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Half-Yearly Exams 2020 – 2021

GRADE 5 ENGLISH
READING COMPREHENSION

Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021

Time: 50 minutes

Name: _____

Class: _____

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Marks

(max. 30 marks)

GRADE 5 ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION 1

Read these two recipes:

(6 marks)

PLAIN CAKE

Ingredients:

- 200g flour
- 200g margarine
- 100g sugar
- 2 eggs
- 100ml milk



Method

- Step 1:** Sift the flour and mix it with the sugar.
- Step 2:** Rub the butter into the mixture.
- Step 3:** Beat the eggs and pour them into the mixture together with the milk.
- Step 4:** Stir until you have a creamy mixture.
- Step 5:** Pour the mixture into a baking pan.
- Step 6:** Heat the oven to 220°C and bake it for 40 minutes.

A. Answer the following questions:

(½ mark each)

1. Of which two ingredients do you need 200g?

_____ and _____

2. Write two **verbs** from Step 3:

_____ and _____

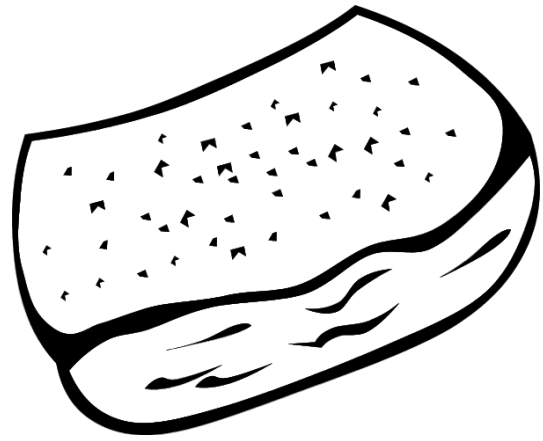
3. For how long should you bake the cake?

4. Which is the first ingredient you should use?

HAM AND PINEAPPLE PIZZA MUFFINS

Ingredients:

- 3 English muffins (split)
- 6 tablespoons pizza sauce
- 4 slices ham (chopped into squares)
- 1 tin crushed pineapple (well drained)
- 3 cups pizza cheese



Method

Step 1: Toast the muffins in the toaster and spread 1 tablespoon of pizza sauce on each.

Step 2: Scatter ham and pineapple on the pizza sauce.

Step 3: Top with pizza cheese.

Step 4: Place under the grill until the cheese is melted and serve.

B. Tick: True (T) or False (F)

($\frac{1}{2}$ mark each)

		T	F
1	You need three English muffins.		
2	You use the pizza sauce in step 2.		
3	The muffins need to be toasted.		
4	You use the ham and pineapple together.		
5	The pizza cheese is not used.		
6	You can serve the items after it is grilled.		

GRADE 5 ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION 2

SECTION 1

(10 marks)

AN HONEST MAN

A king, who once ruled in a far-away land, was very worried. His trusted old servant had died, and a new watchman was needed to guard the royal treasure.



“I must be very careful,” he said to himself. “I must not choose a thief, because he would rob me. I wonder how I can find an honest man for the job?” (paragraph 1)

He sent for his chief lord, who was very wise and clever. “My friend,” started the king. “I need a watchman to guard the royal treasure. I want you to find the most honest man in my kingdom.”

“That will be very difficult,” replied the chief lord. “I will come back again tomorrow and tell you what to do.” (paragraph 2)

Next day the chief lord returned to the palace. “Here is my plan,” he said to the king. “Prepare a feast and invite to it everyone who would like to be your watchman.”

The king prepared a great feast and invited all those who wished to guard his treasure. As each man arrived at the palace, he was told how to reach the feasting hall. On the way he had to walk alone through a long passage. On each side of the passage were large sacks which were full of gold and silver coins. (paragraph 3)

A. Find: (½ mark each)

1. From paragraph 1 ONE word which means robber. _____

2. From paragraph 2 TWO adjectives which describe the chief lord.
_____ and _____

3. From paragraph 3 ONE verb used instead of said. _____

B. Tick true (T) or false (F) (½ mark each)

		T	F
1	This story happened in a far-away land.		
2	The king himself thought of a plan.		
3	The chief lord told the king what to do straight away.		
4	The chief lord asked the king to interview those who wanted the job.		

C. Underline the best answer to complete the sentences: (½ mark each)

1. The king thought the he must not choose a (friend, minister, thief) for the job.
2. The chief lord said that finding an honest man would be (easy, difficult, very easy).
3. The chosen person for the job would guard the (king, treasure, palace).
4. Each person had to walk alone through a long (passage, hall, corridor).

D. Answer these questions (1 mark each)

1. Why did the king want someone to guard his treasure?

2. Who did the king ask to help him?

3. Who was invited for the feast?

4. What was there on each side of the passage?

AN HONEST MAN (*continued*)

When the feast was over, the chief lord spoke to the men. “I hope you have enjoyed the food. The king now wishes you to dance.” (paragraph 4)

Strange to say, nobody moved. They all began to make excuses ... all except one man. This man came forward and danced a jig up and down the hall. (paragraph 5)

“This is the honest man,” said the chief lord to the king. “All the others have taken some gold and silver from the sacks. They are afraid to dance because the coins would jingle and fall out of their pockets. That man did not touch the money and so he is not afraid to dance.” (paragraph 6)

The king was very pleased. He rewarded the chief lord for his cleverness, and the honest man was made watchman over the treasure. (paragraph 7)



- E. Match column A to column to make full sentences. The first one is done for you as an example. (½ mark each)

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
1	The chief lord		danced up and down the hall.
2	The dance happened		rewarded the chief lord.
3	One man		when the feast was at the end.
4	Most men	1	spoke to the king.
5	The king		stole some coins.

F. Tick the column T if it's True or the column F if it's False

(½ mark each)

		T	F
1	There was food during the feast.		
2	The king was not happy with the plan.		
3	All of the men were afraid to dance.		
4	The honest man was given the job of a watchman.		

G. Underline the best answer to complete the sentences:

(½ mark each)

1. The chief lord asked everyone to (dance, hop, jump).
2. "When the feast was over" means that the feast was (happy, finished, in the middle).
3. When the men were invited to dance (all men, nobody, only one) moved.
4. Most men had taken coins from the (sacks, boxes, hall).

H. Tick who. The first one is done for you as an example. One of them applies for both.

(½ mark each)

		The king	The chief lord
1	Told the king who the honest man was.		✓
2	Wished the men to dance.		
3	Was very clever.		
4	Was present for the feast		

I. Answer these questions:

(1 mark each)

1. Why was almost everyone afraid to dance?

2. How did the king show that he was pleased?

NOW, ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT BOTH SECTIONS

J. Circle two words from the list that show how the king felt at the end of the story. (1 mark each)

proud	jealous	important	sad	grateful
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K. Answer these questions. (1 mark each)

1. Why do you think it was difficult to choose an honest man?

2. Do you think there were a lot of people who attended the feast?

Circle one: YES / NO / WE CAN'T KNOW FROM THE STORY

Why do you think so?

END OF THE READING COMPREHENSION PAPER