

Cleveland Eneas Primary School  
Christmas Term Examination  
Reading Comprehension

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You will have 40 minutes to read the passages and answer the questions for this test. Remember that **ALL** answers must come from the passages.

### **JOSH**

It was hard for Josh to concentrate on school work during April. That was the month when baseball season got underway, and all Josh could think about was his favourite team, the Lightning Bolts. Today in class he embarrassed himself when Mr. Rolle, his sixth-grade teacher asked for the term for the bush country in central Australia. Josh shot his hand into the air and called 'Outfield!' instead of 'Outback'. Even Mr. Rolle laughed at that one, and Josh's face turned red.

Now strolling home from school in the soft April air, Josh saw Diane, the new girl in his class. "Hi, Josh," she said in a friendly voice. "I want to invite you to attend my birthday party on Saturday. It will be 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. Which sport did Josh enjoy? (1 pt)  
a. basketball      b. football      c. baseball
2. What month signalled the season start for Josh's favourite sport? (1 pt)  
a. April      b. May      c. March
3. What evidence in the passage suggest that Josh was not paying attention in class? (2 pt)  
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4. What was the problem that Josh faced at the end of the story? (2 pt)  
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5. Based on the passage what prediction can be made about what Josh will do at 3:00 Saturday? (3pt)  
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## TONIQUE WILLIAMS DARLING

On October 3, 2005 Tonique Williams Darling finally got her way! The street which borders her childhood home and the schools she attended, was named in her honour. This Bahamian sports legend made history when she ran herself and The Bahamas into the record books. Tonique is the first athlete to receive such an accolade. Although The Bahamas had previously won Olympic gold medals, Tonique is the first to have won an individual gold medal.

When she first heard that portion of Harrold Road would be renamed Tonique Williams- Darling Highway, MRS. Darling said she did not know 'how to feel.' But after reflecting on other Bahamian heroes who had landmarks named in their honour, she felt inspired. 'It feels great to know that from this, hope can be given to the hopeless and strength will be given to the Bahamian people to accomplish whatever goals they might have' Tonique explained.

The Prime Minister, Perry Christie, at the renaming ceremony challenged all youths to focus in the accomplishment f Tonique Williams-Darling. 'Tonique was able to bring the country to the highest point in the world, he said in his address.

1. Circle the letter next to the correct answer.

**"Tonique Williams Darling finally got her way."** Which of the following best explains the phrase **"got her way"**? (1 pt)

- a. She got what she wanted.
- b. She was spoiled and selfish
- c. She ran her way into the record books.
- d. A highway was named in her honor.

2. Was Tonique the first Bahamian to win an Olympic gold medal? Tick the correct answer. (1 pt)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

3. What made Tonique's accomplishment special? (2 pt)

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4. Based on the passage, match the words in Column A with a word that is similar in meaning from Column B. (3 pt)

**Column A**

- a. Accolade
- b. Address
- c. Portion

**Column B**

- speech
- part
- Goal
- Award

## THE GOAT

Last summer Mario decided to walk to the beach near his home in Orange Creek, Cat Island. There were lots of trees loaded with purple, sweet, juicy grapes. Climbing up to the top of a tree, Mario stuffed his pockets with grapes.

Suddenly, he heard a loud ringing sound. Curious, he climbed down and followed it deep into the bushes. Deeper and deeper he walked until he realized he was lost.

Mario sat on a big flat rock and cried. How can I find my way home? He thought. When he opened his eyes, standing in front of him was a small Billy goat. The goat tilted his head toward the right and bleated, "Ma-a ma-a." Then he turned and slowly walked off in that direction. Mario sprang to his feet and followed the goat. It led him right back to the beach.

"Thank you, Billy goat!" he said.

1. At what time of the year did this story take place? (1 pt)  
a. spring      b. summer      c. winter      d. fall
  
2. Where did the story take place? \_\_\_\_\_ (1 pt)
  
3. What made Mario curious? (1 pt)  
a. he heard a goat crying  
b. he saw many grapes in trees.  
c. He heard a loud ringing sound
  
4. What was the problem in the story? \_\_\_\_\_ (2 pt)
  
5. What did Mario see in front of him when he opened his eyes? (1 pt)  
a. his parents      b. a policeman      c. a Billy goat      d. a horse
  
6. How was Mario's problem solved in the story? (2 pt)  
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