



Noah's Ark Independent Primary School

Subject: Home Language P2	Examiner: Gororo, E
Type: End of 3 rd term Assmt.	Moderator: Böhmer, MA
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Marks: 30 Marks	Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Name: _____

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.

Section A: Prepared Reading

Read the article below and answer the questions that follow.

Piranhas are freshwater fish that live in the lakes and rivers of South America. They are on average about 20 cm to 30 cm in length, although some species, or types, grow up to 60 cm long. Piranhas have a reputation for attacking animals and even people. There are stories of schools of piranhas stripping a cow to the bone within minutes. But are these stories true? Piranhas have a single row of sharp, triangular teeth in their top and bottom jaws. The teeth are flat and pointed and are so hard and sharp that local people often use them to make tools and weapons. Piranhas have been known to bite people swimming in rivers, and sometimes cause injuries. They also steal fishermen's bait and damage nets and the fish caught in them. However, piranhas are omnivorous; they feed on seeds and fruit as well as insects and other river creatures. They

also eat other fish, even ones that are a little larger than themselves, although they usually eat dead fish or animals rather than killing live ones for food. There are many different species of piranha. The best-known is the red-bellied piranha, which has the sharpest teeth and the strongest jaws. This species hunts in large groups of about 100 fish. It has been known to attack large animals (such as cattle) and even people, however this is rare.

1. Where are piranhas found? (2)

2. Is the following statement true or false? If you say it is false, correct it to make it true. (2)

Most piranhas are about 60 cm long.

3. Explain what piranhas eat. (2)

4. Choose the correct answer: A school of fish is: (1)

a) a class of fish

b) a number of fish swimming in a group

5. Why do local people use piranha teeth to make tools? (1)

6. Is the following statement true or false? If you say it is false, rewrite it to make it true. (1)

There are about 20 different species of piranha.

7. Choose the best answer to complete the sentence. (1)

Piranhas usually ...

a) eat seeds, fruits and animals that are already dead

b) kill other creatures for food.

8. Choose the best answer. (1)

If something is rare:

a) it happens very often b) it happens very seldom.

9. Why do people think that piranhas are dangerous? Give two reasons. (2)

10. From what you read in the article, do you think that piranhas are as dangerous as the stories say they are? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

_____ / 15 Marks (Section A)

Section B: Language Structure and Conventions

Answer the following questions about the language in the article that you read about piranhas.

1. Choose the correct word in brackets. (1)

Piranhas (is/are) found in the rivers and lakes of South America.

2. Complete the following sentence with a connecting (joining) word in brackets. (1)

Piranhas' teeth are strong and hard (so/because/however) people use them to make tools and weapons.

3. Choose the correct answer. (1)

The word omnivorous means:

- a) Eats both meat and parts of plants.
- b) Eats only meat.
- c) Eats only parts of plants.

4. Choose the correct answer. (1)

In "this type of piranha", type is another word for:

- a) group
- b) jaws
- c) species

5. The words bait, nets and rivers are all important for a certain activity. What is this activity? (2)

6. Which word in paragraph 2 means shaped like a triangle? (1)

7. Give an antonym (a word with the opposite meaning) for each word. (3)

a. sharpest: -----

b. strongest: -----

c. hardest: -----

8. Complete each simile in the sentence below (which describes the piranhas' teeth). (2)

Their teeth are as sharp as ----- and as hard as -----.

9. Answer the following (2)

a. Which two words were used to form the word freshwater?

b. What do you think the word freshwater means?

10. What does the abbreviation 'cm' stand for? (1)

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