

YELLOW ELDER PRIMARY  
GRADE 6 PLACEMENT EXAMINATION  
READING COMPREHENSION



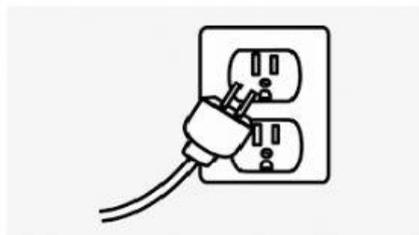
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**Read the passage carefully before answering ALL questions. If you are not sure about the answer to the question, do the best you can but do not spend too much time on any one question**

#### HOW TO SAVE ELECTRICITY



Using electricity wisely saves you money and helps to conserve natural resources large energy uses include lighting refrigerators air conditioning units and water heaters follow the tips below to gain more control over your energy use at home.

- keep your refrigerator at 30° to 40° F and your freezer at 5° F.
- Do not uncover liquid in the refrigerator the liquid's give off vapors that make the refrigerator work harder.
- Allow hot food to cool off before putting in the refrigerator.
- Do not continuously open refrigerator doors.
- Turn off lights when leaving a room.
- Use a desk lamp when completing homework instead of lighting up the entire
- When the weather is cool turn off the air conditioner and open the windows.
- Set the washing machine temperature to cold or warm as often as possible.
- Take showers instead of baths.

Taking these steps will lessen the amount of electricity used and will result in a lower electricity bill.

Adapted from:-

[http://www.eei.org/industry issues/retail services and delivery/wise use/how to save electricity in you home//index.htm](http://www.eei.org/industry_issues/retail_services_and_delivery/wise_use/how_to_save_electricity_in_you_home//index.htm)

1. According to the passage, why is it important to save electricity? Give **TWO** reasons.

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**[2 marks]**

2. Name **TWO** items found in the home that use a high amount of electricity. Write your answer on the lines provided.

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**[2 marks]**

3. Based on the information from the passage, why is it important to put a lid on liquids in the refrigerator?

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**[2 marks]**

4. Read the following statements about electricity conservation. Write "T" if the statement is true. Write "F" if the statement is false.

A. It is better to light an entire room instead of a small area

B. The fewer times you open the refrigerator, the more energy you save.

C. A refrigerator is set at 39°F will help to save energy.

D. A person who bathes uses more hot water than one who showers.

**[4 marks]**

## AT THE SCIENCE FAIR

We rushed into the Science fair,  
We couldn't wait at all  
To see the kinds of projects made  
From stuff bought from the mall

We looked about for projects  
That each of us submitted  
After all the work we did  
It was time to see who would win it!

There was a tree with pointed leaves,  
that grew from a nut.  
And Betty Jones' frog display,  
I suspect will make first cut!

We inspected Jan's Solar system;  
A volcano sprouting steam,  
But Alex's video on molds  
was the weirdest thing I have seen!

Then we saw Fred's earthquake,  
Made from wire and clay,  
It's motor produced vibrations  
And it won first prize today!

Anonymous

5. (a) Which word best describes the children's feelings about the Science fair?

- (A) anxious
- (B) bored
- (C) frightened
- (D) excited

[1 mark]

(b) Support your answer with evidence from the poem.

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[1 mark]

6. Which project in the competition was most unusual?

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[1 mark]

7. Read verse **THREE** of the poem again. Which explanation below best defines the term 'first cut'?

- (A) to hurt someone
- (B) to be eliminated
- (C) to be in the finals
- (D) to be destroyed

[1 mark]

8. Why do you think Fred's earthquake project won?

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[2 marks]

9. Which project did the poet enter into the Science fair?

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[2 marks]

10. How many projects were mentioned in the poem?

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**[1 mark]**

11. Quote the line in verse 2 that suggests that the science fair was a competition.

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**[1 mark]**