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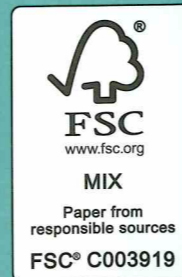
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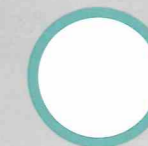
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Instructions

Questions and Answers

In this booklet, there are different types of question for you to answer in different ways.

The space for your answer shows you what type of writing is needed. For some questions you do not need to write anything at all but should tick, draw lines to, or put a ring around your answer.

Practice Questions

Read the information below.

The perfect pet – a tortoise

Tortoises can make perfect pets. They are sweet and gentle. They may be known for being slow but they can actually move quite quickly when they want to. They eat mostly flowers and vegetables.

If tortoises are scared, they pull their head and legs inside their shells and stay still. Tortoises *hibernate* – this means they sleep through the cold winter and wake up when it is warm again. There are lots of different types of tortoise – some can live for up to 150 years!

Now try these practice questions. These questions will not be marked.

II a What do tortoises like to eat?

Write **two** things.

1. _____

2. _____

2 marks

II b Find and copy one word used to describe tortoises.

1 mark

II c Put ticks to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**. One has been done for you.

	true	false
Tortoises always move slowly.		✓
There is just one type of tortoise.		
Tortoises can live for a very long time.		

2 marks

II d Choose the best word to fit the sentence and put a ring around your choice.

Tortoises hibernate in

winter.

summer.

spring.

autumn.

1 mark

II e What do tortoises do when they are scared?

Tick **two**.

hide inside their shell

run away quickly

stay very still

start to hibernate

make a loud noise

1 mark

STOP

Please wait until you are told to start work on page 4.

These questions are about *In the Moonlight*

11 1 How do you know that the poem takes place at night?

Write **two** ways that you can tell.

1. _____
2. _____



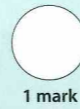
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11 2 *So we muffled up and out we went –*

Which words are closest in meaning to *muffled up*?

Tick **one**.

- stopped speaking
- got out of bed
- made up our minds
- dressed warmly



1 mark

11 3 **Find and copy** the group of words which shows that the children went outside without being noticed.



1 mark

11 4 How can you tell there is a lot of snow outside?

Write **two** ways.

1. _____
2. _____



1 mark

11 5 *...magic of moonlight*

Find and copy two other words that tell you that the snowy garden looked magical.

1. _____
2. _____



2 marks

please turn over



Total
6 marks

6 a. At first when the children are in the garden they...

Tick **one**.

- stay still and gaze around
- want to go back inside
- feel too tired to enjoy it
- pack snow into snowballs

1 mark

b. but then they...

Tick **one**.

- build snowmen.
- look at the trees.
- play in the snow.
- watch the snow fall.

1 mark

7 How can you tell that the children throw their snowballs as high as they can?

1 mark

8 Complete the sentence below.

The snow in the garden seems magical because _____

2 marks

Please turn over for questions about *Special Sculptures*.

Total
5 marks

please turn over

These questions are about *Special Sculptures*

11 9 Look at the box starting *Sculptures are artworks...* (page 4)

What materials can be used to make sculptures?

Find and **copy** two materials.

1. _____

2. _____



1 mark

11 10 Look at page 5.

Find and **copy** one word that tells you lots of people make paper sculptures.



1 mark

11 11 What is *origami*?

Explain as fully as you can.



2 marks

11 12 Why did Siphon Mabona make his elephant sculpture out of paper?

Explain as fully as you can.



2 marks

11 13 The paper used to make the *origami* elephant measured *15 metres long and 15 metres wide*.

What **other** information in the text helps to show how large the *origami* elephant was?

Write **two** pieces of information.

1. _____

2. _____



2 marks

please turn over



8 marks

Total

11 14

Look at pages 6 and 7.

Write **two** reasons why the town of Fairbanks is a good place to hold the World Ice Art Championships.

1. _____

2. _____

2 marks

11 15

How do you know that ice is difficult to work with?

Explain as fully as you can.

2 marks

11 16

Put ticks to show which statements about the World Ice Art Championships are **true** and which are **false**.

The Championships...	true	false
take place outside.		
only include animal sculptures.		
are open all year round.		
happen every year.		
are only for artists from America.		

2 marks

11 17

Why do artists use pond-ice in the World Ice Art Championships?

Tick **two**.

- There is a lot of it available.
- It never melts.
- It is not as slippery as freezer ice.
- It is clear and beautiful.
- It is easy to transport.

1 mark

Total
7 marks

please turn over



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These questions are about *The First Storm*

18

Think about the whole text.

Choose the best group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

a. The little boy in this story loved listening to a folk tale told by

his father.

his grandfather.

the bees.

a monster.

1 mark

b. In the folk tale, life for the animals was peaceful until a monster arrived. He frightened all the animals by

eating everything in sight.

knocking the mountains down.

setting fire to the forest.

flapping his blankets.

1 mark

c. The animals were so scared of him that they all

died of fright.

jumped in the river and swam away.

grouped together to chase him off.

took cover and hid.

1 mark

d. One character dared to stand up to the threat. This was

a bee man.

a little bee.

a bear.

a tiger.

1 mark

19

How can you tell that the child has heard the tale of Nâm-pèng many times before?

Write **two** ways.

1. _____

2. _____

2 marks

20

Tám-lái tells Nâm-pèng he is small. (page 10)

How else does he try to make Nâm-pèng feel small?

Write **two** ways.

1. _____

2. _____

2 marks

21

The sky darkened all around them. (page 10)

Why did the sky darken?

Tick **one**.

Storm clouds were gathering.

Tám-lái destroyed the sun.

It was night-time.

Bees were blocking the light.

1 mark

Total

9 marks

please turn over



Grandfather said: 'He was only a small bee. Hardly worth a mention.' (page 9)

- a. What happened in the story to show that Grandfather's description of Nâam-pèng was **wrong**?

Explain as fully as you can.

2 marks

- b. What happened in the story to show that Grandfather's description of Nâam-pèng was **correct**?

Explain as fully as you can.

2 marks



What is the message of Nâam-pèng's story?

Tick the **best** answer.

Tick **one**.

If you are small you will always need help.

You can be successful even if you are small.

You should make sure you are never alone.

Friendship is more important than winning.

1 mark

END OF TEST

Total
5 marks

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