



מקיף האשדוד – ביה"ס על יסודי ומכללה לטכנאים והנדסאים

English Test - First Quarter (A)

PART I: LISTENING COMPREHENSION (3x6=18 points)

Listen to the broadcast. Answer questions **1-6** according to the broadcast.
In all the questions, choose the correct answer.

The Bicycles

1. Frank invited Sandra to the radio program because she is (-).

- i) writing a children's book
- ii) helping many children
- iii) organizing a new project

2. Sandra volunteers in an organization that (-).

- i) has projects all over the world
- ii) builds houses for families
- iii) sends teachers to many countries

3. Teachers in Cambodia told Mr. Thompson that many children (-).

- i) like the books he writes
- ii) live far away from the school
- iii) take a bus to school

4. What was Mr. Thompson's idea?

- i) To build a school in every village.
- ii) To send teachers to children's homes.
- iii) To buy bicycles for school children.

5. In Mr. Thompson's book there are stories about (—).

- i) places around the world
- ii) volunteers in Cambodia
- iii) children and their bicycles

6. What does Mr. Thompson do with the money he makes from his book?

- i) He gives all of it to *Save the Children*.
- ii) He uses it to visit many countries.
- iii) He buys paintings from famous artists.

PART II: READING COMPREHENSION (52 points)

Read the book report below and then answer questions 7-12.

"DOLPHIN DIARIES" – A BOOK REVIEW
by Thomas Andrews



"Dolphin Diaries" is a fascinating new book by Rachel Miller. Miller, a biologist, spent 15 years in Australia where she studied the life and behavior of more than 250 dolphins. Miller's book is very interesting with new facts and discoveries about dolphins.

5 In the first three chapters, Miller gives details about how dolphins live and work together in communities called "pods". She explains how dolphins hunt together, look after their young and even care for each other when they are sick. I especially enjoyed the parts in chapter three where Miller describes mother dolphins. The mothers spend hours playing with their babies and take care of them until they become adults. The
10 descriptions are vivid and they made me feel like I was standing on the beach watching the dolphins.

Chapter four describes the way dolphins communicate with each other. Miller was one of the first scientists who tried to understand the dolphins' "language". According to Miller, dolphins really talk to each other! She recorded how dolphins greet each other and warn each other against danger. However, this chapter is too long and rather
15 boring.

Miller's book has become very popular. As a result, the quiet beach where she did her research has become a tourist attraction. Unfortunately, the tourists leave their garbage on the beach. This pollutes the water and endangers the dolphins' lives. Miller has asked the local police to stop tourists from throwing garbage on the beach in order to
20 protect the dolphins.

The book "Dolphin Diaries" is a very special book. It combines scientific information and personal experience. Anyone who is interested in dolphins will enjoy reading Miller's book.

7. What did Rachel Miller do in Australia? (lines 1-4)

ANSWER:

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(7 points)

8. CHOOSE THE **TWO** CORRECT ANSWERS.

In the first three chapters of her book Miller describes (-). (lines 5-11)

- i) how dolphins help each other
- ii) how dolphins talk to each other
- iii) how dolphins fight their enemies
- iv) how mother dolphins take care of their babies
- v) how she collected information for her book

(2x7=14 points)

9. Dolphins "talk" to each other. Give **TWO** examples of what dolphins "talk" about. (lines 12-16)

ANSWER: (a)

(b)

(2x5=10 points)

10. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE. (Write **ONE** thing) (lines 12-16)

Thomas Andrews didn't like chapter four because...

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(7 points)

11. How did the success of Miller's book endanger the dolphins? (lines 17-21)

ANSWER:

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(7 points)

12. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

The book "Dolphin Diaries" describes (-).

- i) the training of dolphins
- ii) how dolphins help people
- iii) the way dolphins live

(7 points)

PART III: WRITING (30 points)

During the summer vacation, you worked every day to save money. **Write a letter** to your friend in New York, telling him or her about your work. **Write 60-80 words.** Here are some things you can write about:

- where you worked
- what you did
- how many hours you worked
- how much money you saved
- what do you want to do with the money

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Dear,

Yours,

Number of words:

Content: _____ /10

Vocabulary: ____/8

Language: _____ /8

Mechanics: _____ /4

GOOD LUCK!