

Ekurhuleni North

JUNE EXAMINATION

2018

GRADE 8 DISTRICT COMMON EXAM

SUBJECT	:	ENGLISH FAL PAPER 2
TASK	:	DISTRICT COMMON EXAMINATION
DATE	:	08 JUNE 2018
TIME	:	2 HOURS
MARKS	:	70

This assessment task consists of 7 pages

This examination paper consists of FOUR sections:

Section A: Comprehension Test (20)

Section B: Visual Literacy (10)

Section C: Language Usage (20)

Section D: Literature (20) (To be set by schools)

Total: (70)

Instructions:

1. This is not a fill-in test. Separate lined paper will be given to you to write your answers on.
2. At multiple choice (A/B/C/D) questions, give only the correct option as your answer e.g. 1.4 A
3. Answer all questions.
4. Write neatly and legibly.
5. Number your answers exactly as on the question paper.
6. Answer in your own words, unless specifically asked to quote.
7. Good luck!

SECTION A: Comprehension Test

QUESTION 1

Read through the passage and then answer all the questions on the paper provided.

A second chance for Ivory the pangolin



1. In early December last year, law enforcement officers in South Africa received information that a pangolin was being offered for sale on the market for illegal wildlife trade. These scaly mammals—harmless to humans but critical to nature — are threatened by poachers and traders around the world. They are known as the guardians of the forest because they protect forests from termite and ant destruction, eating millions of insects annually. The pangolin is the world’s most trafficked and poached wild mammal, because of the demand for its meat and scales which is used in traditional medicine. As they are a protected species in South Africa, the officers planned and executed an operation in Ivory Park, a suburb of Johannesburg, to save the pangolin from the poachers.

2. Later that night, the pangolin was transported to the Johannesburg Wildlife Veterinary Hospital, where Nicci Wright is an expert wildlife rehabilitator. Here, Nicci and the team took “Ivory” the pangolin, named after the area where he was confiscated, into their care.
3. Poachers usually keep pangolins in captivity with no water or food for weeks, and they often die of dehydration. Thankfully, the initial examination of Ivory revealed no severe injuries or trauma, but he smelled strongly of bleach. It is thought that the suspected poachers had soaked him in a bucket of bleach in an attempt to disguise his natural smell to avoid detection from police sniffer dogs.
4. That evening, Ivory was taken to a safe place which had ant and termite mounds—staple foods of pangolins- who are specialist feeders. Ivory immediately started to feed on both, and enjoyed three- to four-hour foraging sessions every night after that. Once the team was satisfied that Ivory had stabilized and was able to look for ants and termites on his own, they arranged for his release in a carefully selected area. They attached a tracking device to a scale on his back to monitor his behaviour and movement and released him safely back into the wild. He has since established his own territory and is doing well.
5. On 19 January 2018, Ivory’s poachers appeared in court for sentencing. The prime suspect was sentenced to seven years in prison without the option of a fine. This sentence was welcomed as it sends a strong message to poachers.
6. World Pangolin Day is celebrated every year on the third Saturday in February. This year it was on 17 February 2018.



Adapted from: Humane Society International – Africa

- 1.1 The title states that Ivory got a second chance. Explain “second chance” in the context of the extract. (2)
- 1.2 A mammal is an animal that... (Choose the correct answer)
 - A. is cold blooded.
 - B. eats only insects
 - C. has no vertebrae
 - D. feeds its young milk. (1)
- 1.3 "As they are a protected species..." (par. 1) means that certain animals in South Africa need _____ from poachers. (1)
(Write down only the correct form of the underlined word.)
- 1.4 How did Ivory get his name? (1)
- 1.5 List two things that were discovered after Ivory was examined. (2)
- 1.6 Find a synonym for the word **camouflage** in paragraph three. (1)

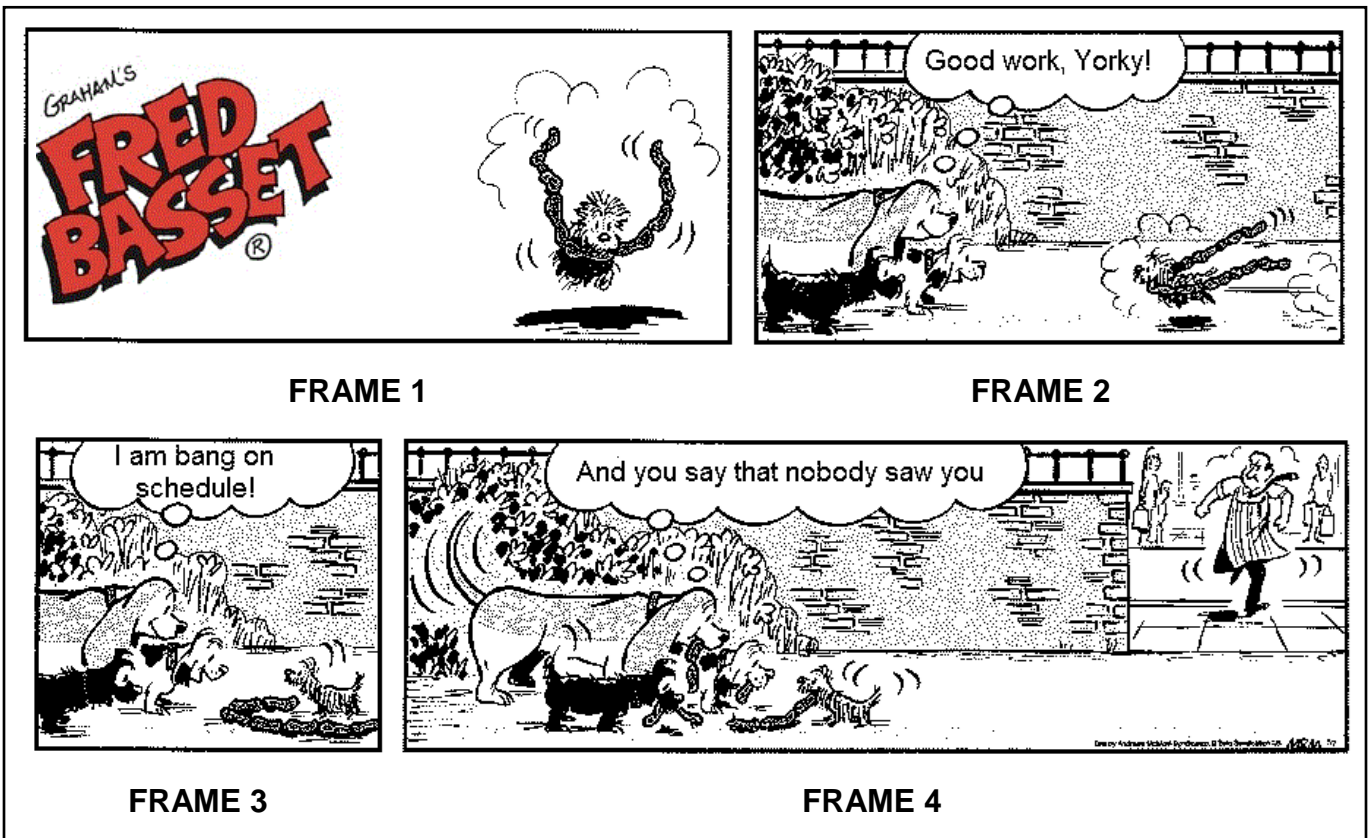
- 1.7 Is the following statement **True** or **False**? **Quote** only ONE word to prove your answer.
Pangolins are always kept without water and food by traffickers. (2)
- 1.8 In your own words, explain why poachers soaked Ivory in bleach. (2)
- 1.9 What is the difference between **foraging** for food and **being fed**? (2)
- 1.10 Quote TWO words in paragraph 4 that tell you that pangolins eat only certain insects. (1)
- 1.11 In your opinion, do you think a tracking device can tell you about the pangolin's behaviour and movement? Answer YES or NO and give an example of your own on what information you think a tracking device can give. (2)
- 1.12 Do you welcome the sentence of the poacher? Explain your answer. (1)
- 1.13 In your opinion do you think it is important to celebrate International World Pangolin Day? Motivate your answer from the context of the passage. (2)

Section A Total:20 Marks

SECTION B: VISUAL LITERACY

QUESTION 2: COMIC STRIP

Study the following cartoons and then answer the questions.



-www.cartoonstock.com

2.1 Refer to frame 2

- 2.1.1 What was the “Good work” Yorky did? (1)
2.1.2 What shows that Yorky is running? (Mention two clues) (2)

2.2 Refer to frame 3

- 2.2.1 Write “I am” as a contraction. (1)
2.2.2 Why are Fred’s words in a cloud bubble? (1)

2.3 Refer to frame 4

- 2.3.1 How do you know the dogs are happy? (1)
2.3.2 Add a suitable punctuation mark to Fred’s words in frame 4. (1)
2.3.3 What is the answer to Fred’s question? Explain in your own words. (2)
2.3.4 How do you know the man following Yorky is angry? (1)

Section B Total: 10 Marks

SECTION C: LANGUAGE USAGE QUESTION 3

Read the following paragraph carefully and then fill in the **correct form of the words** in brackets, as instructed below. Write down only the correct word.

Thanks to a new programme at an old-age home **3.1.1** (___) Kwa-Zulu Natal, the elderly feel **3.1.2** (use-) and productive again. **3.1.3** (___) feed and play with kittens daily. Old people suffering from Alzheimer’s, see the kittens as the babies they **3.1.4** (have) many years ago. **3.1.5** (There/Their) human instinct to care kicks in automatically. They even remember long-forgotten memories. The **3.1.6** (felines) enjoy it as much as the humans do.

3.1

- 3.1.1 add a **preposition**
3.1.2 form an **adverb** using a **suffix**
3.1.3 add a **pronoun for** “The elderly”
3.1.4 change to the **past tense**
3.1.5 choose the **correct word**
3.1.6 give a **synonym** of your own for this word (6)

3.2 Rewrite the following sentences in the **passive voice**, starting with the underlined words.

3.2.1 The elderly care for foster kittens. (1)

3.2.2 They are using special feeding bottles to feed the kittens. (1)

3.3 Rewrite the following sentence in the **negative form**.

The kitten was drinking milk. (1)

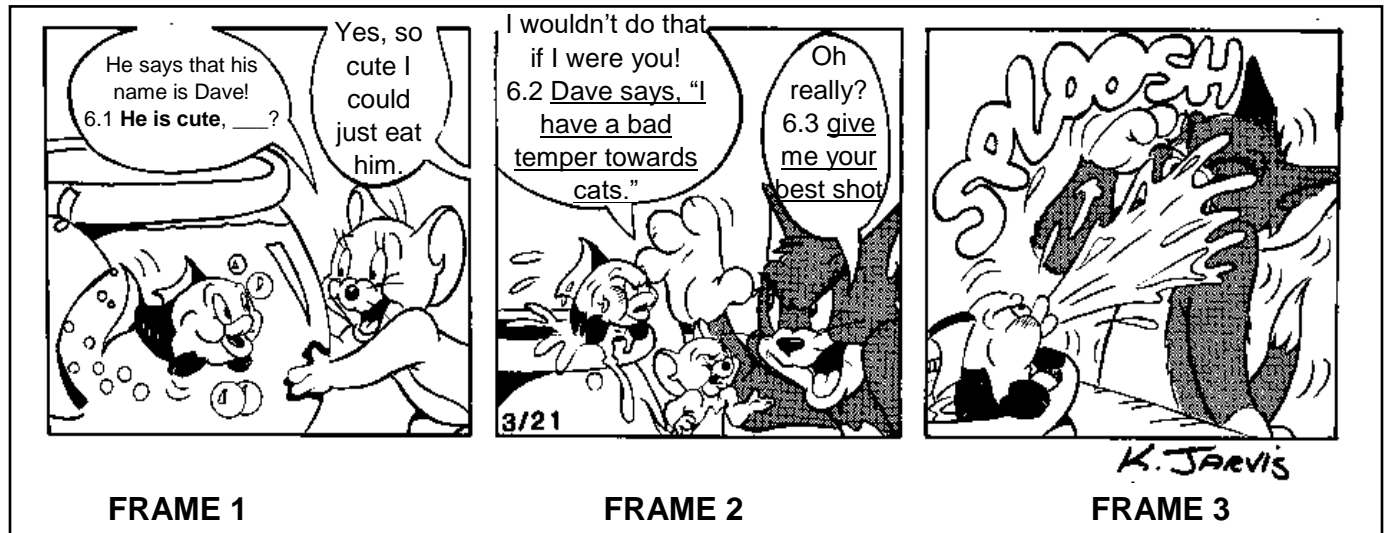
3.4 Rewrite the following sentence in the **singular**.

The kittens sleep a lot. (2)

3.5 Rewrite the following sentence in the **past continuous tense**.

They play with the kittens. (1)

3.6 Study the following cartoon, then answer all the questions.



NOTE: Jerry is the mouse.
Tom is the cat.
Dave is the fish

3.6.1 Change Jerry's (the mouse's) **bold words** in frame 1 into a question by adding a question **tag**. Rewrite the entire sentence. (1)

3.6.2 Change Jerry's underlined words in frame 2 into the **indirect speech**.
Start your answer with:
Dave said that ... (2)

3.6.3 Rewrite Tom's underlined words in frame 2, adding the correct **punctuation marks**. (2)

3.7 Read the following advertisement and then respond to the questions that follow:

Kitty Heaven Cattery



- Lovely indoor cattery with spacious outdoor enclosure
- Daycare for cats available

Phone Yvette: 083 698 2584
Email: edwardsy02@gmail.com
www.kittyheavencattery.co.za

3.7.1 Give the antonym of “indoor”. (1)

3.7.2 Give the connotative meaning of “Heaven” in the title. (1)

3.7.3 Complete the following sentence by giving the correct form of the word in brackets. Write down only the word. Kitten Heaven Cattery is a (beauty) indoor cattery with an outdoor enclosure. (1)

Section C Total: 20 marks

SECTION D: to be set by school

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