Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination

ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH

a) 4 minutes – First reading aloud of passage by teacher
b) 4 minutes – Teacher reads out the questions
c) 4 minutes – Second reading aloud of passage by teacher
d) 7 minutes – Pupils answer questions
e) 4 minutes – Third reading aloud of passage by teacher
f) 7 minutes – Final revision of answers by pupils

Introduction

The teacher in charge distributes the examination papers to the pupils and asks them to write their name, surname and class on the front cover.

THE TEACHER TELLS THE PUPILS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER (PUPIL'S COPY) AS SHE READS.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Listen carefully as the teacher reads the story called An Escape. Do not answer the questions or write anything during the first reading.

2. Open the exam paper and look at the questions. The teacher will read the questions to you once.

3. Close the exam paper and listen carefully. The teacher will read the story a second time. Do not write anything during the second reading.

4. Open the exam paper. You have seven minutes to answer ALL questions. In section A, questions 1-8, tick only the correct answer. In section B, questions 1-8, tick only the correct answer (TRUE or FALSE). In section C, questions 1-7, fill in the missing word to complete each sentence.

5. The teacher will read the passage to you a third time. You may complete any unanswered questions as the teacher is reading.

6. You have now seven minutes to check your answers, and complete any unanswered questions.
An Escape

Long ago, in the city of Paris, three children Robert, Jeanette and Pierre sat frightened, by the fire. It was dark and the street was filled with angry people. Their parents were not home yet.

“I don’t understand what the people outside are so angry about,” said Jeanette. “Well,” replied Robert, the eldest child, “it’s like a war between the rich and the poor. Many people in Paris are poor. They have no money to buy food so they have started to rob the rich people. They are turning the rich out of their houses and putting them and their children in prison.”

“I suppose we are rich,” Jeanette said looking at her fine clothes and beautiful room. “Oh yes,” said Robert. “We’re very rich. At present, I wish that we were not.”

Just then, Marie, the children’s nurse came in. They felt safe with her because they knew she would look after them whatever happened. Marie informed the children that they had to leave Paris that night. She told them that she was going to take them to her brother’s farm. The journey would be dangerous and she had to hide them.

Marie whispered her plan. “I’ll disguise myself as an old farm woman and I’ll drive you out of Paris in a cart.” You will have to lie quite still.
I will cover you with straw. It will be uncomfortable, but children, you must be very brave.”

The children looked puzzled but they were ready to do as they were told and Marie left the room. A few minutes later, when the children were putting on their cloaks, the door opened and an old woman in a ragged black dress and a cloak stood in front of them. Her face was dirty and some of her teeth were missing. She smiled at them and the children knew it was Marie.
**SECTION A:**
Mark the correct answer with a cross (X). Only one answer is correct. The first one has been worked out for you.  

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<td>1. Robert, Jeanette and Pierre</td>
<td>a) lived a comfortable life. <strong>X</strong></td>
<td>b) were very poor.</td>
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<td>c) needed to rob other people.</td>
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<td>2. Who was the eldest of the three children?</td>
<td>a) Robert.</td>
<td>b) Jeanette.</td>
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<td>c) Pierre.</td>
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<td>3. The poor people were angry because</td>
<td>a) the rich people robbed them.</td>
<td>b) they had no money to buy food.</td>
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<td>c) their houses were burnt.</td>
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<td>4. Marie told the children they were going</td>
<td>a) to her father’s farm.</td>
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<td>c) to her brother’s cottage.</td>
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<td>5. To save the children Marie disguised herself as</td>
<td>a) a nurse.</td>
<td>b) a farm woman.</td>
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<td>c) a man.</td>
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<td>6. When disguised, Marie wore a ragged black dress and</td>
<td>a) her face was dirty.</td>
<td>b) looked very fat.</td>
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<td>c) seemed like an old man.</td>
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<td>7. Marie and the children had to leave</td>
<td>a) in the morning.</td>
<td>b) in the afternoon.</td>
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<td>c) at night.</td>
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<td>8. In the cart Marie had to cover the children with</td>
<td>a) a large cloth.</td>
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<td>c) straw.</td>
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SECTION B:
Answer TRUE or FALSE by marking with a cross (X). The first one has been worked out for you.

TRUE FALSE

1. The story took place in Malta. X
2. It was cold when it happened.
3. The children were wearing ragged clothes.
4. Marie was the children’s aunt.
5. The poor people were putting the rich ones in prison.
6. That day Robert wished they were poor.
7. The children escaped with their parents.
8. The journey was going to be dangerous.

Section C:
Fill in the blanks with one suitable word. The first one has been worked out for you.

1. The streets of ____Paris____ were filled with angry people.
2. The poor people started to rob the ________ ones.
3. The children of the rich people were being put in ________.
5. The children felt ________ with their nurse, Marie.
6. Marie drove the children out of Paris in a ________.
7. The children had to be very ________ during this journey.