



ST NICHOLAS COLLEGE
HALF-YEARLY PRIMARY EXAMINATIONS

February 2017

YEAR 4

ENGLISH (Listening Comprehension)

TIME: 30 minutes

TEACHER'S COPY

Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination

ALL INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN IN ENGLISH.

- a) 4 minutes - First reading aloud of text by teacher
- b) 4 minutes - Teacher reads out the questions
- c) 4 minutes - Second reading aloud of text by teacher
- d) 8 minutes - Students answer the questions
- e) 4 minutes - Third reading aloud of text by teacher
- f) 6 minutes - Final revision of answers by students

Resources

Teacher: Reading Text and Questions
Each student: Pen and Examination Paper

Introduction

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

THE TEACHER TELLS THE STUDENTS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER (STUDENT'S COPY) AS SHE/HE READS.

INSTRUCTIONS

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen carefully as the teacher reads the story about <i>A mouse called Hector</i>.• Do not answer the questions or write anything while the teacher is reading.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open the examination paper and look at the questions.• The teacher will read the questions to you once.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close the examination paper and listen carefully.• The teacher will read the text a second time.• Do not write anything while the teacher is reading.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You have eight minutes to answer questions 1 to 12.• In questions 1 to 10 tick only the correct answer.• In number 11 (a to f) tick to show whether each sentence is True or False.• In number 12 (a and b) complete the two sentences.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The teacher will read the text to you a third time.• You may complete any unanswered questions as the teacher reads.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You now have six minutes to check your answers and complete any unanswered questions.

TOTAL: 20 MARKS

A Mouse called Hector

The city in which Hector lived looked like any other city in the world. Hector was like any other city dweller. He woke early everyday. On his way to and from work he got stuck in heavy traffic where he wasted hours and hours. He worked in a cheese factory. He was a diligent and hardworking employee.

After work, he would come back exhausted to his little empty apartment. The city noise kept him awake for a long time and he could never get a good night's sleep. He often looked at his city out of the window. So many mice live in it, and he was so lonely. It made him realise how unhappy he was.

One night he stayed up late thinking. He decided he had to change his life. So, the next day, he left his apartment and quit his job. He packed his things and left town. While driving around he came upon a small town where he was greeted by everybody. It seemed to him like a good place to start a new life. He bought a new house and moved in. He was incredibly happy and pleased with himself.

The next day he set out to find a job. He came across a small cheese factory close to his house. Geraldine, the owner, asked him whether he was good at making cheese. When Hector told her yes, she gave him the job.

Hector no longer wasted hours and hours coming and going to work. He had a lot more time for himself and his new friends. He slept tight and woke up well rested. He was happier by the day.

Geraldine and Hector became very good friends. They talked to each other about everything they had to do. Their cheese quickly became famous all over the towns.

And so from being a sad and lonely mouse, Hector became the happiest and most cheerful mouse in the world.

(Adapted from the book *'A story about a mouse called Hector'* written by Kasmir Huseinovic)

Tick (✓) the correct word, phrase or sentence.

(10 marks)

1. Hector was a

a)	mouse.	
b)	dog.	
c)	boy.	
d)	man.	

2. Hector lived in

a)	a villa.	
b)	a farmhouse.	
c)	an apartment.	
d)	a house.	

3. Which word best describes Hector?

a)	lazy	
b)	hardworking	
c)	selfish	
d)	funny	

4. On his way to work he

a)	stopped for a coffee.	
b)	stopped at his friend's house.	
c)	got stuck in traffic.	
d)	passed through a park.	

5. Hector worked in a

a)	sweets factory.	
b)	clothes factory.	
c)	shoes factory.	
d)	cheese factory.	

6. Hector was good at

a)	cooking pizza.	
b)	baking cakes.	
c)	making cheese.	
d)	melting chocolate.	

7. How did Hector feel after work?

a)	full of energy.	
b)	tired	
c)	happy.	
d)	sad.	

8. Since he was unhappy, Hector decided to

a)	change his life.	
b)	make more friends.	
c)	buy new clothes.	
d)	eat more food.	

9. When he arrived at the new town

a)	he saw new houses.	
b)	he was greeted by everybody.	
c)	nobody talked to him.	
d)	he went to watch a movie.	

10. In his new life, Hector became

a)	a fat mouse	
b)	a sad mouse.	
c)	a thin mouse.	
d)	a happy mouse.	

11. Put a tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is TRUE or FALSE.

(6 marks)

		True	False
a)	Hector woke up early everyday.		
b)	He always got a good night's sleep.		
c)	He lived with a friend.		
d)	Hector couldn't find a new job.		
e)	The new cheese factory was close to his house.		
f)	Geraldine and Hector became very good friends.		

12. Complete the two sentences.

(4 marks)

a) In his new job, Hector had a lot more time for

b) Geraldine and Hector's cheese became

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