ribbons are untied and the lid taken off. And when the lid is taken off a 'character' emerges. As children grow, they develop their own natures, characters, likes and dislikes. But we still have to learn how to love and respect each other'.

Sarah and Thomas always listened carefully to grandpa's words. 'The world is a lovely place' grandpa said. 'Unfortunately, man is slowly destroying the goodness. The sun and rain help things to grow - trees, flowers, food, fruit and vegetables. Sadly, too, many other things - poisons - are getting into the air which destroy or harm many living things. Water in rivers and streams is not as clean and as pure as it should be.' He went on 'In some places it is not safe to drink the water. But people can be poisoned by many things, not only by what they may eat or drink but by what they hear or even see.' We ourselves can be spoiled by doing bad things which like the poisons which are destroying our world can poison us and destroy our characters.

**(Adapted from 'A Day in the Country' by Lucy Laurie)**

1. Did Sarah have any brothers or sisters?

a) Sarah was an only child.	
b) Sarah had one sister.	
c) Sarah had one brother.	
d) Sarah had one brother and one sister.	

2. Where did Sarah and Thomas live?

a) They lived in a flat.	
b) They lived in a cottage.	
c) They lived in a large house.	
d) They lived in a terraced house.	

3. Where did their grandparents live?

a) They lived in a pretty cottage.	
b) They lived in a modern villa.	
c) They lived in an apartment.	
d) They lived in a block of flats.	

4. The other insects mentioned apart from bees and butterflies were

a) ants.	
b) dragonflies.	
c) wasps.	
d) mosquitoes.	

5. Sarah and Thomas enjoyed most of all to

a) listen to the music.	
b) hear the howling of the wind.	
c) hear the screeching of tyres.	
d) listen to their grandparents.	

6. What did grandpa do when he was still a boy?

a) He used to play pranks.	
b) He used to play games on the computer.	
c) He used to play with the PSP.	
d) He used to harm the environment.	

7. What are we like when we are born?

a) We are like a bag of potatoes.	
b) We are like a pillow.	
c) We are like a box full of surprises.	
d) We are like a cup of soup.	

8. What emerges when the lid is taken off?

a) a smile	
b) a giggle	
c) a wrinkle	
d) a character	

9. What do children develop when they grow older?

a) their likes and dislikes	
b) their toys and games	
c) their uncles and aunties	
d) their smart clothes	

10. We should learn how to

a) quarrel with each other.	
b) love and respect each other.	
c) hate our neighbour.	
d) lie about one another.	

11. How is man hurting the world?

a) He is destroying the goodness.	
b) He is walking away from it.	
c) He is painting it.	
d) He is making it larger.	

12. What is getting into the air and destroying many living things?

a) poisons	
b) water	
c) clouds	
d) mist	

13. How are we spoiling and hurting ourselves?

a) by singing songs of praise	
b) by spilling ice-cream	
c) by doing bad things	
d) by being kind to others	

14. **Underline the correct word:**

- a) Sarah and Thomas always found the visit to their grandparents very (boring, happy, exciting, dull).
- b) Grandpa used to plant flowers of various (colours, seeds, leaves, trees).
- c) When he was young, grandpa was a very (cruel, irresponsible, responsible, lazy) boy.
- d) We should all avoid (ruining, growing, running, scaring) our world and also our characters.

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