



Noah's Ark Independent Primary School

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Marks: 40 Marks	Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Name: _____

Instructions:

Read the questions carefully before you start writing.

Make sure you answer ALL the questions.

Write neatly and legibly.

Section A: Prepared Reading

1. Read the story below and answer questions 1.1 to 1.10.

The Greatest Inventor

- 1 Thomas Edison was born on February 11, 1847. He was one of seven children. When he was a child, he had a lot of illnesses. Thomas Edison also had hearing problems. His mother spent a lot of time worrying about him. As a result, he did not get to enjoy the same things as other kids his age. Instead of going to school, his mother taught him at home. He also taught himself how to read and write. When he was not doing school work, he liked to figure out how things worked. He did not let his illnesses or being nearly deaf bother him. In fact, he liked being almost deaf because he said he could sleep better and work with less noise to distract him.
- 2 Thomas Edison was a very hard worker. When he was 12, he started selling books, newspapers and candy on a local train. If he was not busy selling items, he would read the books and magazines. This helped him become smarter. Soon he started opening newspaper stands in his own town. Instead of working at the newspaper stands himself, Thomas Edison hired other kids to work for him. He even published his own newspaper when he was a teenager. He used his profits to build a small science lab in a baggage car.
- 3 Once, while working in his lab, Thomas Edison saw a child wander onto the railroad tracks. He saved the child and, as a reward, was offered a job working for a telegraph company. The job gave Thomas Edison the chance to start traveling around the country. As he traveled, he learned more about the way things worked and got new ideas. Those ideas inspired him to create new things and he became known as one of the greatest inventors of all time.

[Adapted from: www.havefunteaching.com]

1.1 In which year was Thomas Edison born?

(1)

1.2 Circle the letter of the correct answer. (1)

Why did Thomas Edison's mother worry about him?

A He had hearing problems

B He was very slow

C He had no friends

D He never liked people

1.3 Is the following sentence True or False? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

Thomas Edison was always stressed up by his condition.

1.4 What made Thomas Edison like his illness? (Read paragraph 1)

----- (1)

1.5 Circle the letter of the correct answer.

Which of the following best describes Thomas Edison's mother?

A frustrated

B loving

C careful

D anxious

1.6 Circle the letter of the correct answer.

Which information shows that Thomas Edison was a hard worker?

A He read books

B He saved a wandering child, became known as a great inventor.

C He sold books, published own newspapers, build a science lab.

D His mother taught him at home.

1.7 Choose a word from the box to complete the sentence below: (1)

motivated	inspiration	discouraged	needed
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A word with the same meaning as 'inspired' is _____

1.8 How did Thomas help other children in his own town? (2)

1.9 Which event helped Thomas to become a great inventor? (1)
(Read paragraph 3)

1.10 After reading the passage, what do you think an inventor does? (2)

1.11 Why, in your own opinion, did the author most likely write this piece? (2)

2. Read the following poem and answer the questions below.

<p>Somebody's Mother - Mary Dow Brine (1816-1913)</p> <p>The woman was old and gray, And bent with the chill of the winter's day; She stood at the crossing and waited long, Alone, uncared-for</p> <p>Came the boys, like a flock of sheep, Welcoming the snow piled white and deep. Past the woman so old and gray Hurried the children on their way.</p> <p>None offered a helping hand to her, So weak, so scared, afraid to move Lest in the loud noise of traffic, the cars so many Should crush her down in the slippery street.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Adapted from:www.potw.org)</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>5</p> <p>9</p>
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2.1 Write down two rhyming words in stanza 1. (1)

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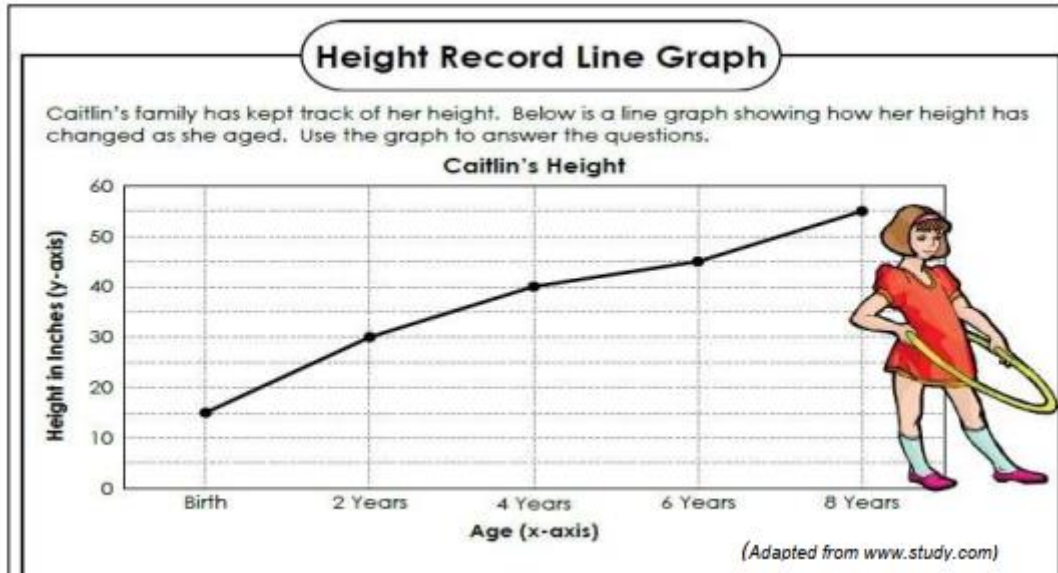
2.2 During which season was the old woman seen at the crossing? (1)

2.3 Write down a simile from stanza 2. (1)

2.4 Did the woman receive help from anybody? Give a reason for your answer. (1)

2.5 If you happen to see the woman at the crossing, what would you do? (2)

3. Study the following graph and answer the questions that follow:



3.1 How tall was Caitlin when she was 4 years old? (1)

3.2 How much had Caitlin grown from the time she was born to 6 years old? (1)

3.3 During which years did Caitlin's height increase a faster rate than others? (1)

3.4 Circle the letter to the correct answer.

Which years show the same height increase?

A Birth to 2 years and 2-4 years

B 2-4 years and 4-6 years

C 4-6 years and 6-8 years

D 2-4 years and 6-8 years

_____ / 25 Marks (Section A)

Section B: Language structures and conventions

4. Read the text below and answer all the questions in this section.

The Metaphor Family
by Lill Pluta

My brother is a dragon.
My mom's a teddy bear.
I am a shaggy sheepdog
with a ton of tangled hair.
My father is a monkey.
He likes to make us laugh,
especially my sister,
who is a tall giraffe.
We are a busy family
with many things to do.
Our home is always happy,
but sometimes it's a zoo.

(Adapted from www. Superteacher.com)

4.1 Punctuate the following sentence correctly. (2)

Do you live in bloemfontein

4.2 Underline an adjective in the sentence below. (1)

I am a shaggy sheepdog.

4.3 Change the following sentence into a question. (2)

My father is a monkey.

4.4 Write the following sentence in a negative form. (2)

He likes to make us laugh.

4.5 Underline an adverb in the following sentence. (1)

Our home is always happy.

4.6 Write the following sentence in simple past tense. (1)

We are a busy family.

4.7 Use a conjunction in brackets to join the following sentences.

My father is a monkey. My father likes to make us laugh. (and)

----- (2)

4.8 Rewrite the following sentence and use the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (2)

I was (walk) home when I (meet) my brother on the way.

4.9 Write down a compound word found in the poem. (1)

4.10 Write down the plural of the word 'family' (1)

_____ / 15 Marks (Section B)

_____ / 40 Marks TOTAL