THELMA GIBSON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRE – TEST READING
GRADE 4

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer all questions.

Passage 1 - 9 marks

Joanne

Joanne's father owned a general store and sandwich shop in Bondi, a Sydney beachside suburb. Joanne and her dad lived at the back of the shop in four tiny, cluttered, and usually untidy rooms. Mom had died when Joanne was three. Joanne had wonderful memories of her mother. Memories of a soft voice, cuddles, bedtime stories and having her hair brushed.

Joanne loved her father and their home. She had always been her dad's girl, although she had her mother's smile. Dad read her stories and gave her cuddles, too, but it was difficult for him to make time for an eight - year – old. He opened the shop at 6 o'clock in the morning and didn't finish until 9 o'clock at night. Then there was the cooking, the housework to be done, and Joanne's school clothes to be washed and ironed every night.

Just before story time, Joanne would go into the shop and share a milkshake with her father. Dad's milkshake was a real treat: double milk, malt, two scoops of ice cream, and chocolate flavouring.

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1. What is the main idea of paragraph 1? (1)

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2. Choose the best answer. What is paragraph 2 mostly about? (1)
   a. Joanne's life with her father.
   b. Joanne's memories of her mother.
   c. Getting meals at the sandwich shop

3. How would you classify **soft voice, cuddles, bedtime stories and brushing her hair**? (1)

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4. Choose **TWO** things dad had to do for Joanne. (2)

   Sweep the floor washed clothes ironed feed her

5. How would you classify **double milk, malt, two scoops of ice cream and chocolate flavouring**. (1)

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6. Which of the following does **NOT** belong in this section of the shop? (1)








7. Choose the correct answer. The last paragraph is mostly about? (1)

   sharing working making milkshakes telling stories

8. Joanne could hardly remember her mother. Write **TRUE** or **False**. (1)

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Passage 2 – 11 marks

Dog on a Diet

Later that morning, the man in the corner house called to say that Strider (a dog) had been swimming in the goldfish pond and that one of the goldfish was missing.

The head of the preschool called at lunchtime to say that Strider was stealing the children's sandwiches almost out of their mouths. By the time Mrs. James arrived to collect the sandwich thief, he had gone to the shopping center. He was creating a nuisance by going into the pie shop every time a customer opened the door. When Mrs. James finally caught up with Strider, he was tearing apart a large plastic bag of garbage outside the fish shop.

"I don't think Strider's diet is going to work," said Mrs. James at the dinner table that night. She told the family about Strider's busy day. "We'll just have to send him to the shelter," said Jodie. She just loved to tease Simon. She grinned as he rose to the bait.

1. Write three words with the 'ar' sound. (3)

   _____ _____ _____

2. How would you classify **Mrs. James, Jodie, and Simon**? (1)

   _____

3. What words suggest to the reader that Strider was being a nuisance? (2)

   _____ _____

4. What was most likely in the plastic bag that Strider wanted. Choose the correct answer. (1)

   a goldfish food scraps a sandwich a pie

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5. The phrase "he rose to the bait" suggest that Simon did not realize that Jodie was _____. Select **ONE**. (1)

   joking serious annoyed

6. From the way he behaves, we can tell that Strider is _____. Choose the correct answer. (1)

   hungry tired mean lost

7. Which ONE does not belong in this group. (1)

   Kitten Strider Pitbull

8. From the passage, write the name of a place. (1)

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Passage 3 – 7 marks

JOSH

It was hard for Josh to concentrate on schoolwork during April. That was when baseball season got underway, and all Josh could think about was his favorite team, the Lightning Bolts. He had embarrassed himself today when Mr. Carpenter had asked the term for the bush country of central Australia. Josh had shot his hand into the air and called Outfield!" instead of "outback." Even Mr. Carpenter had laughed at that one, and Josh's face had turned red.

Now, strolling home from school in the soft April air, Josh saw Diana, the new girl in his English class. "Hi, Josh," she said in a friendly voice. "I wanted to ask you to come to my birthday party Saturday. It's at my house at 3:00. Can you come?"

Josh opened his mouth to reply, but no sound came out. The Lightning Bolts were playing on Saturday, and …..the game would begin at 3:05.

1. The two main characters are: (2)

Josh Diana Lightning Bolts Mr. Carpenter

2. The story takes place in the ____ (1)

summer fall winter spring

3. The action happens_____. (1)

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4. One of Josh's problems is that _____. (2)

5. What is the term of the bush country of central Australia? Write the one-word answer in the space provided. (1)

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