



**ST NICHOLAS COLLEGE**  
**HALF-YEARLY PRIMARY EXAMINATIONS**  
**February 2016**

YEAR 5

ENGLISH (Listening Comprehension)  
TEACHER'S COPY

TIME: 30 minutes

**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"><li>• Listen carefully as the teacher reads the text <i>Up in the Castle</i>.</li><li>• Do not answer the questions or write anything while the teacher is reading.</li></ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open the examination paper and look at the questions.</li><li>• I will read the questions to you once.</li></ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Close the examination paper and listen carefully.</li><li>• I will read the text a second time.</li><li>• Do not write anything while I am reading.</li></ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You have eight minutes to answer questions 1 to 14.</li><li>• In questions 1 to 12 tick only the correct answer.</li><li>• In number 13 (a to h) tick to show whether each sentence is True or False.</li><li>• In number 14 (a to d) fill in each blank with a suitable word.</li></ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I will read the text to you a third time.</li><li>• You may complete any unanswered questions as I read.</li></ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You now have six minutes to check your answers and complete any unanswered questions.</li></ul>

## Up in the Castle

Quite a lot had been happening! The boys had set off on their bicycles, all feeling excited. They didn't know that Scamper the dog was following behind, sniffing most exciting night-smells as he went. He smelt a hedgehog somewhere in the ditch nearby, but paid no attention. Then he smelt rabbits in the field, and he longed to scatter them. But on he trotted! He was determined to find Peter and see what he was up to. It wasn't fair of Peter to leave him behind!

Peter was now almost at the castle, with the others cycling behind him up the steep hill. How they panted - but as long as Peter was still pedalling steadily, they pedalled as well! They were very thankful to see him jump off his bicycle! It had been a hard climb.

"Switch off your lamps," said Peter. "I think it will be safe to leave the bikes here. Only the bus comes by usually at night - very few cars."

They were soon walking cautiously up the grassy hill towards the castle, which stood above them like a gigantic black shadow. Each of them had a torch, but nobody used it for fear of warning anybody in the castle. Peter suddenly stopped, not far from the old ruin.

"Go cautiously now," he commanded. "In single file - and remember, if trouble comes, one of us must signal with his torch. It doesn't matter which of us - so watch out in case it's necessary."

They approached the castle quietly. Not a sound was to be heard. It was in complete darkness. When they stepped cautiously inside, their rubber shoes making no sound, a rustling noise began above their heads, and they froze in fear.

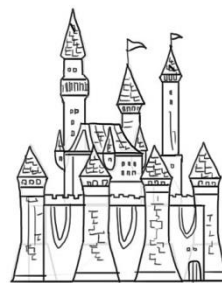
"It's only the sleeping blackbirds!" whispered Peter. "They must have heard our movements! Wait till they settle again."

Soon there was complete silence once more. The boys went on down the great hall - and then Peter caught sight of something that made his heart beat quickly.

"Look - there's a strange light in that old kitchen," he whispered to the others. "Stay here. I'm going to see what it is."

He tiptoed off to the entrance of the huge old room - and stopped in surprise at what he saw. Someone was there - a woman. She had lit a fire of sticks to keep her warm, and it was burning brightly. She was lying on her side, facing the little fire, her eyes closed.

*(Adapted - 'Up in the Castle' : Good Old Secret Seven by Enid Blyton)*



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

(12 marks)

1. How were the boys feeling?

a)	sad	
b)	disappointed	
c)	happy	
d)	excited	

2. What did Scamper smell?

a)	a hedgehog and a cat	
b)	a hedgehog and rabbits	
c)	a cat and rabbits	
d)	a horse and rabbits	

3. Whom was Scamper looking for?

a)	He was looking for Peter.	
b)	He was looking for the rabbits.	
c)	He was looking for the hedgehog.	
d)	He was looking for the boys.	

4. Where was the castle situated?

a)	on a steep hill	
b)	on a steep bank	
c)	on a small island	
d)	on the cliffs	

5. How did the boys get to the castle?

a)	by bus	
b)	by car	
c)	by bike	
d)	by motorbike	

6. The hill leading to the castle was

a)	dangerous.	
b)	craggy.	
c)	stony.	
d)	grassy.	

7. What did the castle look like?

a)	a dangerous black panther	
b)	a large black shadow	
c)	a wild horrible creature	
d)	an ugly old giant	

8. Peter told the boys that if a problem cropped up they were

a)	to flash the torch	
b)	to switch on the lamps	
c)	to take off their shoes	
d)	to go back to their bikes	

9. Who made the rustling noise?

a)	the bats	
b)	Scamper	
c)	the boys	
d)	the blackbirds	

10. In which room did Peter notice a strange light?

a)	the great hall	
b)	the kitchen	
c)	the bedroom	
d)	the dining-room	

11. What did Peter see in that old room?

a)	a woman	
b)	a man	
c)	a giant	
d)	his dog Scamper	

12. What was that person doing?

a)	lying on a bed	
b)	lying face down	
c)	lying on her side	
d)	lying face upwards	

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

(4 marks)

		True	False
a)	Scamper was Peter's dog.		
b)	Scamper smelt a mouse in a ditch.		
c)	The rabbits were in the field.		
d)	There was a giant in the castle.		
e)	All the boys used their torch while walking up the hill.		
f)	The boys' rubber shoes made strange sounds.		
g)	The sight of light in the kitchen made Peter's heart beat quickly.		
h)	The woman in the kitchen was facing the little fire with her eyes open.		

14. Fill in the blanks with a suitable **word**.

(4 marks)

- a) The boys were \_\_\_\_\_ because it had been a hard climb.
- b) The blackbirds made a \_\_\_\_\_ sound.
- c) Peter stopped in \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw the woman in the huge old room.
- d) The fire was burning \_\_\_\_\_ .

**END OF PAPER**