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**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2½ hours**

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This question paper consists of 14 pages.

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**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of FOUR sections:

SECTION A:	COMPREHENSION AND LANGUAGE	(40 marks)
SECTION B:	SUMMARY	(10 marks)
SECTION C:	LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT	(20 marks)
SECTION D:	TRANSACTIONAL WRITING	(30 marks)
2. Answer ALL the questions.
3. Number the questions correctly, according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
4. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A: COMPREHENSION****QUESTION 1**

Read the text below and answer the set questions.

**About the text:** *Holes* is an award-winning young adult's novel by Louis Sachar. It was published in 1998 and was adapted into a film and released in 2003.

**PART ONE****YOU ARE NOW ENTERING CAMP GREEN LAKE**

1. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. There once was a very large lake here, the largest lake in Texas. That was over a hundred years ago. Now it is just a dry, flat wasteland. There used to be a town of Green Lake as well. The town shrivelled and dried up along with the lake, and the people who lived there.
2. During the summer the daytime temperature hovers around ninety-five degrees\* in the shade – if you can find any shade. There's not much shade in a big dry lake. The only trees are two old oaks on the eastern edge of the "lake." A hammock is stretched between the two trees, and a log cabin stands behind that. The campers are forbidden to lie in the hammock. It belongs to the Warden. The Warden owns the shade.
3. Out on the lake, rattlesnakes and scorpions find shade under rocks and in the holes dug by the campers. Here's a good rule to remember about rattlesnakes and scorpions: If you don't bother them, they won't bother you. Usually. Being bitten by a scorpion or even a rattlesnake is not the worst thing that can happen to you. You won't die. Usually.
4. Sometimes a camper will try to be bitten by a scorpion, or even a small rattlesnake. Then he will get to spend a day or two recovering in his tent, instead of having to dig a hole out on the lake. But you don't want to be bitten by a yellow-spotted lizard. That's the worst thing that can happen to you. You will die a slow and painful death. Always. If you get bitten by a yellow-spotted lizard, you might as well go into the shade of the oak trees and lie in the hammock. There is nothing anyone can do to you anymore.
5. The reader is probably asking: Why would anyone go to Camp Green Lake? Most campers weren't given a choice. Camp Green Lake is a camp for bad boys. If you take a bad boy and make him dig a hole every day in the hot sun, it will turn him into a good boy. That was what some people thought.
6. Stanely Yelnats was given a choice. The judge said, "You may go to jail, or you may go to Camp Green Lake." Stanley was from a poor family. He had never been to camp before.

7. Stanley Yelnats was the only passenger on the bus, not counting the driver or the guard. The guard sat next to the driver with his seat turned around facing Stanley. A rifle lay across his lap. Stanley was sitting about ten rows back, handcuffed to his armrest. His backpack lay on the seat next to him. It contained his toothbrush, toothpaste, and a box of stationery his mother had given him. He'd promised to write to her at least once a week.
8. He looked out the window, although there wasn't much to see – mostly fields of hay and cotton. He was on a long bus ride to nowhere. The bus wasn't air-conditioned, and the hot, heavy air was almost as stifling as the handcuffs.
9. Stanley and his parents had tried to pretend that he was just going away to camp for a while, just like rich kids do. When Stanley was younger he used to play with stuffed animals, and pretend the animals were at camp. Camp Fun and Games he called it. Sometimes he'd have them play soccer with a marble. Other times they'd run an obstacle course, or go bungee jumping off a table, tied to broken rubber bands. Now Stanley tried to pretend he was going to Camp Fun and Games. Maybe he'd make some friends, he thought. At least he'd get to swim in the lake.
10. He didn't have any friends at home. He was overweight and the kids at his middle school often teased him about his size. Even his teachers sometimes made cruel comments without realising it. On his last day of school, his Maths teacher, Mrs Bell, taught ratios. As an example, she chose the heaviest kid in the class and the lightest kid in the class, and had them weigh themselves. Stanley weighed three times as much as the other boy. Mrs Bell wrote the ratio on the board, 3:1, unaware of how much embarrassment she had caused both of them.
11. Stanley was arrested later that day. He looked at the guard who sat slumped in his seat and wondered if he had fallen asleep. The guard was wearing sunglasses, so Stanley couldn't see his eyes. Stanley was not a bad kid. He was innocent of the crime for which he was convicted. He'd just been in the wrong place at the wrong time.
12. It was all because of his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather! He smiled. It was a family joke. Whenever anything went wrong, they always blamed Stanley's no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather. Supposedly, he had a great-great-grandfather who had stolen a pig from a one-legged Gypsy, and she put a curse on him and all his descendants. Stanley and his parents didn't believe in curses, of course, but whenever anything went wrong, it felt good to be able to blame someone.
13. Things went wrong a lot. They always seemed to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

\*Fahrenheit. This is about 35 degrees Celsius.

[Source: *Holes* by Louis Sachar]

Refer to paragraph 1.

- 1.1 What is ironic about the name “Camp Green Lake”? (2)
- 1.2 Identify and explain the figure of speech used in the last sentence. (2)

Refer to paragraph 2.

- 1.3 What do you understand by the sentence, “The Warden owns the shade”? (2)
- 1.4 Give a reason for your answer in QUESTION 1.3. Quote from the passage to support your answer. (2)
- 1.5 Which wild reptile at Camp Green Lake do the campers fear the most?
- A Scorpions
  - B Rattlesnakes
  - C Yellow-spotted lizards
  - D Spiders

Write down only the correct LETTER next to the corresponding question number. (1)

- 1.6 What is the Warden’s function at the camp? (2)

Refer to paragraph 5.

- 1.7 “Camp Green Lake is a camp for bad boys.” Explain what kind of a camp this really is using more formal language. (2)
- 1.8 Why do you think the boys who are sent to the Camp are made to dig holes every day in the hot sun? (2)
- 1.9 If you look closely at Stanley’s name and surname (Yelnats) you will notice that it reads the same in both directions. This is called a **palindrome**. Look at the dictionary entry below and answer the set questions.

<p><b>palindrome</b> <i>n.</i> a word or phrase that reads the same way backwards as forwards (e.g. <i>rotator, nurses run</i>). [Gk <i>palindromes</i> running back again f. <i>palin</i> again + <i>drom-</i> run]</p>
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- 1.9.1 What part of speech is the word palindrome? (1)
- 1.9.2 What is the language of origin of this word? (1)
- 1.9.3 Think of a palindrome (with four letters or more) and write it down. (1)

- 1.10 Stanley was given a choice of either going to jail or to Camp Green Lake. Why do you think he chose the camp? (2)
- 1.11 Do you think Stanley would have chosen the camp if he knew what the camp was like? (2)
- 1.12 Why did Stanley not enjoy the bus ride to Camp Green Lake?
- A The bus driver was rude to him.
  - B The trip was too long.
  - C The bus had no air-conditioning and he was in handcuffs.
  - D He was afraid the rifle the guard had on his lap would accidentally discharge.

Write down only the correct LETTER next to the corresponding question number. (1)

Refer to paragraph 10.

- 1.13 How does Mrs Bell encourage Stanley's classmates' cruel remarks about his appearance? (2)
- 1.14 What misfortune did Stanley's great-great-grandfather endure? (2)
- 1.15 What is the function of the hyphens in "no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather"? (1)
- 1.16 Which country is the setting for this story? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer. (2)

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**QUESTION 2: VOCABULARY AND IDIOMATIC LANGUAGE**

Find a word in the comprehension passage which has the same meaning as:

- 2.1 found guilty of a crime (1)
- 2.2 remain in one place, linger (1)
- 2.3 make (someone) unable to breathe properly (1)
- 2.4 a bed made of canvas or of rope mesh and suspended by cords at the end (1)
- 2.5 an unproductive or useless piece of land (1)
- 2.6 In the comprehension passage Stanley is found guilty of a crime and sent to Camp Green Lake. (1)

The words and phrases in COLUMN A below use words related to **crime** informally in different ways. Match them with their meanings in COLUMN B. Write down only the question number (2.6.1–2.6.5) and the letter (A–E) of the correct answer, for example 2.6.6 F.

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
2.6.1	thick as thieves	A	doing things in a very aggressive way
2.6.2	a steal	B	to do something very bad and not get punished for it
2.6.3	highway (daylight) robbery	C	on very close, friendly terms with one another
2.6.4	get away with murder	D	a bargain
2.6.5	take no prisoners	E	a shameless swindle

(5 x 1)

(5)  
**[10]**

**TOTAL SECTION A: 40**

**SECTION B: SUMMARY****QUESTION 3****INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

Carefully read the text below. You are required to do the following:

- Summarise each of the seven points below **using your own words** as far as possible.
- Each point must be a full sentence.
- Number each point to match the number of the point in the passage.
- No point may be longer than **TWELVE WORDS**.
- Indicate the number of words used at the end of each point.
- **MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED IF YOU IGNORE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.**

*Schooldays are not always the best days of your life. For some people, they are the worst. Little freedom, maddening teachers, the uniform, playground bullying, boring subjects and endless days in hot classrooms. So what can you do to make life at school less of a drag?*

1. Whatever your interests or views, there are bound to be people who share them. Find them and make friends. Many friendships start off with people doing something together, such as helping out at in the library, or playing sport for the school. Invite them over to your house or go and see a movie together.
2. Homework. Just do it. You've heard this a million times. Point is, doing it is just so much less hassle than not doing it. And come exam time, things will just be so much easier for you if you've kept up during the term. No last minute dramas, in other words.
3. Don't just stand there! Somewhere in the school there must be an activity that appeals to you – sport, chess, the drama group, the choir, the band. Schools provide many opportunities. It might be years before you get this kind of choice again. It's also a good way to make friends.
4. If you're eating a healthy diet, you'll not only be more attractive, but also find it easier to concentrate. Hamburgers and chips every now and then won't kill you, but do it every day and you'll get fat. Five portions of fresh fruit and vegetables a day, some protein, six glasses of water, limited fat and carbohydrates like wholewheat bread should be part of your daily diet.
5. Bullies like people smaller than themselves who stand out for some reason. Despite efforts on the part of teachers to curb bullying, they can't be everywhere all the time. So, try and blend in vaguely with the crowd. If you are the only one in the school with spiky hair or purple socks, you're going to be noticed. And not just by the cute girl in your class.



6. Cheating in exams or tests can land you in serious trouble. Serious enough that universities may refuse to accept you if you apply, especially if this happened in an external exam. Never take anything that isn't yours, as it could brand you for life.
7. There are few things more frustrating than doing subjects you don't enjoy or have no interest in. Of course, you have to keep the future in mind, but if you have no interest in Advanced Mathematics now, you will probably not have it in the future either. It isn't difficult to do well in subjects you really like. But don't go only for the soft options – it might be difficult to get a job one day. Find what you are passionate about and find a way to make a living from it one day.

[Source: <http://www.parent24.com/Back-to-School/10-ways-to-make-school-easier-20080724> (adapted)]

**TOTAL SECTION B: 10**

**SECTION C: LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT****QUESTION 4: READING STATISTICS**

Study the information provided below and answer the set questions.

**Number of rhinos killed by poaching in South Africa (2010 – 2012)**

	2010	2011	2012
Kruger National Park	146	252	258
Marakele National Park	0	6	3
Gauteng	15	9	1
Limpopo	52	74	48
Mpumalanga	17	31	18
North West	57	21	43
Eastern Cape	4	11	7
Free State	3	4	0
Kwazulu-Natal	38	34	50
Western Cape	0	6	2
Northern Cape	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>430</b>

[Source: Department of Environmental Affairs]

- 4.1 Which **province** had the highest number of rhinos killed in 2012? (1)
- 4.2 How many rhinos has South Africa lost **in total** between 2010 and 2012? (1)
- 4.3 How many provinces showed a decrease in the number of rhinos killed between 2011 and 2012? (1)
- 4.4 Do you think the information provided is reliable? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

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**QUESTION 5: LANGUAGE AND TEXTUAL EDITING**

Read the passage below, which contains some deliberate errors, and answer the set questions.

1. "Gangnam Style" is a K-pop single by the South Korean musician PSY.
2. The song was released in July 2012 as the lead single of his sixth studio album PSY 6, (Six Rules) Part 1, and debuted at number one on South Korea's Gaon Chart.
3. On December 21 2012 "Gangnam Style" became the first YouTube video to reach a billion views.
4. As of April 1 2013 the music video has been viewed over 1,5 billion times on YouTube, and it is the site's most watched video after surpassing Justin Bieber's single "Baby".
5. The phrase "Gangnam Style" is a Korean neologism that refers to a lifestyle asociated with the Gangnam District of Seoul.
6. The song and its accompanying music video went viral in August 2012 and have influenced popular culture worldwide since then.
7. "Gangnam Style" recieved mixed to positive reviews, with praise going to its catchy beat and PSY's amusing dance moves (which themselves have become a phenomenon) in the music video and during live performances in various locations around the world.

[Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gangnam\\_style](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gangnam_style) (Adapted)]

- 5.1 Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words in sentence 2 of the passage. Write down only the words and next to each it's part of speech. (3)
- 5.2 Rewrite the following sentence in indirect/reported speech.  
PSY said, "I am thrilled with this level of success". (4 x ½) (2)
- 5.3 Identify and correct TWO spelling errors in the passage. (2)
- 5.4 Refer to sentence 2.
  - 5.4.1 What is the purpose of the commas in this sentence? (1)
  - 5.4.2 What other punctuation mark could have been used? (1)

- 5.5 Refer to "... Justin Bieber's *Baby*". (sentence 4)
- 5.5.1 What is the function of the apostrophe here? (1)
- 5.5.2 State another function of the apostrophe and give an example of your own to illustrate. (2)
- 5.6 Refer to "Gangnam Style" (sentences 1, 3, 5 and 7)
- 5.6.1 Why is "Gangnam Style" written in inverted commas? (1)
- 5.6.2 Mention another method which could have been used. (1)
- 5.7 Refer to sentence 4. State whether this is a simple, compound or complex sentence. (1)
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**TOTAL SECTION C: 20**

**SECTION D: TRANSACTIONAL WRITING****QUESTION 6: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT****INSTRUCTIONS**

- Choose **ONE** of the following topics.
- The body of your answer should be 160–180 words.
- Write down the number and heading of the text you have chosen, e.g. 6.1 Informal/friendly letter.

**6.1 INFORMAL/FRIENDLY LETTER**

In the comprehension passage Stanley promised to write to his mother at least once a week.

Imagine that you are Stanley. Write an informal (friendly) letter to your mother telling her about your **first week** at Camp Green Lake.

**NOTE:** **Do not** simply “lift” information from the comprehension passage and include it in your letter.

**[30]****OR****6.2 DIARY ENTRY**

You have been falsely accused of something you did not do.

Write a series of THREE diary entries (three different dates) in which you express your thoughts and emotions.

**[30]****OR****6.3 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

The pictures reproduced below may evoke a reaction or feeling in you or stir your imagination.

Write an article for your school newspaper based on ONE of the pictures. Write the question number of your choice and give your article a title.

**NOTE:** There must be a clear link between your article and that picture you have chosen.

6.3.1



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OR

6.3.2



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SECTION D TOTAL: 30  
GRAND TOTAL: 100

