



ST NICHOLAS COLLEGE

HALF-YEARLY PRIMARY EXAMINATIONS

February 2017

YEAR 5

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

TOTAL: 20 MARKS

The Emperor's New Clothes

Once there was an Emperor so fond of beautiful clothes that he spent all his fortune on them. His only concern was to display his latest outfit. He had a different one for every hour of the day. One day two swindlers arrived at court and told everyone they could make marvellous cloth. This cloth had the magical quality of being invisible to anyone who was stupid. The Emperor decided to have robes made so he could tell which of his Councillors were clever. The two swindlers hid the silk and gold threads the Emperor gave them and pretended to work on the empty loom. The Emperor wanted to know how the weavers were doing but was worried by the thought that stupid people could not see the cloth. Not that he really thought this would happen to him! Nevertheless he sent the Prime Minister to see first. The wise and able man could see nothing but was much too clever to say so. Instead he told the weavers it was wonderful cloth and that they were doing well. The same thing happened to the next wise and able Councillor the Emperor sent. He said he could see the wonderful cloth for fear he could be considered silly. When the Emperor eventually looked at the loom he was horrified to see no cloth. So he too pretended he could see the cloth, because he was afraid that people would think he was not fit to rule. The weavers worked all night, watched by the townspeople and pretended they were sewing the finished cloth into clothes. The next day, they dressed the Emperor in his new robes ready for a procession. He stood in front of the mirror and admired the clothes he could not see. All the people also shouted in admiration of the Emperor's new clothes for fear they would be considered stupid. But suddenly the voice of a small boy was heard in the crowd... "The Emperor has no clothes on!" The crowd burst out laughing. The Emperor shivered as he realised the dreadful truth.

(Adapted from *'The Emperor's New Clothes'* by Hans Christian Anderson)

Tick (✓) the correct word phrase or sentence.

(12 marks)

1. The Emperor was a lover of beautiful

a)	cars.	
b)	clothes.	
c)	people.	
d)	houses.	

2. The Emperor had a different outfit for every

a)	day.	
b)	minute.	
c)	week.	
d)	hour.	

3. The cloth presented by the swindlers had the magical quality of being

a)	powerful.	
b)	invisible.	
c)	colourful.	
d)	super strong.	

4. This cloth could only be seen by people who were

a)	clever.	
b)	stupid.	
c)	strong.	
d)	old.	

5. The Emperor called the _____ to see the cloth first.

a)	President	
b)	King	
c)	Prime Minister	
d)	Councillor	

6. When the Emperor looked at the loom he felt

a)	happy.	
b)	excited.	
c)	horrified.	
d)	disappointed.	

7. The next day the Emperor stood in front of the mirror and _____ the clothes.

a)	admired	
b)	trashed	
c)	threw away	
d)	changed	

8. The Emperor feared that he would be considered

a)	ugly.	
b)	silly.	
c)	old.	
d)	unworthy.	

9. All the crowd shouted in _____ when they saw the Emperor's clothes.

a)	amusement	
b)	disapproval	
c)	admiration	
d)	disgust	

10. Suddenly a _____ shouted that the Emperor had no clothes on!

a)	young boy	
b)	small girl	
c)	teenager	
d)	man	

11. Another word for **clever** is

a)	brilliant.	
b)	beautiful.	
c)	intelligent.	
d)	curious.	

12. Another word for **dreadful** is

a)	dead.	
b)	awful.	
c)	sad.	
d)	obvious.	

13. Put a tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is **TRUE** or **FALSE**. (4 marks)

		True	False
a	The Emperor used to receive his beautiful clothes as gifts.		
b	The cloth had the quality of being visible to anyone who was clever.		
c	The swindlers worked on the silk and gold threads.		
d	The Prime Minister pretended that he could see the clothes.		
e	The Councillor told the swindlers that he could not see the clothes.		
f	The Emperor felt horrified when he didn't see any clothes.		
g	The Emperor decided not to wear the clothes.		
h	At the end the Emperor realised that he had no clothes on.		

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

(4 marks)

a) The Emperor was obsessed with _____.

b) The swindlers decided to play a _____ on the Emperor.

c) The people pretended to see the clothes so that they would not be considered _____.

d) The Emperor realised that he was in fact _____.

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