

Third Term Test

Language Arts

SECTION 2

Comprehension - Poetry

TASK 5

Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow. Marks will be awarded for answering with complete sentences.

A POEM ABOUT SCHOOL

“I don’t want to go,” he said from his bed.

“I’d rather stay home and eat ice-cream instead.

I can’t stand the teachers and the kids are as bad.

And that’s without mentioning their moms and their dads.

5 The lunches are nasty. They make me feel sick.

And there’s always some joker with a plethora of tricks.

The playground’s unfriendly and inhabited by bullies

And they pick on me daily, which is a bit of a worry;

They all call me names and say they’re going to hurt me.

10 Oh, and the toilets are smelly and also quite dirty.

I think that I’ve learned all I’ll ever know

And nobody likes me so I am not going to go.”

His wife rolled her eyes as she stood at the door.

“But darling, you’re headmaster. That’s what you’re paid for!”

Ms Moem

1) Where is the poet and what is he complaining about?

(2 marks)

2) According to the poem, what does the poet wants to do? (2 marks)

3) "And there's always some joker with a plethora of tricks".

What does this line tell the reader? (2 marks)

4) Who do you think are the bullies? (1 marks)

5) Write three actions of the bullies mentioned in the poem. (3 marks)

6) Write a word that means the same as "inhabited" as used in line 7 of the poem. (1 mark)

7) Write the line that tells how the poet think others feel about him. (2 mark)

8) Give an example of a personification used in the poem. (1 mark)

9) a) What is the mood at the end of the poem? (1 mark)

b) Suggest a reason for that mood mentioned above? (1 mark)

10) In your own words explain what you think the poet eventually did. Give reasons for your answer. (3 marks)

1 mark given for the use of complete sentences.