

YEAR 8 READING COMPREHENSION ASSESSMENT (EAL VERSION)

Part 1: READING: Read the following text and answer questions that follow. [5 Marks]

Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela was born in 1918, in South Africa.
He died in 2013.



Nelson Mandela's Life

Nelson Mandela argued that Black people and White people should be treated the same.

He was sent to prison for life for his opinions. He spent 27 years there. Many people wanted him to be freed. In 1990, he was set free.

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South Africa

Did You Know...?

- 'Free Nelson Mandela' was a hit song.
- He was a lawyer.

Mandela Day is a celebration of the difference he made. It is celebrated on 18th July every year as this would be his birthday.



Questions

1. When was Nelson Mandela born? Tick **one**.

- ☐ 1918
☐ 1999
☐ 2017

2. Where was he from? Tick **one**.

- ☐ England
☐ South Africa
☐ America

3. How long was he in prison for? Tick **one**.

- ☐ 7 months
☐ 2 days
☐ 27 years

4. When did he become president of South Africa? Tick **one**.

- ☐ 1969
- ☐ 1994
- ☐ 1990

5. Which of the facts below are true? Tick **two**.

- ☐ He was the first Black president of South Africa.
- ☐ People wanted him to stay in prison.
- ☐ Mandela Day is celebrated on his birthday.

Part 2: Read the following fable and answer the following questions [10 Marks]

One day a crow was flying to her nest. She saw a bit of cheese on the window ledge. The bird flew down and sat on a fence. She waited until no one was about. Then she flew with the cheese to a tree. A hungry fox saw the crow. He wondered how he could get hold of the cheese. Then the animal had a clever idea.

"Hello, Mrs. Crow!" he called. "How are you?" The crow just nodded her head. "How pretty you look!" cried the fox. The bird was pleased but said nothing. "You must be a lovely singer!" said the fox.

The foolish bird was so flattered that she tried to sing. As soon as she opened her beak, the cheese fell to the ground. At once the cunning fox snapped up the cheese and ran off with it. The stupid crow learned a lesson.

Answer each question using a complete sentence.

1. What is the title of the story?
2. Where was the crow going?
3. What did she see on a window ledge?
4. Where did the bird go with the cheese?
5. Who saw the crow?
6. What did the fox say to her?
7. What happened when she opened her beak?
8. What did the cunning fox do?
9. Give a synonym for the word "cunning".
10. What is the **moral or lesson** of this story?
 - A. Don't listen to flatterers.
 - B. Don't take other people's food.
 - C. Listen to compliments

Part 3: Read the following text and answer questions that follow. [9Marks]

A FUN INVENTION!

Smartphones are a great invention. There are lots of applications you can have for less than £5. Here are some fun apps for children or adults.

A Curious George's Town (£2.49)

Children (4 years old and older) organise the vegetables in the market, learn the alphabet in the library and help recycle in the park. They win coins (not real ones!) which they can save or use to build their town and buy farm animals (and dinosaurs).

C The Shape Monster (free)

This game is for children aged two and up, and it helps them to learn the shapes. The Shape Monster is a friendly but hungry monster. He tells the children what shape he wants to eat and they give it to him. There are two levels for different ages.

B On this day (£0.99)

Choose any day of the year and get information on events that happened in the past on that day. For example, what happened on 7th April? Well, Keith Kellogg created the cereal Corn Flakes in 1860, and the famous artist El Greco died in 1614. This app is great for teenagers and adults.

D Waze (free)

This app is used by drivers who prefer to have satnav technology on their phone. They can build their own maps, get information on the traffic and directions as they drive. When there are problems, they can send this information to other drivers who have the app.



Match the statements below with the text A,B,C,D above. [5 Marks]

- ❶ This app is designed for the youngest users.
- ❷ This app helps users learn the value of money.
- ❸ This app is only for adult users.
- ❹ You can learn about discoveries and inventions with this app.
- ❺ It's the cheapest app for children.

Use the words given in the box to complete the sentences below. [4 Marks]

about	to talk	smartphone	useful	laptop
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- a I can use it _____ to my friends, send texts and take photos!
- b What _____ you?
- c I do like my _____ too, but the most important gadget for me is my _____.
- d I think it's more _____ than a laptop.

Part 4: Complete the sentences below with the correct word from the box. [10 Marks]

1. Tom can't hear properly because he has
2. What's the matter? I have Go to the dentist.
3. Andy had the and he used nearly two boxes of tissues.
4. James had a and drank lots of hot drinks.
5. I have got a where I hit my leg on the coffee table.
6. Alex can't go to school today because he is
7. Mrs. Wick uses toilet a lot this morning because she feels
8. Timmy never eats tomatoes because she has an
9. Peter does not want to do anything because he is so
10. Shelly can't eat or drink very well because she has a

bruise

sore throat

cold

diarrhea

earache

runny nose

sick

toothache

tired

allergy



Part 5: Read the text below and type True or False for statements given below. [6 Marks]

FAMILY

Hello, my name is Michelle. I am from England. I live in Liverpool. I am nine years old. I live in a house. I live with my father, my mother and my brother. My dad is 40 years old. His name is Steve. He has a beard. My mum is 36 years old. Her name is Laura. She has glasses. My brother is 3 years old. His name is Peter. He has blue eyes. My family is fantastic. Bye!



1. Her name is Melissa.
2. She is from Italy.
3. She lives in Liverpool.
4. She is 8 years old.
5. She lives in a farm.
6. Her dad is forty years old.

- END OF QUESTIONS -