

## Junior School

### Convent of the Sacred Heart School Foundation

Sample Paper

English Language

**Year 5**

**Time: 2 hours**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### **Section B: Comprehension:**

Read the passage below carefully. Then complete the exercises that follow.

#### **Robbie**

I used to live with my uncle, who used to treat me like a slave, compelling me to wait on him in his house and to work for him on the farm. Moreover he kept keeping me in such a state of horrible misery, hunger and terror that at last I could endure it no longer and ran away. So it was that I found myself, at twelve years of age, wandering the world alone and quite poor.

For many months, close to starvation, I roamed the hills and glens of the Highlands, hunting and scavenging for my food like some wild beast. Finding no other means to sustain myself, I was obliged to steal whatever I could find. However, one morning, I was caught in the very act of thieving a loaf of bread from a baker's shop. I was pursued through the streets by an angry, howling crowd past the Palace of Holyrood and out into the hills beyond. There at last, and to my great relief, they gave up the chase.

After this, I dared not return to the village for the fear that I might be recognized. Some days later, weak with a fever and near to death I stumbled into a stable and lay down, never, I thought, to rise again. But fortune at last smiled upon me. I had happened by chance upon two of the kindest, most generous souls that ever lived. Finding me barely alive in their stable they, took me in and cared for me.

Sean Dunbar and his good wife Mary had no child of their own and from the very beginning thought of me as their true son. Being devout believers they had no doubt that I had been sent to

them as a gift from God. "Did we not pray for such a miracle? Did we not find you in a stable, Robbie?' Mary said, and indeed repeated it often, marveling at it each time. "And were you not curled up in the straw like Jesus himself in Bethlehem?"

They set good food before me and put warm clothes on my back, and so restored me in time to strength and health. They breathed happiness into me, such happiness as I had ever known existed, the greatest happiness there can be on this earth - that is to be loved and cherished. I worked alongside Sean holding the horses for him, stoking the fire. Mary, whom I came to love like a mother, taught me to read and write and to say my prayers at night-time. "Speak always to the Lord, Robbie, and softly, before you close your eyes in sleep, for one day His will be surely the face you see when you wake up.

(Adapted from ***The Last Wolf*** by Michael Morpurgo)

Ex. A. All of the sentences have either something wrong or something missing. Write the sentences again correctly. (4 marks)

1. Robbie lived with his uncle until he was thirteen years of age.

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2. Robbie was chased by the shopkeeper through the streets.

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3. For Robbie the greatest happiness on this earth is just to be loved.

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4. Sean and Mary Dunbar had one child of their own.

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Ex. B. State whether the following sentences are True (T) or False (F).

(4 marks)

1. Sean and Mary Dunbar found Robbie barley alive on their doorstep. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Robbie was caught stealing a loaf of bread. \_\_\_\_\_
3. When Robbie went into the stable he was very ill. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Sean explained to Robbie that it was important to pray before going to sleep. \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. D. Write a sentence to answer the following questions.

(17 marks)

1. Give three reasons why Robbie ran away from his uncle's house?

(3 marks)

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2. How did Robbie survive for many months after his escape?

(3 marks)

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3. Why was Robbie afraid of returning to the village?

(1 mark)

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4. Why does Robbie think of himself as fortunate?

(2 marks)

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5. What work did Robbie do for Sean Dunbar?

(2 marks)

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6. What did Mary teach Robbie?

(2 marks)

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7. Write two **adjectives** that describe Robbie when he used to live with his uncle

i. \_\_\_\_\_

(2 marks)

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Find a word from the passage that means

(2 marks)

i. 'travelled' \_\_\_\_\_

ii. 'kind' \_\_\_\_\_

**Section C: Grammar**

Ex1. Change the direct speech into reported speech. The first one has been done to help you.

(5 marks)



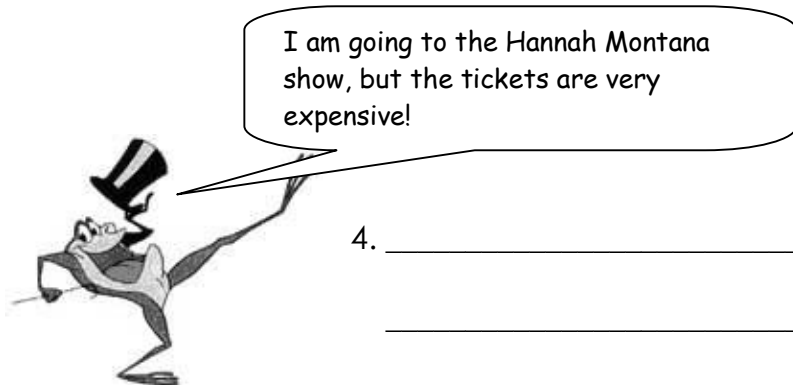
E.g. Elisabeth said that she was hungry.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



2. Rex \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Jimmy \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Lucy \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



Ex. 2 Complete the sentences with for or since.

(10 marks)

1. I have been waiting \_\_\_\_\_ 4 o'clock
2. You have been studying \_\_\_\_\_ hours.
3. We have been living here \_\_\_\_\_ two months.
4. Tim and Tina have been learning English \_\_\_\_\_ six years.
5. My keys have been missing \_\_\_\_\_ this morning.
6. Jerry has been ill \_\_\_\_\_ last week.
7. *I have been working here \_\_\_\_\_ nine years.*
8. He hasn't eaten anything \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
9. *Catherine has lived in her flat \_\_\_\_\_ October.*
10. I haven't been to a netball game \_\_\_\_\_ a very long time.

Ex 3. Put in the correct question tag. The first one has been done to help you.

(6 marks)

Deborah is collecting stickers, isn't she?

1. You have cleaned your bike, \_\_\_\_\_?
2. They aren't going home from school, \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Mariah is an excellent actress, \_\_\_\_\_?
4. I'm clever, \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Peter is not playing really well, \_\_\_\_\_?
6. Kevin will come tonight, \_\_\_\_\_?



Ex 4. Andrea is looking at her holiday photos with her friend, Francesca. Look at the photos.

Answer each question and add one more sentence.

(4 marks)

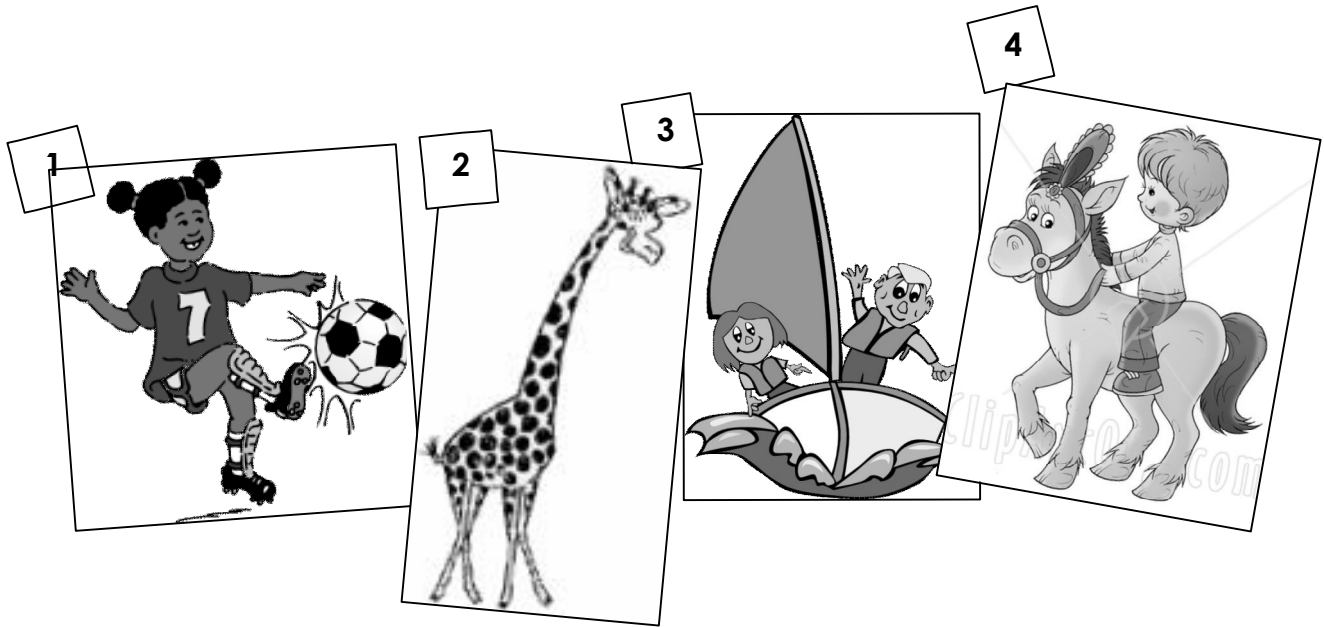


Photo 1: Francesca: What are you doing?

Andrea: \_\_\_\_\_

Francesca: \_\_\_\_\_, aren't you?

Photo 2: Francesca: What is that?

Andrea: \_\_\_\_\_

Francesca: \_\_\_\_\_, isn't it?

Photo 3: Francesca: What are your parents doing?

Andrea: \_\_\_\_\_

Francesca: \_\_\_\_\_, are they?

Photo 4: Francesca: What is your little brother doing?

Andrea: \_\_\_\_\_

Francesca: \_\_\_\_\_, did he?

**Section D: Vocabulary**

Ex 1. Copy the sentences and write a phrasal verb from the ones in the box instead of the underlined words. The first one has been done for you. (5 marks)

~~Look after~~    get on    fill in    put it off    look for    turned into

My parents are out. So I have to **babysit** my baby-brother

My parents are out. So I have to **look after** my baby-brother)



1. Continue writing the form, please.

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2. Quick! Board the bus. It's ready to leave.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. I don't know where my book is. I have to try to find it.

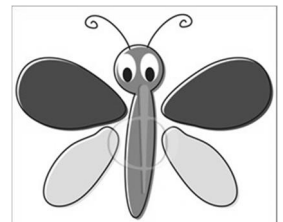
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4. I had to do a composition but being the weekend I decided to do it later.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. In the dream, my wallet became a butterfly and flew away.

\_\_\_\_\_





Ex2. Choose the correct answer. The first one has been done for you.

(5 marks)

The police caught the (thief, thief) that stole my dad's car.



1. The mouse ate a \_\_\_\_\_ of cheese. (piece, peice)
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ in UFOs. (beleive, believe)
3. The little girl was very \_\_\_\_\_. (mischeivous, mischievous)
4. My new born \_\_\_\_\_ is named Amber. (neice, niece)
5. The lawyer's \_\_\_\_\_ fell off the table. (breifcase, briefcase)

Ex3. Put the appropriate punctuation marks in the following sentences.

(5 marks)

1. Please be quiet pleaded Mr. Cassar we can only work properly if you lower your voices

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2. Erika said Next August we are going to Spain for our holidays

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3. We had a school outing to Mdina today I really enjoyed myself John said

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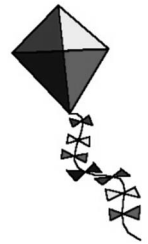
**Section E: Creative Writing**

Choose one of the following titles and write about 150 to 200 words about it. (25 marks)

**1. The hidden key**

You and your family went to the beach. While you were digging in the sand you found an old box and when you opened it you found an old key and a treasure map. Continue the story.

**2. One day I was out walking when I suddenly saw a kite flying ahead of me. I decided to follow it and ... Continue the story and give it a title.**

**3. A witch spell that went wrong**

Write a story about how you found a spell that belonged to a witch, and you decided to try it out. What was the spell? What went wrong? What was the result? What did you do in the end?

**4. Picture composition**

Write what happened to Amy. Give a title to the story.

