



St Margaret College
Half Yearly Examinations 2013

Year 4

English (Written)

Time: 1hr 15 mins

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Class: _____

A. Reading Comprehension

(20 marks)

Read the following passage carefully.

Aunt Sarah's Earring

"This new shopping complex is huge!" said Suki.

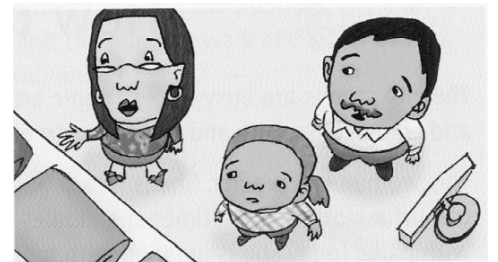


"Yes," said Aunt Sarah. "It's bigger than the old complex and it's nicer too. There are four escalators and a lift. It opened yesterday. It's already bustling with people."

"I need a new laptop," said Uncle Zack. "Stay with Aunt Sarah, Suki. We mustn't lose you."

He went into the computer shop. Suki and Aunt Sarah waited outside. Suki looked around. There were lots of people shopping. She looked at the floor. Suddenly, she saw a small grey ring. She picked up the ring. It was made of metal but wasn't shiny. She put it in her pocket and forgot all about it.

Uncle Zack came back with his new laptop. From there they went to the clothes shop. Aunt Sarah wanted a new scarf. She tried on a pretty blue scarf round her neck and went to look at the mirror.



"Oh no!" she said. "My earring! It's missing! We must go back to the computer shop."

They looked for the missing earring on the floor outside the computer shop but they did not find it. Then, Suki heard a sob. A small boy was crying by himself.

"Oh dear! What's the matter?" asked Suki.

"I dropped my new car," said the boy. "And I lost a piece and now it cannot move properly." He cried and a big tear fell on the floor.

"Did you, by any chance, lose a ring?" Suki asked. "Yes," said the boy. "I looked on the floor but I didn't find it. I found this but it isn't mine." The boy had a shiny silver ring in his hand.

"That's Aunt Sarah's earring!" exclaimed Suki. She extracted the grey metal ring from her pocket and asked the boy, "Is this yours?" she asked.

The boy's eyes shone when he saw the grey ring in Suki's hand. He immediately fixed the ring into his car. "Yes," he said. "Thank you."

Suki took the earring to Aunt Sarah. She was so glad to have it back. "Now let's have a nice cup of tea in the café," she said.

"Just a minute," said Uncle Zack. "My new laptop! It's in the clothes shop!"

"Oh, no!" said Suki. "Everyone is losing things today!"



1. Tick (✓) to show the correct answer.

1.1 Suki went to the shopping complex with

(3 marks)

- a) her cousins
- b) her aunt and uncle
- c) her sister and brother

a)	
b)	
c)	

1.2 In the shopping complex there were

- a) four escalators
- b) four parking areas
- c) four computer shops

a)	
b)	
c)	

1.3 Uncle Zack needed a new

- a) mobile
- b) pendrive
- c) laptop

a)	
b)	
c)	

2. Tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is True or False (4 marks)

	True	False
a) There were lots of people in the shopping mall.		
b) The new shopping mall was smaller than the older shopping complex.		
c) Aunt Sarah wanted a scarf.		
d) Uncle Zack bought a laptop.		
e) Aunt Sarah lost a ring.		
f) The boy was crying outside the computer shop.		
g) He had lost his car in the shopping complex.		
h) Uncle Zack had forgotten his new laptop at the clothes shop.		

3. Answer the following questions. Write complete sentences.

a) From where did Uncle Zack buy his laptop?

He bought _____

(2 marks)

b) What were the people doing at the shopping complex?

They were _____

(2 marks)

c) In which shop did Aunt Sarah notice she was missing her earring?

(2 marks)

d) What colour was the scarf that Aunt Sarah tried on?

(2 marks)

e) Name the 3 adjectives used to describe the ring that the boy lost.

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(3 marks)

4. Find words in the story that mean the same as: (2 marks)

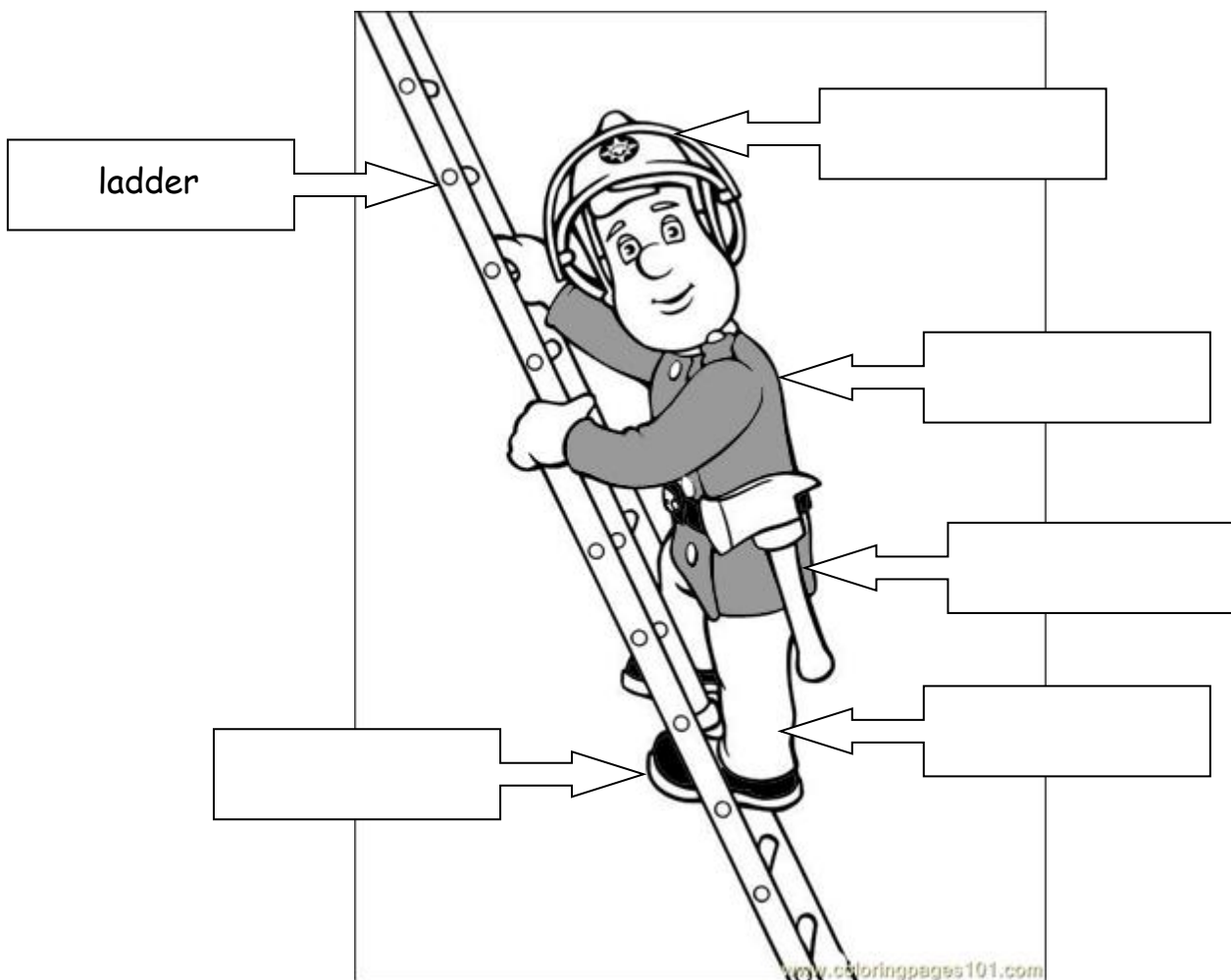
a) moving around quickly	
b) sparkling	

B. Picture Description: Fireman Sam

Fill in the words in their correct place.

(5 marks)

ladder	helmet	jacket
boots	trousers	axe



C. These children and their teacher are at school. Write the action words in the space provided.
(4 x 1/2 mark = 2 marks)



a) The teacher is writing on the board.



b) Neville and Mireya are _____ a book.



c) Lucas is _____ a sandwich.









d) Marcelle is _____ the recorder.






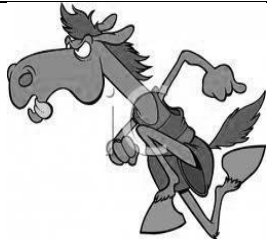


e) Dylan is _____ a picture.

D. Fill in with a suitable word according to the instructions given. The first one has been done for you. (5 x 1 mark = 5 marks)

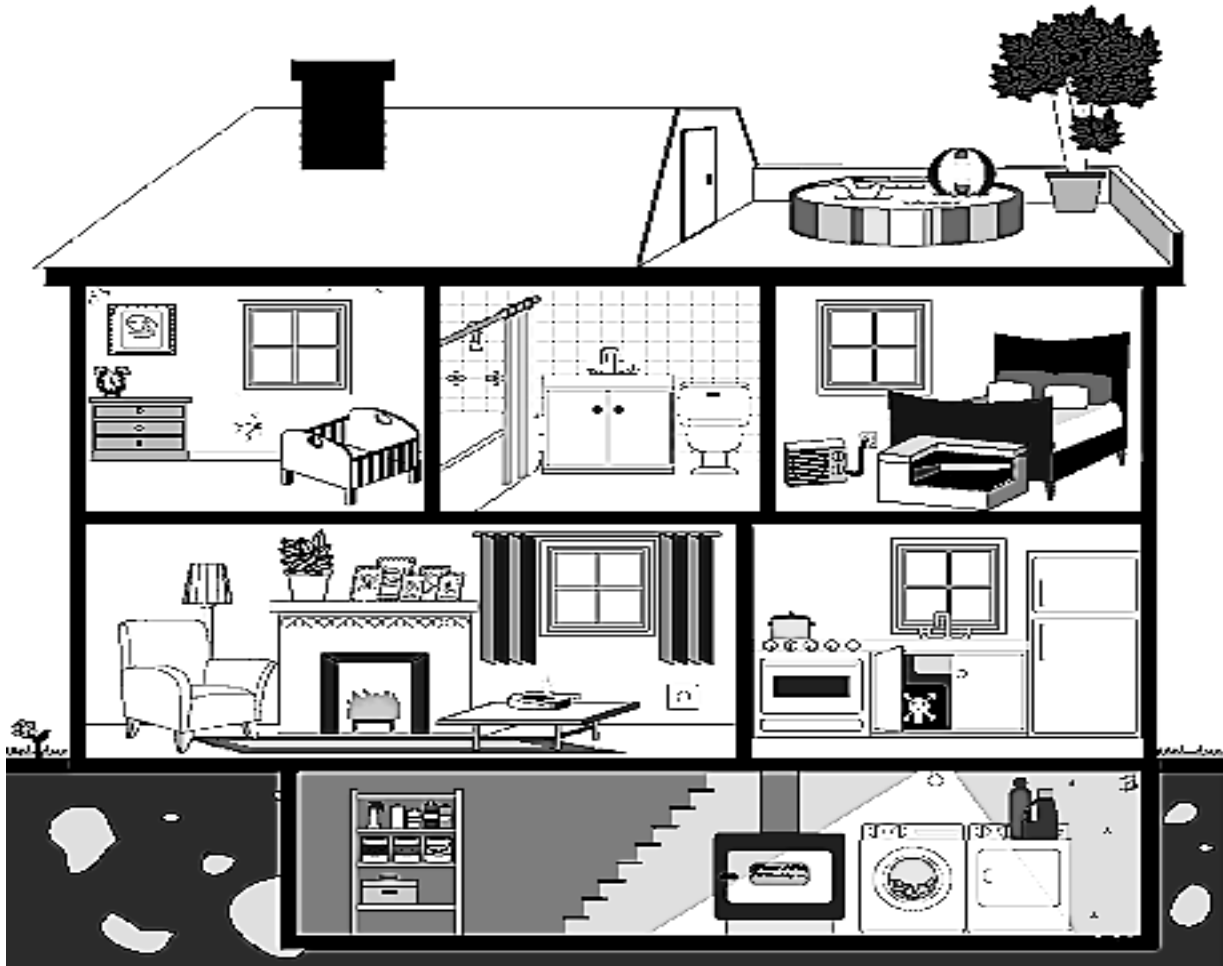
<p>a) <u>Kylie</u> (Proper Noun) loves painting with poster colours.</p>	
<p>b) The _____ (adjective) monster frightened the children away.</p>	
<p>c) The _____ (plural of woman) were laughing together.</p>	
<p>d) Kieran _____ (past tense of to climb) up the tree.</p>	
<p>e) _____ (correct pronoun) am Alicia.</p>	
<p>f) _____ is your name? (Which, What, Where)</p>	

E. Look at the picture. Read and fill each blank with the correct past tense.
The first one has been done for you. (5 marks)

	<p>a) Beppe (paint) <u>painted</u> a colourful picture.</p>
	<p>b) Juan (walk) _____ in his sleep.</p>
	<p>c) Tristen (push) _____ the pram.</p>
	<p>d) Loriana (count) _____ all the buttons.</p>
	<p>e) The children (play) _____ on the beach.</p>
	<p>f) The wild horse (run) _____ very fast.</p>

F. Look at the picture. Read and fill each blank with ONE suitable preposition.
 The first one has been done for you. (1/2 mark x 6 = 3marks)

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The washing machine is in the basement. The bathroom is in _____ the two bedrooms upstairs. The swimming pool is _____ the roof. The living room is _____ the kitchen. The kitchen is _____ the bedroom. The lampshade in the living room is _____ the armchair. The fireplace is in the _____ of the living room.

F. Composition (20 marks)

In not less than 90 words write ten sentences or a paragraph on ONE of the following:

1) Our Head of School

Who is she/he? Is she/he tall? What does he/she do?

2) One day I was walking home from school and ...

What do you think happened afterwards?

3) The Magic Carpet

How was this carpet? What did it do?

4) Picture Composition. Look at the pictures carefully. Write about what happened at Naomi's home.

The following words may help you: cookies, smoke, oven, mixing bowl, baking tray



You can use this space to plan your work.

Composition Number
