



**St Margaret College**  
**Half Yearly Examinations 2015**

Year 6

English Reading Comprehension

Time: 50 mins

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Comprehension 1

6 marks

Look carefully at the book chart.

<b>Monthly Book Reviews</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Frozen</b> by RH Disney Published by Random House</p> <p><b>Description:</b> The junior novelization of the movie, based on “The Snow Queen.” (Ages 8 to 12)</p> <p><b>Rating:</b> ****</p> <p><b>Review:</b> A good read for fans of the movie and young children alike. (J. Zandstra)</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>One and Only Ivan</b> by Katherine Applegate Published by HarperCollins</p> <p><b>Description:</b> A gorilla living in a mall meets an elephant. (Ages 8 to 12)</p> <p><b>Rating:</b> ***</p> <p><b>Review:</b> Here’s what’s missing in the animated movies, humanity and tenderness. (U.Lee)</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"></div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A Long Walk To Water</b> by Linda Sue Park Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</p> <p><b>Description:</b> A Sudanese tale of survival. (Ages 10 to 14)</p> <p><b>Rating:</b> *****</p> <p><b>Review:</b> A good book to read as it tells you about what is happening today in Africa. (G.Alvarez)</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wonder</b> by R.J Palacio Published by Knopf Doubleday</p> <p><b>Description:</b> A boy with a facial deformity enters a mainstream school. (Ages 8-12)</p> <p><b>Rating:</b> ****</p> <p><b>Review:</b> A beautifully touching story that reminds us the importance of being kind to everyone. (P. Stone)</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"></div>

Now answer the questions.

1. Read the following sentences. Write: T if the sentence is True, F if the sentence is False and N if No Information is Given. (3marks)

a)	'Frozen' and 'Wonder' have the same rating.	
b)	'A Long Walk To Water' is suitable for an eight year old child.	
c)	P.Stone reviewed the book 'One And Only Ivan'.	
d)	'Wonder' is about the school life of a twelve year old boy.	
e)	Random House are the publishers of 'Frozen'.	
f)	'One And Only Ivan' has the least number of pages.	

2. Underline the correct answer. (2 marks)

- a) J.Zandstra, U.Lee and F.Taylor are all (authors, publishers, reviewers).
- b) The main characters in the book 'One And Only Ivan' are (children, animals, boys).
- c) ('A Long Walk to Water', 'Frozen', 'Wonder') is based on the story of a movie.
- d) If you want to learn about life in Africa you have to read ('A Long Walk To Water', 'Frozen', 'One And Only Ivan').

3. Look at the book chart and complete the following sentences. (1 mark)

a) Humanity and \_\_\_\_\_ are two qualities you will read about when reading the book 'One And Only Ivan'.

b) The boy in 'Wonder' suffers from a deformity in his \_\_\_\_\_.

Reading Comprehension 2

24 marks

Read the following text carefully.

Section 1

(9 marks)



High up in the Julian Alps, in the land above Bohinj Lake, there was once a mountain paradise. It was here that the birth fairies lived.

These were fairies who helped women in childbirth and also later protected the sons born to them. They disliked it when people came to their home. For this reason they scared off trespassers with falling

stones, landslides or storms, sending them soon on their way back from where they came.

(Paragraph 1)

The fairies had a flock of white mountain goats which were led by a stag with golden horns who was called Zlatorog, or the Goldenhorn. In fact his horns had special powers: they led the way to the treasure in Bogatin mountain. As a result, there was a number of greedy



hunters on the lookout for him. They were not aware, however, that the fairies had given the Goldenhorn an additional magic power which granted him everlasting life. If he ever got wounded, from just a drop of his blood would grow a flower with healing powers – the Triglav flower. Eating just one leaf or petal of this miraculous plant would heal him instantly, even if he had been struck directly in the heart.

(Paragraph 2)

**1. Fill in with proper nouns from the text. (2 marks)**

- a) The name of a lake \_\_\_\_\_
- b) The name of a stag \_\_\_\_\_
- c) The name of a mountain \_\_\_\_\_
- d) The name of a flower \_\_\_\_\_

**2. (3 marks)**

a) Read the sentence below carefully, then underline Yes or No.

Everyone was welcome on the mountain where the fairies lived. Yes / No

b) From **Paragraph 1** quote from the text the sentence / phrase that supports your answer in (a).

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**3. Answer the following questions. (4 marks)**

a) What was the job of the fairies on the mountain?

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b) Mention what the fairies did to keep their mountain safe.

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c) Why were hunters on the lookout for Goldenhorn?

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d) What was Goldehorn's advantage on the hunters?

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**Section 2**

**(15 marks)**

At the crossing of the Koritnica and Soca rivers stood an inn. The innkeeper's beautiful daughter worked there, the fairest girl in the valley. There were many men who were fond of her and wished to have her for their wife, but she had already given her heart to a lad from Trenta. He was the humble son of a blind widow. The boy was an excellent hunter, the best around, so they called him the Trenta Hunter. He was even protected by the birth fairies.



(Paragraph 3)

It wasn't long before their love was put to a test. One day, some foreign merchants arrived at the inn. Before long, the inn was full of joy and laughter as they spent the day drinking and dancing. Peter, a young, rich gentleman showered the innkeeper's



daughter with attention and gave her exquisite gold jewellery.

In the evening the Trenta Hunter arrived and asked his

fiancée for a dance. "Dance with you? You're a loser. You

boast that you know about a mountain treasure but you

haven't even brought me a Triglav flower," she replied. Her

words pierced his heart. "Of course I know where to find the key which opens the door to the treasure on Bogatin. I will go now to find it and when I do I will be a king compared to your wretched trader".

(Paragraph 4)

Adapted from 'A Taste of Slovenian Tales' by Mojca Fo

1. Find another word from the text that means:

(2 marks)

a) a small hotel (paragraph 3) -

\_\_\_\_\_

b) a young man (paragraph 3) -

\_\_\_\_\_

c) not local (paragraph 4) -

\_\_\_\_\_

d) those who buy and sell goods at a profit (paragraph 4) -

\_\_\_\_\_

2. In Section 2 three main characters are mentioned in the story. These are the innkeeper's daughter, the Trenta Hunter and Peter. From the text find two adjectives that describe each of the characters. (3 marks)

a) the innkeeper's daughter - \_\_\_\_\_

b) the Trenta Hunter - \_\_\_\_\_

c) Peter - \_\_\_\_\_

3. From Paragraph 4 quote sentences that show: (2 marks)

a) that the Trenta Hunter was hurt by the way his loved one treated him.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) that the Trenta Hunter was convinced he could go and find the hidden treasure.

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4. Answer the following questions. (8 marks)

a) Why couldn't the innkeeper's daughter give attention to other men who wanted her as their wife?

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b) What did Peter do to attract the innkeeper's daughter attention?

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c) Why did the innkeeper's daughter call the Trenta Hunter 'a loser'?

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d) Do you think the Trenta Hunter will make it to find the treasure? Why?

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