



ST NICHOLAS COLLEGE
HALF YEARLY PRIMARY EXAMINATIONS

February 2016

YEAR 6

ENGLISH

TIME: 50 mins

(English Reading Comprehension)

Marking Scheme

Reading Comprehension 1

(6 marks)

1. Underline the correct answer. (4 × $\frac{1}{2}$ = 2 marks)

- (a) Lucy was the first person to find the secret of (the land, Edmund, the wardrobe).
- (b) There was a (country, field, volcano) buried in Narnia.
- (c) Harry Potter is a (magician, wizard, teacher).
- (d) Harry learns to play (Judo, beetle, Quidditch).

2. True (T), False (F) or No Information Given (NIG).

Read the following sentences. Tick (✓) the correct box.

(4 × $\frac{1}{2}$ = 2 marks)

		T	F	NIG
a.	The two books are quite short.			✓
b.	John Sparrow is one of the authors.		✓	
c.	The names of the children are Susan, Peter and Edmund.	✓		
d.	J. K. Rowling is the author of the first book.		✓	

3. If you had to choose **ONE** of these books, which one would you choose and why?

(2 marks)

Accept ANY valid answer.

Reading Comprehension 2

(24 marks)

- Do not deduct marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar mistakes as long as the student gives sufficient evidence of understanding.
- Answers do not need to be in complete sentences.
- Deduct $\frac{1}{2}$ marks for any irrelevant information.

Questions on Section 1

(9 marks)

1. True (T), False (F) or No Information Given (NIG). ($4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$ marks)
Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.

		T	F	NIG
a.	Gessler was the name of a cruel Swiss ruler.	✓		
b.	Gessler punished people who bowed to the hat.		✓	
c.	The soldier who stopped William Tell was his friend.			✓
d.	Gessler had met William Tell before.		✓	

2. Underline the best answer. (2 × 1 = 2 marks)

- a. hat.
b. courageous.

3. Write down **TWO** things that William Tell was famous for. (2 marks)
a famous hunter ; the best shot with a crossbow.

4. (a) bellowed ($\frac{1}{2}$ mark)
(b) defy ($\frac{1}{2}$ mark)

5. What cruel game did Gessler play on William Tell? (2 marks)
Gessler wanted to make William Tell shoot an apple which was put on his son's head.

Questions on Section 2

(11 marks)

6. 'William Tell chose two arrows. One he put in his belt.' Where did he put the second one? (1 mark)

Reward answers with the following content.

He fitted the second to his bow.

7. Why do you think that the crowd cheered? (1 mark)

Reward answers with the following or similar content.

The crowd cheered because they were happy that William Tell managed to hit the apple / because William Tell's son was not hurt / William Tell defied Gessler.

8. Why did Gessler shake with rage? (1 mark)

Reward answers with the following content.

Gessler shook with rage because William Tell told him he would have killed him with the second arrow.

9. Why did the guards release William Tell? (1 mark)

Reward answers with the following content.

The guards released William Tell so that he could help them row the boat.

10. How did William Tell manage to escape? (1 mark)

Reward answers with the following content.

He jumped overboard with his oar, (clung to it and reached the shore.)

11. Write down one word from **paragraph 5** which shows that the boy knew what would happen. (1 mark)
predicted.

12. Find a word from **paragraph 6** that means 'made a hole in it'. (1 mark)
pierced.

13. The word '**who**' in **paragraph 7** refers to _____ (1 mark)
a band of followers

14. True (T), False (F) or No Information Given (NIG)

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.

(4 x $\frac{1}{2}$ = 2 marks)

		T	F	NIG
a.	The crowd supported William Tell.	✓		
b.	William Tell was sure he would not hit his son.		✓	
c.	Gessler was killed by an arrow.			✓
d.	While the soldiers and William Tell were crossing the lake, the weather was fine.		✓	

15. Which sentence in this section shows that William Tell really loved his son? (1 mark)

'If my first arrow had harmed as much as a hair of my son's head, the second would have instantly pierced your heart.'

Questions on the two sections.

(4 marks)

16. Do you think William Tell knew that he should bow to the hat?

Give reasons for your answer. (2 marks)

Yes he did but as a free man he believed he should not bow to the hat.

17. Do you think this story really happened? Why?

(2 marks)

Accept any answer that makes sense.