



ST NICHOLAS COLLEGE
HALF YEARLY PRIMARY EXAMINATIONS

February 2016

YEAR 4

ENGLISH

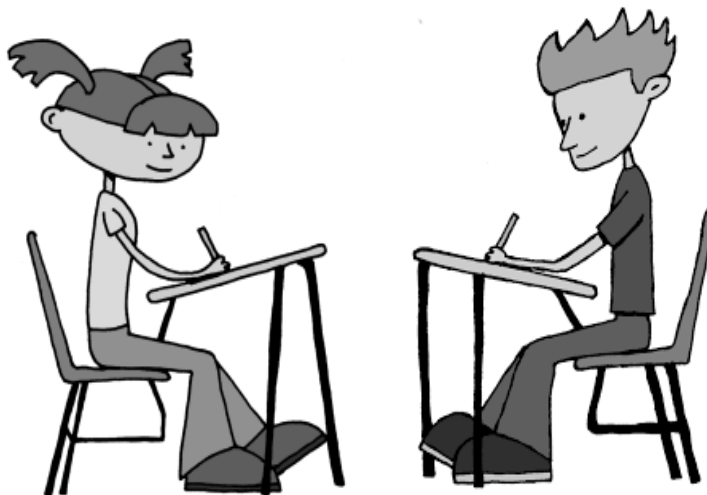
TIME: 1hr 15 min

(Reading Comprehension, Language, and Writing)

Total:

60

Name and Surname: _____ Class: _____



A. Reading Comprehension

(20 marks)

Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

CATS

Do you have a cat at home? If so, you must know what amazing creatures they are. They are one of the most popular pets in the world.

Cats learn about the weather from their whiskers. They can tell if it is hot or cold, wet or dry. Their whiskers also help them to find their way in the dark.

Cats have excellent hearing and a powerful sense of smell.

Indoor cats like to play with balls. They also love to play with string. You can toss a toy mouse and train your cat to bring it back.

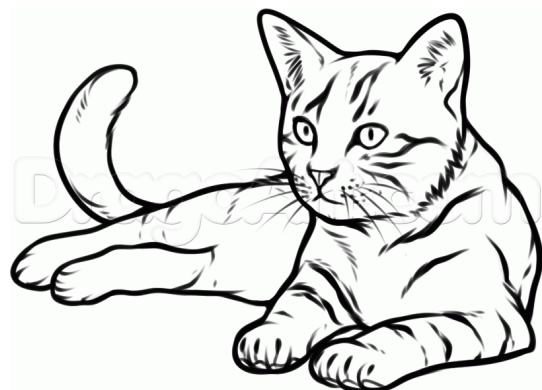
Cats are good hunters and they are quite sneaky. When they walk, their back paws step almost exactly in the same place as the front paws. They do so **to keep noise to a minimum** and to leave fewer paw-prints.

One of the best things about cats is their fur. They keep themselves very clean by licking themselves. They are soft and warm. Most cats like to be brushed and petted. They also like to sit on your lap.

Cats have a powerful night vision which allows them to see six times more than a human does in the dark.

Many cats do not have a home. They are called strays. They are cold and hungry. By adopting one from the animal sanctuary you will have an amazing creature of your own.

(Adapted from *www.teachervision.com*)



1. Tick (✓) the correct answer:

(4 marks)

Example: This passage is about

1. elephants.	
2. cats.	✓
3. crocodiles.	

a. One of the most popular pets in the world is

1. the hamster.	
2. the goldfish.	
3. the cat.	

b. You can train your cat to

1. bring back a toy mouse.	
2. brush your hair.	
3. cook dinner.	

c. In the fifth paragraph, the words '*to keep noise to a minimum*' mean

1. to make as much noise as possible.	
2. to make as little noise as possible.	
3. to make no noise at all.	

d. A cat cleans its fur by

1. taking a shower.	
2. soaking in the bathtub.	
3. licking itself.	

2. Write **TRUE** or **FALSE** next to each sentence. (5 marks)

<i>Example</i>	<i>Cats can tell if it is hot or cold, wet or dry.</i>	<i>True</i>
a.	Cats find it hard to find their way in the dark.	
b.	The senses of smell and hearing are powerful in a cat.	
c.	Cats are good hunters.	
d.	Cats keep themselves very dirty.	
e.	Cats hate sitting on someone's lap.	

3. Answer the following questions. (11 marks)

a. What do cats use their whiskers for? Name **two** things. (2 marks)

i. _____

ii. _____

b. Name **two** things cats like to play with. (2 marks)

i. _____

ii. _____

c. Explain how cats walk silently.

(2 marks)

d. According to the passage you can either buy a cat from a pet shop or

get one from _____.

(1 mark)

e. From the passage find **two** words that describe cats.

(2 marks)

i. _____

ii. _____

f. Do you think cats are happier at home or out on the streets? Why?

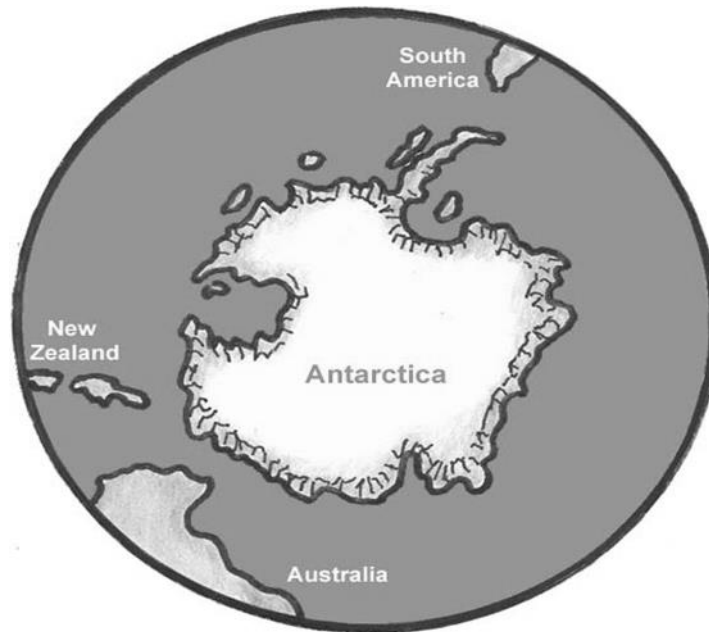
(2 marks)



B. LANGUAGE

(10 marks)





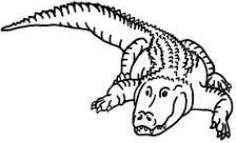

1. Read the following and fill in the blanks. Use the words in brackets.
(5 marks)



Antarctica is a continent around the South Pole. It is covered in ice, but it is a desert! In fact it is larger (large) than the Sahara desert in Africa. In winter, the temperature is minus 60 degrees Celsius. It is much _____ (cold) than Russia. In Antarctica it rains less than 5.1 cm a year, so it is _____ (dry) than any other desert. There are mountains in Antarctica. Although they are large mountains, Mount Everest is even _____ (high). It is _____ (windy) _____ in Antarctica than anywhere else. In Antarctica there are also lakes under the ice. One of these lakes is _____ (deep) than 600 m.

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct noun.

(5 marks)

	<p><u>Example:</u></p> <p>1. The <u>girl</u> likes to eat ice-cream.</p>	<p>girl / girls</p>
	<p>2. _____ go faster than motorcycles.</p>	<p>Car / Cars</p>
	<p>3. This _____ tastes really good.</p>	<p>peach / peaches</p>
	<p>4. The _____ catches thieves.</p>	<p>policeman / policemen</p>
	<p>5. _____ are the best hunters found in rivers.</p>	<p>Crocodile / Crocodiles</p>
	<p>6. A snow _____ lives in the mountains.</p>	<p>leopard / leopards</p>

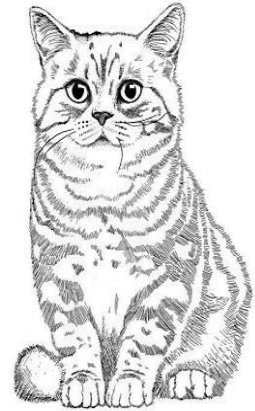
C. WRITING

(30 marks)

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(5 marks)

Kate has lost her two-year-old ginger cat, Nemo, while at the park. She is really worried because Nemo is scared of dogs but he is a really friendly cat. He has a leather collar around his neck with his name written on it. If anyone has any information he should call Kate on 34567890. A reward will be given.



Help Kate find her pet by filling in the missing information on this poster.

Lost

Lost at the park, a cat by the name of _____

Describe the cat.

1. _____

2. _____

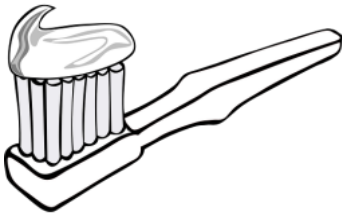
3. _____

Please call _____ if found.

How to brush your teeth

Fill in with words taken from the table. The first one is ready.

six months	two minutes	toothpaste	down	brush	wake up
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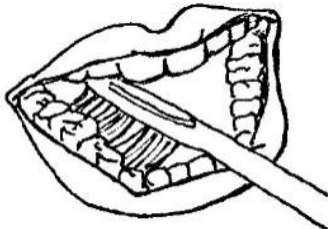


1. Put a little toothpaste on a small toothbrush.

2. _____ the insides of your teeth.

3. Make sure you brush up and

every tooth.



4. Brush your teeth for at least _____

every day.

5. You should brush your teeth when you

_____ and before going to

bed.



6. Do not use your toothbrush for longer than

_____.

C. 3 Composition

(20 marks)

In not less than **90 words** write **ten sentences** or a **paragraph** on **ONE** of the following:

1. How I spend Saturday

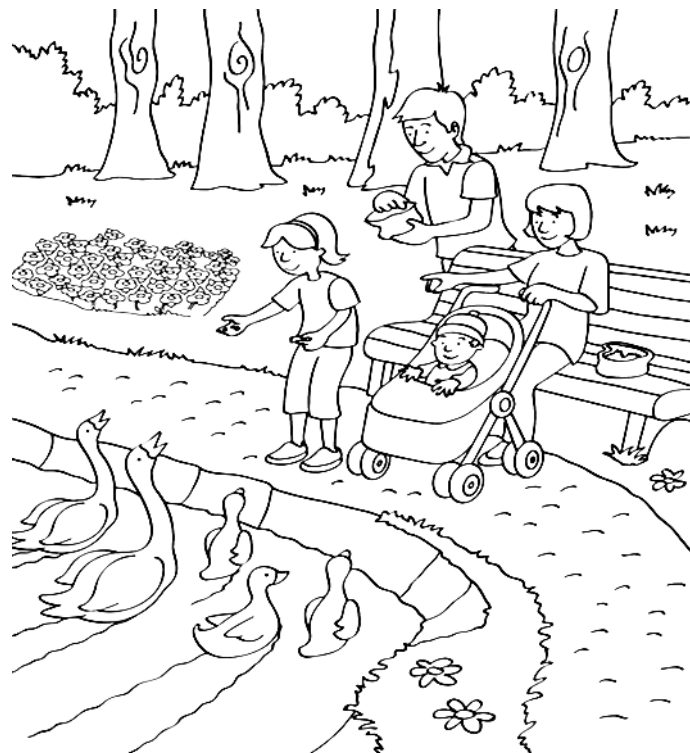
Write about what you do when you wake up on Saturday morning; where you go; whom you meet; how you spend the rest of the day.....

OR

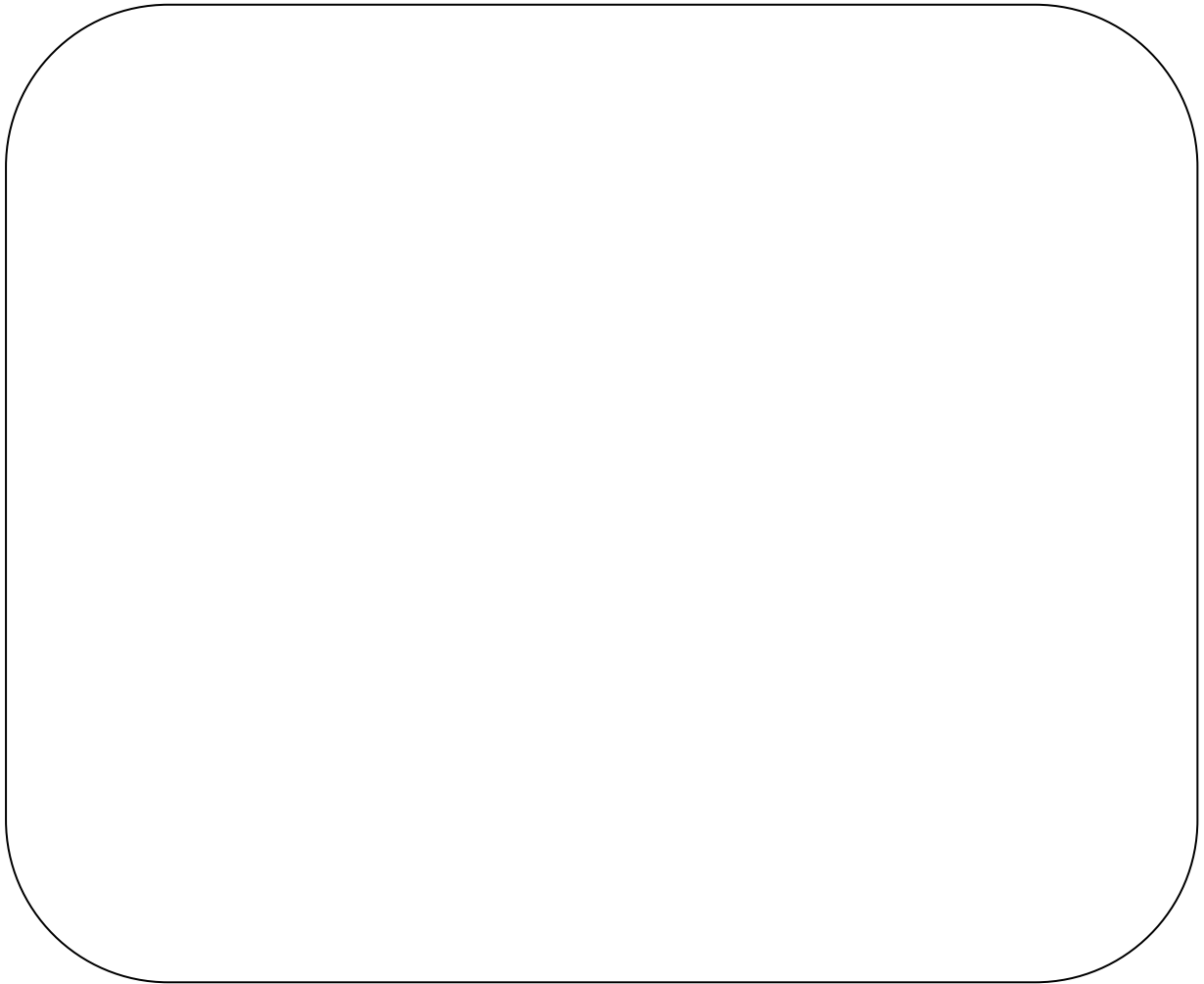
2. Imagine you are a butterfly. Describe yourself; say how you spend your days; which places you visit; what kind of flowers you like and why.

OR

3. Look at the picture and describe what is happening in the picture.
You can use these words: (holiday, park, pond, feeding, pointing, fun).



Plan your writing in the space below.



Title Number _____
