

**Junior School**

**Convent of the Sacred Heart School Foundation**

Sample Paper

English Listening Comprehension

Year 5

Time: 15 mins

Reg. No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Firefighters**

Firefighters help protect people and their property from injury and damage. Firefighters put their lives on the line every time they respond to a call. When they are not helping someone in need, firefighters spend much of their time at fire stations. When the alarm sounds in fire stations, firefighters rush into action, regardless of the time, day or weather. Firefighters must be ready to respond in a matter of minutes to just about any disaster that may occur. At every fire scene, a superior fire officer takes command and directs the job of all the personnel at the scene. Some firefighters operate hose lines to the pipes. Other firefighters manually operate the pumps to send water to the pipes. Teams of firefighters also operate ladders used, which are to reach distances high up in the air.

In the line of duty, firefighters encounter a variety of harmful substances. They are highly trained to deal with these substances. They are often exposed to high temperatures, smoke and a variety of harmful gases. In some cases they are also exposed to radioactive and hazardous materials that have a long-term negative effect on their health.

To help firefighters do their job in such extreme conditions, they use the latest fire prevention technology available to them. This includes also special clothing. Therefore they wear fire resistant coats and pants that can resist very high temperatures. Firefighters wear boots that resist even greater temperatures, just in case they have to walk on a structure that is engulfed in flames. They must wear helmets that are equipped with oxygen masks. These help them to breath in smoke-filled areas that are filled with harmful gases.

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**Section A: Listening Comprehension**

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1. Firefighters put their lives on the line every time they respond to a call, means that firefighters

a)	risk their lives
b)	stand up in line
c)	hesitate to answer calls

2. Who is in charge on a fire scene,

a)	one of the firefighters
b)	a superior fire officer
c)	superior firefighter

3. When the fire engine arrives on a fire scene, some of the firefighters

a)	manually operate pumps to send water to pipes
b)	switch on the automatic pumps that send water to the pipes
c)	manually switch on the water pipes



4. How many firemen use ladders to reach high distances in the air?

a)	two firefighters
b)	one firefighter
c)	a team of firefighters

5. When the alarm goes on in a fire station, the firefighters

a)	rush into action
b)	Inform their colleagues
c)	Inform their superior officer and wait for instructions

6. Firefighters are exposed to

a)	high temperatures
b)	high temperatures and smoke
c)	high temperatures, smoke and a variety of harmful gases

7. In certain situations, firefighters are also exposed to \_\_\_\_\_ that might have a lasting harmful effect on their health.

a)	radioactive material
b)	radioactive and hazardous materials
c)	hazardous material

8. Since firefighters work in extreme conditions they use

a)	Good safety helmets
b)	the latest fire resistant suits
c)	the latest fire prevention technology

9. Firefighters wear fire resistant clothes that help them against

a)	hazardous material and high temperatures
b)	hazardous material
c)	high temperatures

10. They also wear helmets that are equipped with

a)	nitrogen masks
b)	oxygen masks
c)	carbon dioxide masks

