



St Margaret College
Half Yearly Examinations 2015

Year 4

English

Time: 1hr 15min

Name: _____ Class: _____

A. Reading Comprehension

(20 marks)

Read the following passage carefully.

‘Oh, Denzil!’ cried his mother, when he flicked chicken curry, SPLAT! Over her best dress.

‘Denzil, you are disgusting!’ said his father, when he squirted tomato ketchup, WHOOSH! over the table.

And they both smiled at him admiringly. Denzil felt proud. He knew he was disgusting. People often told him so.

‘Denzil, you’re the most disgusting little monster in Monster City,’ they said. Every morning he stared happily at himself in the mirror. His hair was spiky, his nose ran and his mouth dribbled. No wonder his mother and father adored him. No wonder his teacher, Miss Peabody, gave him lots of stars. He was everyone’s favourite little monster. Until the day when it all began to go badly wrong.

It started like any other day, with a really mucky, yucky breakfast. Denzil managed to get it all over everything.

‘Good shot!’ said Dad, taking a piece of black pudding from his left eye.



‘Another winner!’ said Mum. She picked up the piece of toast he had dropped, jam side down, on the floor. Denzil smiled proudly. Suddenly, Mum turned pale. ‘Donovan...’ she said. (Donovan was the name of Denzil’s dad.)

‘Donovan, can you fetch me my suitcase? Quickly please!’

Denzil didn’t ask why his mother wanted her suitcase in the middle of breakfast. He was too busy slurping up his milk. Slurp, slurp, guzzle, Burp!

‘Did you hear that, Mum?’ He boasted.

But his mother didn’t tell him how clever he was, like she usually did. She just said, ‘Go to school, Denzil.’ And she pushed him out of the house, without even kissing him goodbye. Puzzled, he made his way to school. There to his relief, things got better again. He told a joke about a monster who sat on a plate of mouldy cheese. The other little monsters fell about laughing.

‘Oh Denzil,’ said Miss Peabody, ‘that was the most disgusting joke I’ve ever heard! She gave him four red stars, the highest mark you could get.



The rest of the day wasn’t bad either. In the art lesson, they had to do a self-portrait. ‘That means you have to paint yourself,’ explained Mr Boggis, the art teacher. So Denzil painted himself all over in red and yellow stripes.

And in the music lesson, he blew his nose so loudly that everyone thought there was an earthquake. Yes, it was a very good day! Until he went home and Dad told him he had a new baby sister.



(Adapted from Disgusting Denzil written by Tessa Krailing)

1. Circle THREE (3) adjectives that best describe Denzil.

(3 marks)

cute	gorgeous	disgusting	proud	young	old	hungry
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2. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

(3 marks)

(i) Denzil was ✓

a)	an alien.	
b)	a boy.	
c)	a little monster.	

(ii) Denzil had ✓

a)	spiky hair.	
b)	curly hair.	
c)	long hair.	

(ii) Denzil lived in ✓

a)	Mambo city.	
b)	Manchester city.	
c)	Monster city.	

3. Tick (✓) True or False

(4 marks)

		True	False
a)	Denzil felt proud when people called him disgusting.		
b)	He lived in Chompster city.		
c)	Denzil had a new baby sister.		
d)	Denzil's teacher was called Ms Peabody.		
e)	Donovan was asked to fetch a coat.		
f)	Denzil painted himself all over in red and black stripes.		
g)	They were in the middle of breakfast when Denzil's mother asked for a suitcase.		
h)	At school Denzil's friends laughed at his joke about a monster sitting on mouldy cheese.		

4. Vocabulary

(3 marks)

Tick the right meaning of the word in bold. The first one is an example.

(i) **Slurping** up his milk

a)	splashing	
b)	pouring	
c)	drinking noisily	✓

(ii) **Stared** happily at

a)	looked fixedly	
b)	smiled at someone	
c)	sat down	

(iii) Didn't tell him how **clever** he was

a)	intelligent	
b)	patient	
c)	naughty	

(iv) His father **adored** him

a)	was cross with him	
b)	liked him	
c)	took care of him	

5. Answer the following questions.

(6 marks)

a) Why didn't Denzil ask his mother the reason why she needed a suitcase?

(1 mark)

b) What did Ms Peabody give Denzil as a reward for his behaviour?

(1 mark)

c) What did the children have to do in Mr Boggis's class?

(1 mark)

d) What did Denzil do in the music lesson?

(1 mark)

e) What do you think Denzil did when he saw his baby sister?

(2 marks)

6. Tick (✓) the two food items that are mentioned in the story

(1 mark)

		✓
a)	black pudding	
b)	salad	
c)	sandwiches	
d)	chicken curry	

B. Language

B.1. Fill in with the rhyming words

(4 marks)

reach	sound	land	sky	stood
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The Sandcastle by M.M.Stephenson

I built a castle in the sand
The finest castle in the land
And from the turret, standing high
My flag waved proudly in the _____
And then I built a wall around
To help to keep it safe and _____
I had a drawbridge made of wood
And round the moat my soldiers _____.
But since I built it yesterday,
The sea has washed it all away.
I'll build my next one on the beach
Beside the deck chairs out of _____.



B.2. The following are instructions on how to play the game *Pass the Parcel*.

Look at the pictures and then match the instructions with the picture. (4 marks)

- a) A small present is wrapped in a number of layers of paper, each layer tied up with string or tape. **Picture _____**
- b) The players sit on the floor in a circle, and the parcel is given to one of them. The music starts, and the parcel is passed from child to child. **Picture _____**
- c) When the music stops, the child who is holding the parcel unwraps as much of the paper and string as possible before the music starts again. **Picture _____**
- d) The music is stopped various times until the parcel is finally opened. The child who removes the final piece of paper wins the present. **Picture _____**

Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4



B.3. Look at the picture and read the sentences. Underline one WORD from each sentence and replace it with one that describes the picture.

The first one is done for you.

(4 marks)



a)	This is a picture of an <u>old</u> town.	new
b)	This town is a very quiet town.	
c)	There are four high buildings.	
d)	A man is walking a cat.	
e)	It is a rainy day.	

B.4. Match the letters of the questions to the right answers. The first one is done for you. (4 marks)

a)	What is your name?		I'm nine years old.
b)	Where do you live?	a	My name is Suki.
c)	How old are you?		His party is on the 16th of April.
d)	Why do you have a yellow cap?		I live in Marsaskala.
e)	When are you going to Mario's party?		Because yellow is my favourite colour.

B.5. Read this story and fill in the missing details. (4 marks)

Zack decided to go for a walk in _____ Garden. (name of place).
 _____ (personal pronoun) liked this place because people kept it clean.
 The _____ (adjective) flowers smelt lovely. The old trees provided
 shadow from the scorching heat _____ (preposition) the day. Zack
 _____ (past tense of to sit) on the grass and listened to the chirping
 _____ (plural of bird). Little by little, he relaxed and lay his head on the
 grass. He _____ (opposite of opened) his eyes and started
 _____ (to dream) about his next adventure.



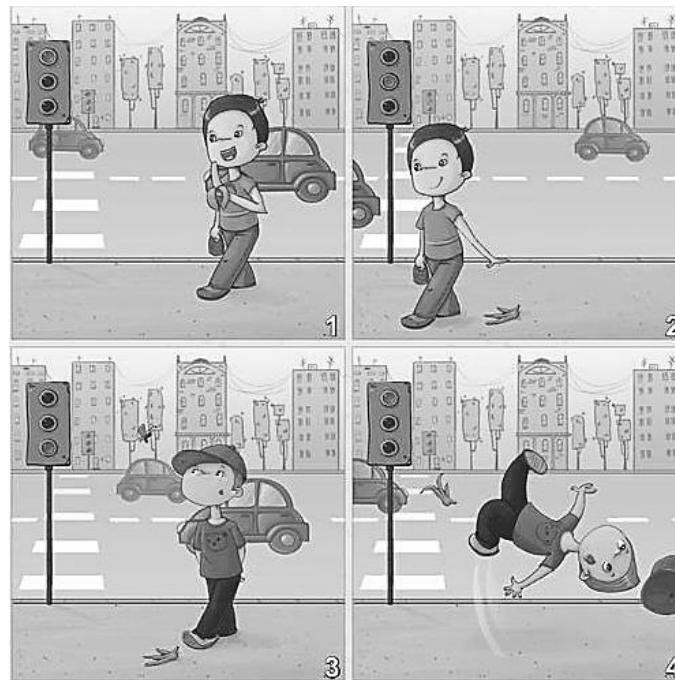
C. Composition

(20 marks)

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

1. Picture Composition: The Banana Incident

Look at the four pictures below to find what happened. Then, write a story about the pictures. The following words will help you: walk, banana peel, cross the road, eat, slip, hit.



2. Use the given information to write about Cars.

Also called automobiles.	Transports	What's bad about them	What's good about them
From the Greek word 'auto'	passengers luggage	expensive dangerous accidents	faster than walking

3. Write about the day you got lost somewhere. How did you get lost? Who helped you? How did you feel?

4. Write about a person you like most. Describe this person and write why you like him/her?

Title Number: _____

Use the space below to plan your writing
