



Student Name: _____

Section 2: Reading

20 marks

The Loch Ness Monster



The Loch Ness is in the Highlands of Scotland. Loch means lake. Some people have believed for centuries that, in this lake lives a prehistoric monster, a survivor of the long-extinct plesiosaurs. Some just think it's a myth. Everybody calls it Nessy.

Nowadays, numerous monster hunters come to Scotland to look for evidence of it. But no one has really found anything that really proves the existence of this creature. The Loch Ness is extremely popular as a tourist attraction. Each year, hundreds of tourists visit the city to check this famous place.

I have lived here beside the Loch Ness since I retired last year. My house has a good, clear view of the loch. In fact, it's only about a hundred metres from the lake, and there is nothing but the road in between. Now I've never been interested in the Loch Ness monster, you understand. Until last Tuesday, I thought it was just a good story to attract tourists. But I've had to change my mind after last Tuesday's experience.

I got up as usual at about 7 and went into my garden. I was checking the mailbox when something attracted my attention to the loch. There was almost no fog or rain that morning, and I could see there was something moving quite fast in the middle of the loch. It looked like a giant snake, with its head and part of its body above water. It was about thirty metres long. I rushed into the house to get my camera, but when I looked back it was gone. I was shocked! For several minutes I stayed there, looking at the lake.

I waited until it appeared again. This time nearer the road and my house. I could see it clearly. I was prepared so I could take several photographs of it. They haven't come out very well, unfortunately, but one or two of them show the creature quite clearly. At one point it swam straight towards me, but then a truck passed on the road and blocked the view. Maybe, the creature heard the noise of the engine because it disappeared again. I remember that the incident lasted for only fifteen minutes.

I don't know if that was the famous monster. But there was something there. I've never seen anything so strange in my life.



1. Read and mark the sentences TRUE or FALSE (select the correct option).

There is one example (0).

- (0) Loch means lake. **TRUE**
- (1) Everybody believes that there is a monster in this lake. _____
- (2) Hunters go to Scotland to capture the monster. _____
- (3) The man wasn't inside the house when he saw something in the lake. _____
- (4) The sky was clear so he could see far away. _____
- (5) The man saw the monster twice. _____
- (6) The man in the story took a lot of good pictures of the creature. _____
- (7) When a bus passed by the road, the monster disappeared. _____
- (8) The man is not sure if what he saw was the monster of Loch Ness. _____

___ / 20 marks (2.5 marks each)

Section 3: Use of English

20 marks

1. Read part of a message from Helen to her family; she is an astronaut who is in space.

Choose the correct answer to complete the spaces. There is one example (0).

Dear All,

This voyage through the solar system (0) was **(is)** wonderful!



Yesterday we orbited Mars and 1. _____ some amazing pictures of it.
We have a lot of very interesting information 2. _____ this planet. For example,
we know that there was water on 3. _____ surface in the past.
If technology continues to grow, we 4. _____ Mars one day!

We will reach Saturn in a few hours and then we 5. _____ to Earth, so I will see
you in a few days!

Love,
Helen

___ / 5 marks



2. Read and write a word from the box to complete the sentences. There is an extra word which you do not need to use. There is one example (0).

PLANT	ARCHAEOLOGISTS	NEIGHBORHOOD	
DIG	DISTANCE	TELESCOPE	TOURISTS

- (0) I live in a quiet **neighborhood** in Montevideo. (EXAMPLE)
- (1) With a good _____, you can see craters on the moon.
- (2) A team of _____ are excavating an amazing Aztec site in Mexico.
- (3) What's the _____ between the Earth and Mars?
- (4) Millions of _____ visit Machu Picchu every year.
- (5) My sister helped me _____ a tree in the garden yesterday.

___ / 5 marks

3. Read and choose the correct option. There is one example (0).

- (0) My name **(is)** / are Julia. (EXAMPLE)
- (1) Jack _____ an astronaut one day.
- (2) I will stay at home _____ it rains tomorrow.
- (3) She promised _____ me next weekend.
- (4) The paleontologist _____ a very big dinosaur skull last week.
- (5) History is my brother's favourite subject. He really enjoys _____ about the past.

___ / 5 marks



4. Read and complete the conversation with the most appropriate response. Tick the right option. There is one example (0)

(0) How are you today?

A) Fine, thanks.

(EXAMPLE)

B) I'm 10.

C) I'm a student.

(1) What did you do at the weekend? A) My mom went with me.

B) I went camping by the river.

C) Yes, I did

(2) Who did you go with?

A) On Saturday.

B) After lunch.

C) With my friends.

(3) Why did you go?

A) Because we wanted to have fun together.

B) Yes, we wanted to go.

C) It was great!

(4) Was the weather good?

A) Yes, we did.

B) I don't know.

C) No, it was raining all the time.

(5) Will you go camping again soon? A) Only if it doesn't rain.

B) Yes, we went last week.

C) No, I don't.

___ / 5 marks