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ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSESSMENT 2013 GRADE 4 ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE TEST

MARKS: 50

TIME: 1½ HOURS

PROVINCE _____

REGION _____

DISTRICT _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

EMIS NUMBER (9 digits)

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CLASS (e.g. 4A) _____

SURNAME _____

NAME _____

GENDER (✓)

BOY	
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GIRL	
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DATE OF BIRTH

C	C	Y	Y	M	M	D	D
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This test consists of 12 pages, excluding the cover page.

Instructions to the learner

1. Read all the instructions carefully.
2. Answer all the questions in the spaces provided.
3. The teacher will lead you through the practice exercises before you start the test.
4. The test duration 1½ hours.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

Practice exercises

1. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

What do cows give us?

- A cheese
- B butter
- C milk
- D ice cream

(1)

You have answered the question correctly if you have circled the letter **C**.

2. Number the following sentences 1-4 in the boxes, to show the order in which Mary gets ready for the school day.

Mary wakes up and gets out of bed.	
Now she is ready to go to school.	
She washes herself and gets dressed.	
She arrives at school on time.	

You have answered the question correctly if the boxes are numbered: 1;3;2;4.

The test starts on the next page.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

Read the passage below and then answer questions 1–10.



Making Friends

A new girl joined the Grade 4 class one cold, rainy Monday morning. She was shorter than the other children, although she was ten years old like most of them. Mrs Cele, the class teacher, introduced her in the middle of the Mathematics lesson, when Vuyo was struggling with his times tables. "This is Maya, class. She will be part of this class now," she said.

Vuyo sat down and stared at the new girl. He noticed how pretty she was. She had large, sad eyes, a small nose and a deep dimple. She looked nervous like a small, frightened rabbit.

Later at home Vuyo's mother told him to take eggs to Mrs Rametse, their neighbour. Her granddaughter was living with her because she had no other family to take care of her.

Maya opened the door when Vuyo arrived at Mrs Rametse's house. He was so shy when he saw her that he pushed the basket of eggs into her hands and ran away.

The next day Vuyo got up early and waited for Maya outside. From then on they walked to school together, daily. One day while walking to school, Vuyo asked Maya what had happened to her parents.

She told him that they had died of AIDS. "I miss them terribly. At my last school the children wouldn't play with me. They said that I was sick and dirty and should be ashamed of my parents. I was sad and lonely and wanted to die," said Maya.

Vuyo could not imagine what he would do if his mother died or if he had no friends to play with. He realised just how lonely Maya was and made up his mind that day that he would be a best friend to her and support her always.



[Adapted from 'Sad Mandy finds a friend' in Headstart: Oxford]

1. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

Which words best describe Maya?

A short with large eyes, small nose and a deep dimple

B tall with small eyes, fat nose and a deep dimple

C short with large eyes, round nose and a deep dimple

D tall with large eyes, small nose and a deep dimple

(1)

2. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

2.1 Where did Vuyo first meet Maya?

A on the sportsfield

B in the classroom

C in the henhouse

D at the clinic

(1)

2.2 When did Maya join the Grade 4 class?

A one cold, windy Monday afternoon

B one hot, windy Monday morning

C one cold, rainy Monday morning

D one hot, sunny Monday afternoon

(1)

3. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

How did Vuyo find out about Maya's family?

A He asked her granny, Mrs Rametse.

B He asked his mother about Maya's parents.

C He asked Maya what had happened to her parents.

D He read about her in her learner profile.

(1)

4. Write your answer in a full sentence.
How did you feel when reading this story? Give a reason for your answer.

_____ (2)
5. Write your answer in a full sentence.
What caused Vuyo to run away from Mrs Rametse's house when he took her some eggs?


_____ (1)
6. Write your answer in a full sentence.
How did the behaviour of the children at her old school make Maya feel?

_____ (1)
7. Write your answer in a full sentence.
What lesson have you learned from this story?

_____ (1)
8. Find a word from the text that is a synonym (similar in meaning) for attractive.
_____ (1)
9. Find a word from the text that is an antonym (opposite in meaning) of closed.
_____ (1)
10. Find **one** word from the text that means the same as: every day.
_____ (1)

Read the information text below and answer questions 11–15.

MAMA'S RESTAURANT



MENU

Breakfast (before 12:30 only)



Sausage, eggs and chips.....	R23,00
Fruit and yoghurt.....	R12,00
Toasted cheese sandwich.....	R9,99

Lunch (served after 12:30 only)

Curried mince and rice	R30,00
Fried fish and chips.....	R20,00
Chicken burger and chips.....	R25,00
Samp and beans.....	R15,00

Children's Menu (under 12 years old)

Fish fingers and chips.....	R13,00
Jelly and Custard.....	R10,00

11. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

11.1 Which meal on the menu cannot be ordered after 12:30?

- A Curried mince and rice
- B Samp and beans
- C Sausage, eggs and chips
- D Fried fish and chips

(1)

11.2 Which meal on the menu is the cheapest?

A Samp and beans

B Fruit and yoghurt

C Toasted cheese sandwich

D Curried mince and rice

(1)

12. Which type of information text is being used here?

A Contents page

B Advertisement

C Table

D Menu

(1)

13. Which item on the morning menu includes a dairy product?

A Fruit and yoghurt

B Toast

C Curried mince

D Fish fingers

(1)

14. Write your answer in a full sentence.

What do we call the first meal of the day?

(1)

15. Write your answer in a full sentence.

Why do you think, there is a special menu for children?

(1)

16. The sentences below tell you how to borrow a book from the library. Number the sentences 1–4 in the blocks to show the order in which you will borrow a book from the library.

Return your books on or before the date stamped on the date sheet.

Fill out an application form with all your details for a library card.

Choose up to three books from your choice.

Go to the counter to have your books scanned and stamped.

(2)

TOTAL SECTION A: 20

SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURE

17. Rewrite the sentence below using the correct punctuation.

did vuyo buy eggs milk and bread from the shop

(2)

18. Rewrite the following sentences in the correct tenses:

- 18.1 Rewrite the following sentence in the Simple Past Tense.

Mrs Rametse bakes a cake.

(1)

- 18.2 Rewrite the following sentence in the Future Tense.

Vuyo waited for Maya.

(1)

- 18.3 Rewrite the following sentence in the Past Continuous Tense, using the clues in brackets to help you.

The children (was, were) (play) when they saw a snake.

(1)

19. Write the plural form (many) of the underlined word in the sentences below.

19.1 Most Grade 4 children already have big tooth.

(1)

19.2 There are many leaf under the tree.

(1)

20. Form an adjective (describing word) from the word in brackets.

Maya is a (beauty) girl.

(1)

21. Give the correct form of the adjective in brackets (Degrees of Comparison).

Vuyo is the (big) boy in the class.

(1)

22. Form an adverb from the word in brackets.

The teacher spoke (polite) to the new girl.

(1)

23. Complete the sentence below using the correct preposition.

Mrs Rametse spoke to Maya _____ a gentle voice.

(1)

24. Circle the letter of the correct verb to complete the sentences below.

24.1 Vuyo ... going to write a test.

A is

B were

C am

D are

(1)

24.2 The children at school ... learning their times tables.

A was

B were

C am

D is

(1)

25. Circle the letter of the correct answer to complete the sentences below.

25.1 Vuyo took eggs to Mrs Rametse's house ... they had no food.

A because

B although

C so that

D however

(1)

25.2 Maya was lonely and sad at school ... she never complained.

A while

B until

C since

D but

(1)

TOTAL SECTION B: 15

SECTION C: WRITING

26. Read the paragraph below and then complete the table using the information from the paragraph.



Natalie du Toit was born on 29 January 1984 in Cape Town, South Africa. Her nickname is Noodle. When she was seventeen, she was accidentally hit by a car while riding on her scooter. Sadly, her left leg had to be amputated at the knee. Afterwards Natalie became a South African heroine who represented her country in many swimming events. Her successful career ended after the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012 in London.

	COLUMN A	COLUMN B	
26.1	Who is the main character in this paragraph?		(1)
26.2	What is her nickname?		(1)
26.3	When was she born?		(1)
26.4	Why was her left leg amputated?		(1)
26.5	Where were the 2012 Olympic Games held?		(1)

Mark allocation for question 27

Refer to the Memorandum for guidelines when allocating marks.

QUESTION	CRITERIA	MARK	LEARNER'S MARK
27.1	Format	2	
27.2	Content	4	
27.3	Language	4	
	TOTAL	10	