



GOZO COLLEGE

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS 2018

Year 5

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

English Reading Comprehension, Language & Writing

Name: _____

Class: _____

Total: 60 marks

Section A: Reading Comprehension

(20 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions.

A Texas Ghost Story

John smiled as he sipped at his coffee. He was **content** that his friend Peter had recommended mountain climbing in Hanging Hills, Texas. Sitting cosily in front of the fire, John thought about his **excellent** hike. He waited eagerly for his friend Peter to arrive the next day so they would go together on the mountains. Peter would love the wonderful scenes.



The innkeeper came into the sitting room to refill his cup. John looked at her and said with a smile, "I had some unexpected company while climbing." "I thought you were alone, I thought you were the only one crazy enough to go hiking in the rain and the cold," she teased.

"I met a black dog which was stray, it wagged its tail and followed me all the way. Whenever I spoke to it, it listened to me **carefully**."

The innkeeper's face became pale and she seemed frightened. At first she nervously wiped her hands on her apron and touched her pigtails. "That is bad," she stammered, "If a man meets the Black Dog he will be happy the first time, the second time he will be **sorrowful** and the third time he shall die."

John looked at her worried. Before he could answer, the innkeeper picked up her tray and went to wait on her other customer. When Peter arrived the next morning, John told him about the dog. They laughed about it and decided to go climbing the mountain all the same. That was superstition, nothing else. They set off and were enjoying the climb when the Black Dog appeared. It came wagging its tail and gazing at them. John pushed out his hand to pat its head like he did the day before.

Suddenly John's foot slipped and he plunged down the hillside. He tried to **grab** the branches and rocks but he continued to roll down the hill until he stopped on a flat landing. He felt a great pain in his leg. His head was badly bruised and he was bleeding too. Peter immediately drew out his mobile and called for help. A helicopter soon appeared. It hovered on them and two men were lowered. They tied John to a chair and he was hauled up. John was taken to hospital. His leg had been broken in two places. He escaped death very narrowly. "Do you think it was the dog?" Peter asked. "I don't know but next time we will go to Colorado." His friend agreed.

1) Choose the correct answer:

i. The story took place in

- a) summer
- b) spring
- c) winter

(1 mark)

ii. At the Inn John drank

- a) coffee
- b) tea
- c) wine

(1 mark)

2) Tick (✓) whether each sentence is True or False.

	True	False
a. John climbed alone the second day.		
b. The black dog bit John.		
c. Peter slipped and broke his leg.		
d. The two friends went to Texas again.		

(2 marks)

3. Answer the following questions.

a) Who told John to go mountain climbing in Texas?

(2 marks)

b) What did John think about when he was sitting cosily in front of the fire?

(2 marks)

c) How did the black dog feel when it met John the first time? How do you know?

(2 marks)

d) How did the innkeeper feel when she heard about the black dog?

(2 marks)

e) What did John tell Peter about when they met the next day?

(2marks)

f) What did they decide to do?

_____ (2 marks)

g) What happened to John when they saw the dog?

_____ (2 marks)

4. Match the words to their meaning. (2 marks)

a	content		sad
b	grab		attentively
c	carefully		take hold of
d	excellent	a	satisfied
e	sorrowful		very very good

Section B: Language (10 marks)

B.1. Fill in the blanks with **and**, **because** or **but**.

- a) The innkeeper warned John about the dog _____ he and Peter did not pay attention to her.
- b) John had an excellent hike _____ he was very content.
- c) Peter and John went climbing _____ they did not believe what the innkeeper told them.
- d) John fell down _____ Peter immediately phoned for help.
- e) Peter and John went to Colorado _____ they were afraid to return to Texas.

(5 marks)

B.2. Choose the right word and fill in the blanks.

- a) John (feel, will feel, felt) tired and he sat in front of the fire.
- b) John was waiting for Peter because he (is going, was going, were going) to arrive the following day.
- c) The innkeeper stammered because she (were, was, is) afraid.
- d) John liked (climbing, climbed, was climbing) the mountains.
- e) They were enjoying their climb when they (meets, met, meet) the Black Dog.

(5 marks)

Section C: Writing (30 marks)

spread the butter evenly on the bread.
put the sandwich on a plate and cut in half.
enjoy your delicious sandwich.
some lettuce or tomatoes.
put a slice of ham and a slice of cheese on one of the pieces of bread.
get out the bread, butter, ham and cheese.

C.1. Write these instructions about how to make a delicious sandwich in order and add a suitable beginning to each.

1. First, get out the bread, butter, ham and cheese.

2. _____.

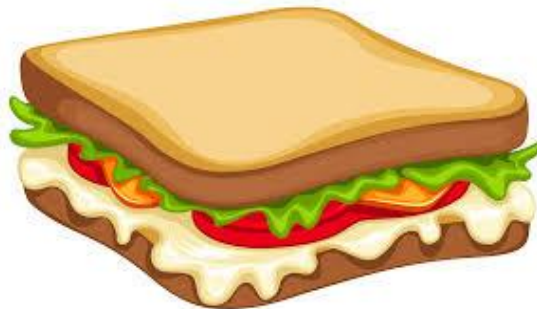
3. _____.

4. _____.

5. _____.

6. _____.

(5 marks)



C.1. Making a poster. (20 - 30 words)

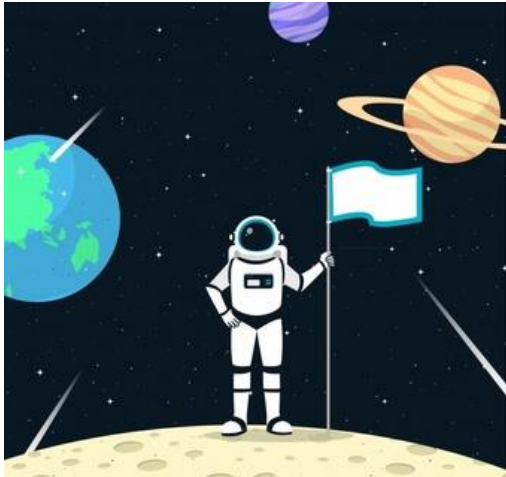
Next month the Mayor of your village is organising a Fun Fair. Make a poster and try to attract people to attend. (Don't forget to mention: the date, the time, the place, activities and the stalls there will be).



(5 marks)



In not less than 120 words, write a composition on **ONE** of the following:

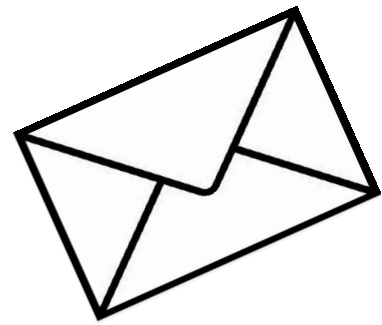


1. A night on the moon.

Imagine you spent a night on the moon alone with your pet dog. How did you get there? What did you see? What did you do? How did you feel?

2. Write a letter to a relative that lives abroad.

Write a letter to a relative who lives abroad asking him/her about the city or town he/she lives in. Ask about any attractions. Tell him/her that you and your family intend to visit during your Easter holidays and you would like as much information as possible to plan your holiday.



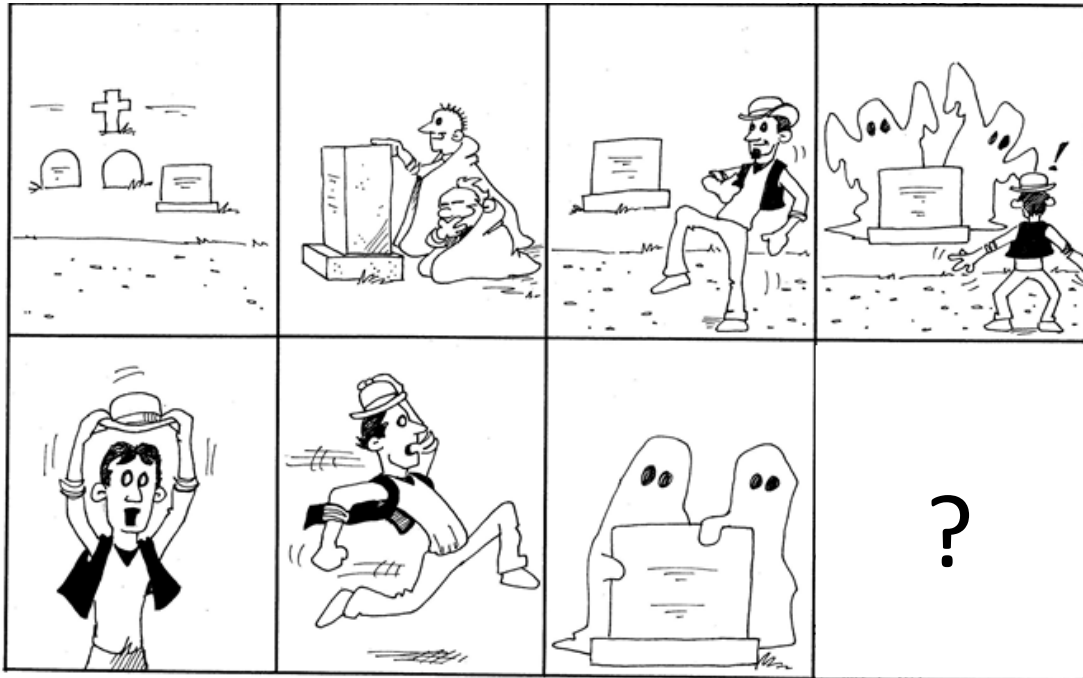
3. Write about a book you read.

Write about an interesting book you read lately. Write about the scenery, the characters, the main part, the part you liked best and your impression about it. Would you recommend it to anyone?



4. Picture Composition: The Prank.

Look carefully at the pictures below and write a story about them. The following words may help you - **cemetery, tomb, hiding, ghosts, frightened, zombie.**



Plan your work!

A writing area consisting of 28 horizontal lines spaced evenly down the page.

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