

RESIT EXAMINATION
Junior Lyceum Entrance Examination into Form One

JULY 2010

ENGLISH

A. The following sentences are about birds called macaws.
Tick (✓) the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.
(10 marks)

Example: Macaws are birds that



- a) coming from the rainforest.
- b) come from the rainforest.**
- c) comes from the rainforest.
- d) to come from the rainforest.

a)	
b)	✓
c)	
d)	

1. Macaws are big parrots that come in wonderful

- a) a colourful feather.
- b) colour of green.
- c) colouring with green, red, yellow and blue.
- d) colours, like green, red, yellow and blue.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

2. They are also the largest parrots. They measure a metre from wing tip

- a) on wing tip.
- b) under the wing tips.
- c) to wing tip.
- d) of the wing tips.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

3. The rainforest is full of screeching birds and the macaws are the

- a) loud screech.
- b) loudest screech.
- c) loudest screeching birds.
- d) screeching loudly.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

4. A flock of macaws flying through the rainforest is an amazing

- a) sight.
- b) position.
- c) spot.
- d) place.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

5. The macaws' favourite food is fruit, especially the seeds

- a) offside.
- b) side.
- c) beside.
- d) inside.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

6. These parrots use their strong legs, clawed toes and beaks

- a) hanging on to branches.
- b) to hang on to branches.
- c) hung on to branches.
- d) hang on to branches.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

7. They also use their powerful beaks to crack open seeds and nuts to get to



- a) the tasty bit in the middle.
- b) tastes the bit in the middle.
- c) tasted the bit in the middle.
- d) tasty bit in the middle.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

8. Macaws love to chatter, and can

- a) copied sounds they heard.
- b) copy sounds they hear.
- c) have copied sounds they heard.
- d) will copy sounds they hear.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

9. They are popular as pets all over the world

- a) however, they are pretty and can be taught to talk.
- b) but they are pretty and can be taught to talk.
- c) so they are pretty and can be taught to talk.
- d) because they are pretty and can be taught to talk.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

10. Sadly, many macaws are taken from the rainforest and they end

- a) always living in cages.
- b) live in cages.
- c) up living in cages.
- d) usually live in cages.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

B. Read the poster.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The first* blank has been filled in for you.

(5 marks)

JOIN TODAY

YOUNG EXPLORERS' Club
EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF OUR ISLANDS
AND LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR HISTORY

YOUNG EXPLORERS' ACTIVITIES

- Hikes to different locations
- Treasure hunting in old cities
- Photography projects
- Camping trips
- Boat trips

When you join Young Explorers' Club you will receive ...

- a map highlighting important landmarks
- a Young Explorers' backpack
- a Young Explorers' diary
- a photo album
- a yearly magazine about our projects - full of stickers, puzzles and interesting facts!

WE PROMISE THAT YOU WILL SPEND HOURS OF FUN
THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS TREASURE

ONLY CHILDREN AGED TEN TO TWELVE CAN JOIN
You can send an email to the club's secretary – youngexplorersclub@malta.com

Example: *What is the club called?

It is called Young Explorers.

11. _____ are the treasure hunts organised?

Treasure hunts are organised in old cities.

12. _____ activities involve exploring the sea?

The boat trips involve exploring the sea.

13. _____ can join the club?

Ten- to twelve-year olds can join the club.

14. _____ can I become a member?

You can email the club's secretary.

15. _____ can I become a member of the club?

You can become a member today.

C. Complete the sentences.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word from the boxes.

The first* blank has been filled in for you.

Only FIVE of the other given words are correct.

(5 marks)

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Gulliver swam, pushed forward by the wind and tide *till no strength was left in his arms and legs. His eyes were blinded by the great wave _____ broke over his head. **16**

He had nearly drowned _____ he found himself finally able to stand. **17**

He had to walk through shallow water for a very long time _____ **18**

the shore was very far away. He continued forward for nearly a kilometre. However, he could not discover any sign of houses or inhabitants. By this time darkness was coming on _____, **19**

weakened and tired as he was, he lay down and fell asleep on the grass.

When Gulliver woke up it was daylight. He was lying on his back. He tried to rise _____ it was impossible because his arms and legs were tightly fastened to the **20**

ground. Across his body were thin, strong cords, and even his hair, which was long and thick, was tied down in the same way.

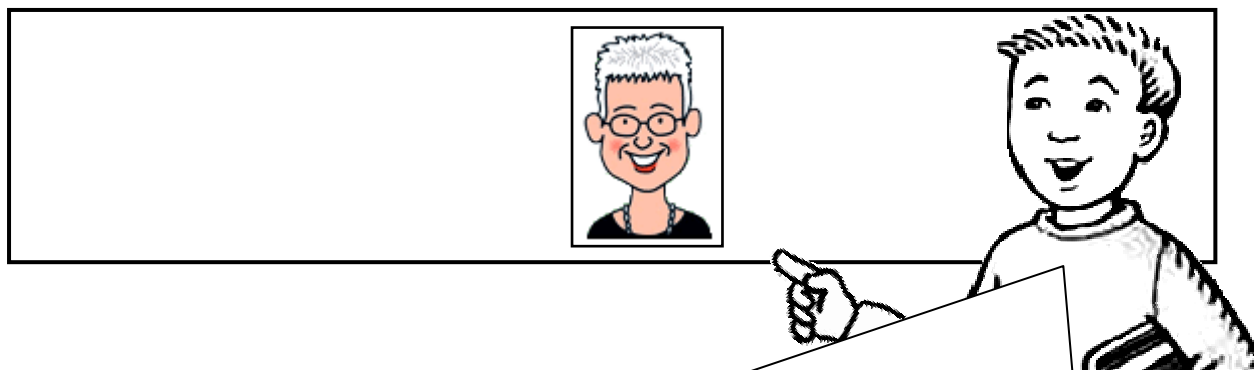


D. Complete Robert's 'Show and Tell'.

Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

***One verb has been given as an example.**

(10 marks)



Today **I'm going*** (go) to talk about Jacqueline Wilson, a popular children's author in the UK.

She wanted to be a writer from the time she _____ (grow) up in

Kingston-on-Thames. She _____ (write) her first novel when

she was nine. She used to fill countless exercise books with her writing.

Children _____ (vote) Jacqueline as their favourite author.

Up till now she _____ (sell) millions of books and in the UK alone

the total _____ (be) over twenty-five million!

In 2005 the queen _____ (make) Jacqueline the Children's Laureate,

a very important honour.

So far Jacqueline _____ (write) more than seventy children's books

of fiction. She loves reading and at her home she _____ (have)

more than ten thousand books. Jacqueline's website _____ (include)

her biography and passages from some of her children's books. If you have never read any of her

books, borrow one and you _____ (enjoy) it.

E. Comprehension

Read the following story and answer questions 31 to 46.

(30 marks)

The Goose's Egg

Section One: An important event

In early summer the goose's eggs hatched in the barn. Fern, the farmer's niece, was there, sitting on her stool, when it happened.

A day before the eggs hatched, the goose knew that the baby geese were coming. She could hear their weak voices calling from inside their eggs. She knew that they were in a very uncomfortable position inside the eggshells and were most anxious to break through and get out. So she sat quite still in her nest.

When one of the baby geese pushed its grey-green head through the goose's feathers and looked around, Charlotte, the spider, and Wilbur, the pig, **spied** it and exclaimed, 'Congratulations!'

'Thank you,' said the goose.

'How many baby geese are there? I can only see one,' said Wilbur.

'There are **seven**,' said the goose.

'Fine!' said Charlotte. 'Seven is a lucky number.'

Section Two: The eighth egg

Templeton, the rat, showed his nose from his hiding-place under Wilbur's trough – the long narrow open container from which the pig ate and drank. The rat glanced at Fern, and then **he** crept carefully towards the goose, keeping close to the wall.



'Look,' he said, 'you say you have seven baby geese. There were eight eggs. What happened to the other egg? Why didn't it hatch?'

'It's bad,' said the goose.

'What are you going to do with it?' continued Templeton.

'You can have it,' replied the goose. 'Roll it away and add it to your nasty collection of strange objects.'

The goose pushed the eighth egg out of the nest, and everyone watched in disgust while the rat rolled it away. Even Wilbur, who could eat almost anything, was disgusted.

'Imagine wanting a bad egg,' he **whispered**.

'A rat is a rat,' said Charlotte. 'But, my friends, if that egg ever breaks, nobody will be able to live here because of the smell. A bad egg is like a stink bomb.'

'I won't break it,' said Templeton. 'I know what I'm doing. I handle things like this all the time.'

The rat pushed the goose's egg in front of him till he succeeded in rolling it to his hiding-place under Wilbur's trough.

Turn
over

Section Three: An Explosion

A week later, Fern and her brother Avery visited the farm. On their way to the barn Avery noticed the spider web, and, coming closer, he saw Charlotte.

‘Hey, look at that big spider!’ he said.

‘Leave it alone!’ commanded Fern.

‘That’s a fine spider and I’m going to **capture** it,’ said Avery. He took the cover off a sweet box he was carrying. Then he picked up a stick. ‘I’m going to knock that old spider into this box,’ he said.

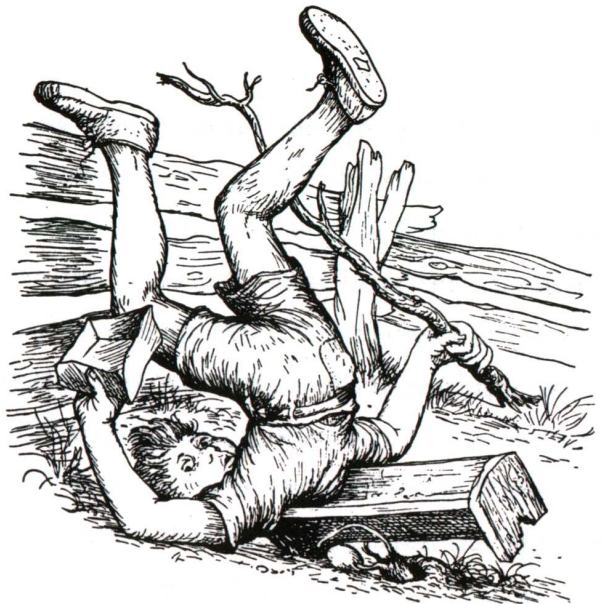
Wilbur’s heart almost stopped when he saw what was happening. This might be the end of Charlotte if the boy succeeded in catching her.

‘You stop it, Avery!’ cried Fern.

Avery put one leg over the fence of the pigsty. He was just about to raise **his** stick to hit Charlotte when he lost his balance. He fell on the edge of Wilbur’s trough. The trough tipped up and then came down with a slap. The goose’s egg was right underneath. There was a dull explosion as the egg broke, and then a horrible smell.

Fern screamed. Avery jumped to his feet. The air was filled with the terrible gases and smells from the bad egg. Templeton, who had been resting in his hiding-place, ran away.

‘What a stink!’ screamed Avery. ‘Let’s get out of here!’



Fern held her nose and ran towards the farm house. Avery ran after her, holding his nose. Charlotte felt very relieved to see him go. It had been a narrow escape.

(Adapted from *Charlotte’s Web* by E.B. White)

E. Comprehension Questions

In questions 31, 32 and 33 tick (✓) to show the correct answer.

(3 marks)

31. When did the eggs hatch?

- a) They hatched in early spring.
- b) They hatched four weeks before summer.
- c) They hatched in late summer.
- d) They hatched at the beginning of summer.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

32. Where was the goose's nest?

- a) It was in the farm house.
- b) It was in the farmyard.
- c) It was upstairs.
- d) It was in the barn.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

33. When did the goose know that the eggs were going to hatch?

- a) She knew the day Charlotte and Wilbur congratulated her.
- b) She knew the day before they hatched.
- c) She knew the moment the first egg hatched.
- d) She knew when Fern sat on her stool.

a)	
b)	
c)	
d)	

34. Write whether the sentence is **True** or **False**. Give a reason for your answer.

a) The baby geese were comfortable inside the eggshells. _____

Reason: _____
(2 marks)

b) Charlotte knew what would happen if the bad egg ever broke. _____

Reason: _____
(2 marks)

Use complete sentences to answer questions 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44.

35. Where was Fern when the goose's eggs hatched?

(1 mark)

36. What could Charlotte and Wilbur see through the goose's feathers?

(2 marks)

37. Why did Templeton ask about the eighth egg?

(2 marks)

38. What did Templeton like to do?

(2 marks)

39. How did the rat take the bad egg to his hiding-place?

(1 mark)

40. Who tried to stop Avery from capturing the spider?

(1 mark)

41. What was Wilbur afraid of ?

(2 marks)

42. Why didn't Avery succeed in hitting Charlotte?

(2 marks)

43. What broke the eighth egg?

(2 marks)

44. Why had it been a narrow escape?

(2 marks)

45 a) 'There are **seven**,' said the goose. (Section One)

seven refers to the _____ (1 mark)

b) ... then **he** crept carefully towards the goose, keeping close to the wall. (Section Two)

he refers to _____ (1 mark)

c) He was just about to raise **his** stick ... (Section Three)

his refers to _____ (1 mark)

46. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage:

(3 marks)

a)	spied	(Section One)	
b)	whispered	(Section Two)	
b)	capture	(Section Three)	

F. Read the letter.

Fill in each blank with ONE suitable word to complete the letter.

***One word has been given as an example.**

(10 marks)



Room 13,
Holiday Inn,
Walcot Street,
Bath BA1 1LQ
8th July 2010

Dear Patrick,

I hope you're having a good holiday. I'm writing to tell you about my *holiday in Bath – a city in the south west of England. At the moment I'm sitting in the balcony of the hotel. Soon, we're going on a sightseeing bus _____ 47. There are many old and beautiful buildings to _____ 48 on our way to the river Avon.

I arrived here two days ago with my family. We're going to be on holiday together _____ 49 ten days. I'm so glad I remembered to get my camera because it's such a beautiful place.

The city centre is very close _____ 50 the hotel. The city is very old and there are a _____ 51 of interesting places to visit. So _____ 52 we've been to an art exhibition, a music festival _____ 53 a street party. Yesterday we went shopping. The shops have painted wooden fronts and most _____ 54 them sell clothes. We bought some gifts for our grandparents from a shop called 'Needful Things'.

This evening we're going to visit the famous Roman Baths. We'll walk on the ancient pavements by _____ 55 light of flickering torches and meet the costumed interpreters of Roman characters.

I'll show you the photographs I've taken when we return _____ 56 next week.

Your friend,
Luke

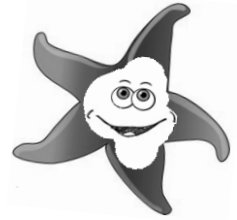
G. Composition

(30 marks)

In not less than 150 words write about ONE of the following:

57. A Magical Starfish

You were exploring the seabed with your goggles when you spotted a magical starfish. Describe the starfish and write about what happened.



58. Write a story beginning with the words:

Our next-door neighbour was going away for a week's holiday. I offered to take care of his pet while he was away. ...

59. Imagine you are Alex and your address is 106, Country Lane, Rabat RBT 1237.

Write a letter to Andrea about what you are going to do next week. In your letter describe three places you are going to visit and explain why you are going there.

60. Picture Composition: The house on the other side of the wall

Look carefully at the pictures below and write a story about the pictures. Continue the story and write a suitable ending.

