

ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

GRADE 8 – PAPER 2

TOTAL: 30 TERM 4

TIME: 1 Hour

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This paper consists of:
SECTION A: Katy of Sky Road
SECTION B: Poetry
2. Answer all the questions.
3. Staple your answers to the front of your question paper.

SECTION A – Katy of Sky Road

QUESTION 1

“Wesley doesn’t do our subjects.”

“Pastor will be disappointed, Katy, but I suppose your school work is very important. Please see that you are back before ten o’clock.”

I hate telling lies. I’m sure God must be disappointed in me, but I will make it up. I’m not sure how yet, but I know I will.

I grab my parcel and denim jacket and rush out, blowing kisses to Hector and Auntie Rose. I’m in a hurry in case Pastor arrives and wants to give me a lift again.

I change into the cargo pants in the staff toilet at the garage. I feel like a new human being – burdened by my lies and my mother’s sadness, but renewed all the same. I must stop telling lies.

Rasta and Ricardo arrive and we are on our way.

It takes me a while to get into the mood this time. I miss the beat and cannot harmonise with Ricardo the way I did before. I think he is getting cross.

“What’s the matter with you? Why are you so stiff?” he asks me.

“I’m sorry,” I manage to say.

“You must tell me if you are tired of dancing with me, Katy. You know I’m serious about winning this competition. I want to go to America.”

“America?”

“Yes, you too. If we win the South African championships, we could compete in Los Angeles.”

Hector would never let me go to America with Ricardo. Can you imagine? But I don’t tell Ricardo this.

“I’m just tired,” I say. “Ballroom, homework, it’s all been a bit much lately.”

“The thing is, are you serious about hip-hop, Katy?”

“I am. Of course I am.”

- 1.1 Where do you think Katy says she is going? (1)
- 1.2 What became of Katy’s mother? (1)
- 1.3 Why are Rasta and Ricardo always together? (2)

- 1.4 What type of dancing did Katy use to do and with whom? (2)
- 1.5 Why is Katy not doing homework with Wesley? (1)
- 1.6 Who won the South African championships in the end? (2)
- 1.7 Who is Hector? (1)
- 1.8 What wrong impression did Katy have of Hector concerning her mother? (3)
- 1.9 Do you think it is right that Katy is lying to Hector? Give a reason for your answer. (2)
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SECTION B - POETRY

QUESTION 2

The Sad Story of Percy, the TV Addict by J.G. Goodacre

Young Percy's parents could not get
Their son to leave the TV set.
In fact, it was a common sight,
From five o'clock till late at night,
To see young Percival McQueen
Before the television screen.

He watched the sport, the plays, the news,
The Westerns and the interviews.
The programmes might be good or bad,
They might be comical or sad;
He watched them all the evening through.

At half-past five the little chap
Would eat his supper on his lap;
But what he ate, he did not know –
His eyes were on the children's show!
All table manners he forgot.
It didn't worry him a jot.

And then one night, I'm sad to tell
Young Percival was heard to yell:
'I cannot watch it any more,
My eyes are feeling strange and sore!
And when he got up from his chair,
His eyes were green and red ... and square!

Poor Percy had to pay the price
Of ignoring good advice.
For fear that you might share his fate,
You must learn to discriminate.
Don't be like Percival McQueen –
An addict of the TV screen.

- 2.1 What were Percy's parents concerned about? (1)
- 2.2 Quote a word from stanza 1 that means it was not unusual to see Percy in front of the television set? (1)
- 2.3 Make a list of what Percy watched on television. (5)
- 2.4 Quote a line from stanza 2 which shows that Percy did not only watch quality programmes. (1)
- 2.5 What is the meaning of the word "jot"? (1)
- 2.6 What happened to Percy for watching too much TV? (2)
- 2.7 What must you do to avoid the fate of Percy McQueen? (Answer in your own words.) (2)
- 2.8 What do you call this type of poem? (1)
- 2.9 Write down any two words that rhyme. (1)

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