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Grade: _____

LITERATURE TEST

SECTION A

PRESCRIBED TEXTS

PART I: CONTEXT & SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

TEXT: THE SKIN I'M IN (PROSE)

CONTEXT QUESTIONS

1. Why is Maleeka placed in detention?

[1]

3. What did Caleb do that got him sent to detention? Explain.

[2]

4. While in detention Maleeka writes the following:

“So here I am, writing in my diary, trying to see the sun.”

Explain the meaning of the above mentioned words.

Literal:

[1]

Figurative:

[2]

5. "Caleb looks at me for the longest time. Things can change," he says. "Like things between me and you, things at the school."

"Don't go there, Caleb," I say.

"I said I was sorry remember? Said it ten thousand times. Give me a break, why don't you?"

- a. Quote a hyperbole from the above quotation.

[1]

- b. Explain the meaning of the hyperbole.

[2]

- c. What does Caleb apologize for? Explain.

[2]

6. “Maleeka, forgive and forget. That’s easier than dragging around anger like sacks of stone.”

- a. Identify the speaker in the above quotation.

[1]

- b. Identify the figure of speech in the above quotation.

[1]

- c. Explain the meaning of the above quotation.

[2]

[Total: 15 marks]

SHORT ANSWER QUESTION

7. Maleeka calls her school “a dump”. Write a paragraph of about 120 words in which you:

(a) give at least **SIX** specific details about her school that probably contributes to Maleeka’s negative opinions of it and (b) explain **ONE** positive thing about the school.

[illegible]

SECTION B- (Poetry)

1. “And then I pressed the shell
Close to my ear,
And listened well.”

- (a) Name the poem from which the above lines are taken. _____ {1}
(b) What is the setting of the poem? _____ (1)
(c) What is the shell compared to in the poem? _____ (1)
(d.) What is the rhyming pattern in the above stanza? _____ {1}

2. And bubbling sea-weeds, as the waters go,
Swish to and fro
Their long, cold tentacles of slimy grey:

- (a) What sound device is evident in the above stanza? _____ {1}
(b.) Write the example of the sound device. _____ {1}
(c.) In the box below, place the type of imagery and an example from the above stanza in the spaces provided.

Type of Imagery	Example of Imagery
1.	
2.	
3.	