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ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSESSMENT 2014 GRADE 6 ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE TEST

MARKS: 70

TIME: 1½ hours

PROVINCE _____

DISTRICT _____

CIRCUIT _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

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CLASS (e.g. 6A) _____

SURNAME _____

NAME _____

GENDER (✓)

BOY	
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GIRL	
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This test consists of 12 pages, excluding the cover page.

Instructions to the learner

1. Read all the instructions carefully.
2. Answer all the questions in the spaces provided.
3. The test duration is 1½ hours.
4. The teacher will lead you through the practice exercise before you start the test.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

Practice exercise

1. Circle the letter of the correct answer below.

Which country does the soccer team Bafana Bafana represent?

- A Australia
- B South Africa
- C Cameroon
- D Nigeria

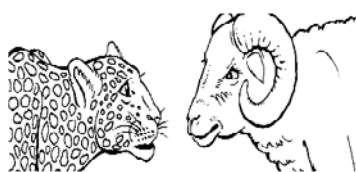
You answered the question correctly if you circled the letter **B**.

The test starts on the next page.

SECTION A: READING AND VIEWING

Read the story below and answer QUESTIONS 1 to 9.

Leopard and Jackal were friends and lived in a jungle. Leopard was returning home from hunting when he came upon a strange looking animal with huge, horrible horns on its head. Leopard had never seen such an animal before and was intimidated by it. Cautiously he snarled, "Hello, what is your name, stranger?" The animal, pounding his chest, gruffly replied, "I am Ram. Who are you, spotted one?" "I am Leopard," he replied meekly, and dashed away as fast as lightning.



Leopard, breathless from his running, said to Jackal, "I have seen a frightening creature such as I didn't know existed! The creature said he was Ram and pounded his chest." Jackal laughed, "You are silly to leave behind such sweet meat. Tomorrow, we shall search for Ram and feast upon him together!"

The following day, as soon as the sun awakened, they went in search of Ram. Ram spotted them approaching, and warned his wife. "We shall perish this day. Jackal and Leopard are out to find us!" "Yes, but they cannot match our wit," said his wife. "Take our son out with you, and when they approach, pinch the child so that he cries as if he is hungry."

As the two came near, Ram pinched the child. Leopard's eyes opened wide in fear, he knew the meaning of that sound from his own cubs. Leopard tried to run, but Jackal held him tightly. "Come Leopard, we shall feast," said Jackal. On hearing these words Ram pinched his child again, at the same time his wife cried, "Jackal, you've done well to bring us Leopard to eat! As you see, my child is very hungry."

This time Jackal could not hold Leopard, he bolted into the jungle, dragging Jackal behind, until they arrived wearily at home. Leopard and Jackal never hunted together again, and Ram and his family lived in peace.

[Adapted from *African Legends and Folktales* by G. Lee-<http://www.amedja.tripod.com>]

1. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

What is the best title for this story?

- A How Ram and his wife outwitted Leopard and Jackal.
- B The leopard and his two friends
- C The cheeky leopard
- D The great hunt (1)

2. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

2.1 Identify the main characters in the story.

- A The leopard, the ram and the jackal
- B The leopard and the jackal
- C The leopard and the ram
- D The ram and the jackal (1)

2.2 What happened after Leopard realised he was being tricked?

- A Leopard ran away pulling Jackal behind him.
- B Leopard and Ram became friends.
- C Jackal ate Leopard.
- D Ram had a feast. (1)

2.3 Where does the story take place?

- A High up in the mountains
- B In a big city
- C In a jungle
- D In the zoo (1)

3. The sentences below are in the wrong sequence. Re-number them (1–4) as they occur in the story.

1.	Ram's wife came up with a plan to escape Leopard and Jackal.
2.	Leopard was returning home from hunting.
3.	Leopard and Jackal never hunted together again.
4.	Leopard saw a strange looking animal.

Answer

(2)

4. Answer the following questions.

4.1 Write a word from Paragraph 1 that is used to tell you that Leopard and Jackal knew one another. _____ (1)

4.2 Find one word from Paragraph 5 that tells how Leopard forced Jackal to go home. _____ (1)

5. Write out the suffix in the word breathless.

(1)

6. Why did Leopard and Jackal never hunt together again?

(1)

7. Answer the following questions.

7.1 Identify the simile in paragraph one and write it down.

(1)

7.2 Identify the figure of speech below by circling the correct word within brackets.

“The sun awakened,” is an example of (personification/metaphor).

(1)

8. Summarise the story in **five** sentences.


(5)

9. Use the information from the story to complete the sentence below.


If Ram did not spot Jackal and Leopard, he _____

(1)

Study the advertisement below and answer QUESTIONS 10 to 15.



Gooey Glue

We  to help save the planet.

Gooey Glue is:
Strong
Acid-free
Washable
Safe for children

Easy to use
Great sticking power
Eco-friendly
The brand you can trust

10. What product is being advertised?

(1)

11. Would you buy this product?

Tick (✓) the appropriate block and give a reason for your choice.

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(2)

12. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

Who is most likely to use this product often?

- A swimmers
- B learners
- C farmers
- D babies

(1)

13. Answer the following questions.

13.1 What does this eco-friendly product help save?

(1)

13.2 Is the name "Gooley Glue" an example of alliteration or assonance?

(1)

14. List **two** adjectives (describing words) used in this advertisement.

(1)

(1)

15. Change the following sentence to indirect speech.

Jane said, "I find it easy to use Gooley Glue."

Jane said _____

(3)

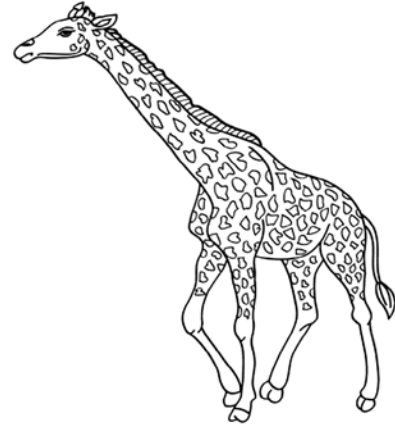
TOTAL SECTION A: 29

SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURE AND CONVENTIONS

Read the following passage and answer QUESTIONS 16 to 26.

GIRAFFES

Of all the animals, the giraffe is the one with the longest neck. The giraffe eats leaves and grass. It has to spread its front legs to eat grass, or to have a drink of water. The giraffe's long neck makes it possible for it to eat leaves at the top of trees that other animals can't reach. Nature is wonderful and makes sure that no food is wasted.



Giraffes are gentle animals and they can defend themselves well from carnivorous predators. Their camouflage allows them to blend in with the surroundings. If confronted by a lion, they use their long legs to kick. Many lions have received unpleasant surprises from a giraffe's front hooves!

[Adapted from: *INTEGRA Y-READ*]

16. Rewrite the following sentence, correcting the spelling and punctuation errors.

feeding takes up most of the giraffes day and they are also active at nite.

(3)

17. Identify the underlined nouns from the options in the box below.

proper noun;	common noun;	collective noun
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17.1 Giraffes can defend themselves very well. (1)

17.2 Giraffes are mainly found in Africa. (1)

17.3 A herd of giraffes consists of about twelve animals. (1)

18. Underline the verb in the sentence below.

Giraffes eat leaves and grass. (1)

19. Write the correct form of the verb in brackets.

The lion has _____(catch) the giraffe. (1)

20. Fill in the correct prepositions.

20.1 Giraffes love _____ eat grass. (1)

20.2 Giraffes are often attacked _____ lions. (1)

21. Join each set of sentences by using the conjunction in the brackets.

21.1 Giraffes eat leaves. Giraffes eat grass. (and)

_____ (1)

21.2 Giraffes have very long necks. They are the tallest animals. (therefore)

_____ (1)

21.3 Giraffes have to spread their front legs. They reach down to drink water. (when)

_____ (1)

22. Complete each sentence below with the correct pronoun from the box.

they;	its;	their
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22.1 Giraffes use _____ long legs to defend themselves. (1)

22.2 Giraffes are big but _____ are very gentle animals. (1)

22.3 The giraffe stretched _____ neck. (1)

23. Circle the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

23.1 The female giraffe (give / gives) birth to one baby at a time. (1)

23.2 Giraffes (travel / travels) in small herds. (1)

24. Write the sentence below in two simple sentences.
Giraffes are gentle animals and they can defend themselves from predators.

_____ (1)

25. Rewrite the following sentences in the given tense in brackets.

25.1 Giraffes eat leaves and grass. (simple past tense)
_____ (1)

25.2 The giraffe is stretching its long neck. (past continuous tense)
_____ (1)

25.3 Giraffes move in small herds. (simple future tense)
_____ (1)

26. Identify the sentence types.

e.g. I love chocolates. (statement)

26.1 Where are giraffes mainly found?
_____ (1)

26.2 Giraffes have very good eyesight.
_____ (1)

26.3 Don't hunt and kill giraffes!
_____ (1)

TOTAL SECTION B: 26

