



# Noah's Ark Independent Primary School

Subject: Home Language P2	Examiner: Gororo, E
Type: Mid-Year Examination	Moderator: Böhmer, MA
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Marks: 45 Marks	Time: 2 hours

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## Instructions

Read the questions carefully before you start writing.

Make sure you answer ALL the questions.

Pay special attention to spelling, language errors and sentence construction.

Write neatly and legibly.

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## Section A: Prepared Reading

Read the following passage and answer the questions.

A hyena is a meat-eating mammal that lives in Africa and Asia. The largest is the spotted hyena, also called the laughing hyena because its howls sound like someone laughing. The spotted hyena lives in Africa, south of the Sahara Desert. It may weigh up to 79 kg. Many people think the spotted hyena is a scavenger that eats only the flesh of dead animals. This is not true. It is a bold hunter, and packs of hyenas can run down zebra herds and antelopes. Another kind of hyena, the striped hyena, lives north of the Sahara in Africa and in India and southern Asia. This species of hyena does indeed feed mainly on dead and rotting flesh.

1. Where do hyenas live? (2)

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2. Which types of hyenas are described in the reading passage? (2)

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3. How did the laughing hyena get its name? (2)

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4. Do you think that the hyena that lives in Africa is heavy? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

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5. What do you think a scavenger is? (2)

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6. Are all hyenas scavengers? Explain your answer. (3)

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7. Why does the author call hyenas 'bold'? (2)

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8. What is the 'Sahara' that the author writes about? (1)

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9. Do you think hyenas are fast or slow? Give a reason for your answer. (3)

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10. Write out the main idea from the following paragraphs and give a reason for your answer.

a) A hyena is a meat-eating mammal that lives in Africa and Asia. The largest is the spotted hyena, also called the laughing hyena because its howls sound like someone laughing. (3)

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b) The spotted hyena lives in Africa, south of the Sahara Desert. It may weigh up to 79 kg. (3)

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## Section B: Language Structures and Conventions

1. Choose the best preposition from the list below to complete the sentence.

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The dog fell (a)\_\_\_\_\_ the Big Hole, because the ground

(b)\_\_\_\_\_ the hole was unstable. (2)

2. Write down the plural form of the underlined word provided.

The dog's puppy looked for a mouse to eat.

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

3. Circle the correct word in brackets.

a. Lindiwe enjoyed a (quite / quiet) weekend at home. (1)

b. The dog was (safed / saved) by the policeman. (1)

4. Rewrite the following sentence using the correct punctuation.

only you can prevent bush and veld fires said Deon (2)

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5. Use a suitable conjunction to join the following **two** sentences. Do not use the conjunction 'and'. (1)

Matthew could not rescue the dog. The rope was too short.

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6. Write the opposites of the underlined words, by adding the prefixes given.

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a. He was able to rescue the dog. \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

b. If you behave, the bees will sting you. \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

7. Give a synonym (word with the same meaning ) for the underlined word.

ER 24 tried to rescue the dog. \_\_\_\_\_  
(1)

8. Write the underlined abbreviation in the following sentence out in full. (1)

Mr Venter works for rescue services. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Rewrite the following sentence into the Simple Future Tense.

They picked fruit from the trees. (2)

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10. Change the following sentence into the negative form. (2)

They rescued the dog from the hole.

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11. Change the following sentence to a question. (2)

The dog found a resting place on the rocks.

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12. Rewrite the following sentence into the Indirect Speech. (2)

Reese said, "The children should care for the trees."

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