English test

Reading answer booklet
No place like home

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School ______________________________________________

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Instructions

Questions and Answers
You have now had 15 minutes to read *No place like home* and *The Earthship* leaflet. In this booklet, there are different types of question for you to answer in different ways. The space for your answer shows you what type of writing is needed.

- **short answers**
  Some questions are followed by a short line or box. This shows that you need only write a word or phrase in your answer.

- **several line answers**
  Some questions are followed by a few lines. This gives you space to write more words or a sentence or two.

- **longer answers**
  Some questions are followed by a large box. This shows that a longer, more detailed answer is needed to explain your opinion. You can write in full sentences if you want to.

- **other answers**
  For some questions you need do no writing at all and you should tick, draw lines to, or put a ring around your answer. Read the instructions carefully so that you know how to answer the question.

Marks
The number under each box at the side of the page tells you the maximum number of marks for each question.

Please wait until you are told to start work on page 4. You should work through the booklet until you are asked to stop, referring to your reading booklet and leaflet when you need to. When a question includes a page reference, you should refer to the text on that page to help you with your answer.

**You will have 45 minutes to answer the questions in this booklet.**
SECTION 1

These questions are about the ‘Dear Norman’ letters (pages 4–9).

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

1. On [ ] Monday [ ] Tuesday [ ] Wednesday [ ] Thursday morning, Norman left home. He went to live in a tree house in [ ]

2. the local park. [ ] his front garden. [ ] his back garden. [ ] the school playground. [ ]

He had left home because [ ]

3. Beth had moved into his room. [ ] his parents had sent him away. [ ] his parents were annoying him. [ ] he had been expelled from school. [ ]

Over the next few days, he received letters from people that he knew, starting with letters from [ ]

4. his family. [ ] his friends. [ ] his teachers. [ ] his grandparents. [ ]

A letter came from his friend Alfred, asking him for his [ ]

5. bedroom. [ ] bicycle. [ ] Gameboy. [ ] toothbrush. [ ]

He even got a letter from the local newspaper telling him that [ ]

6. his picture was on the front page. [ ] he should read The Parkville Gazette. [ ] they would like to interview him. [ ] he had won a competition. [ ]

Altogether, he stayed in his tree house for [ ]

7. a whole day. [ ] about three days. [ ] over a week. [ ] the summer holidays. [ ]
Dear Norman

Here are some of the people who wrote to Norman. Use these names to answer the questions on this page.

Dad  Mum  Beth  Mrs Bouquet  Grandma  Alfred

8. Who wrote to Norman using the most formal style of writing?  

9. Who admired Norman most for what he had done?  

   Find and copy one phrase that shows this.

10. Whose letter do you think was most likely to annoy Norman?  

   Explain why, referring to the letter in your answer.

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Total 11 marks
Dear Norman

11. What do you think Norman wrote in reply to Alfred's letter on page 7?

12. Beth’s letters show a change in her attitude to Norman.
   a) Find and copy a word or phrase from both of Beth’s letters that best show her change in attitude.

   (first letter, page 5) ________________________________  (second letter, page 9) ________________________________

   1 mark

   b) Why do you think her attitude towards Norman changed?

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   2 marks
Dear Norman

13. In his second letter (page 7), Norman’s father showed Norman how much money he was missing out on.

Why did he do that?

14a. How do we know that Norman actually answered the letters he received?

14b. Why do we not need to see any of Norman’s replies to the letters he received?

Total 9 marks
Dear Norman

15a. The idea of a child living in a tree is quite humorous. Explain what else is funny about Norman’s situation.

15b. Some of the language in the letters is also intended to be humorous. Explain what is unusual about Mum calling bees sweet and jolly on page 4.

SECTION 2

These questions are about *The Earthship* leaflet.

17. How many tyres have to be thrown away every year?  

18. Which of these materials are used to build Earthships? Tick **three**.
   
   bricks □  
   concrete □  
   old wood □  
   tyres □  
   cement □  
   old bottles □  

19. Fill in the table to show how the Earthship provides the following. One has been done for you.  

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<td><em>The walls release heat into the rooms.</em></td>
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please turn over
The Earthship

20. Label each arrow to show different parts of the leaflet.

A – quotation
B – information
C – caption

21. The writer could have said that the Earthship is cheap to run, but instead he wrote dirt cheap.

Why do you think he chose these words?

22. ‘Earthship’ is made up of two words: earth and ship.

Why are these two words used for this new type of house?

earth

ship
23. How has the writer proved that Earthships cost very little to run?

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________________________________________________________________________
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2 marks

24. This leaflet gives information about the Earthship.

How does it also advertise the Earthship? Find two points.

1. _______________________________________________________________________

2. _______________________________________________________________________

2 marks

25. On the front of the leaflet two quotations are included from people who like the Earthship.

Now turn over and use the information on the plan to write your own comment about the Earthship for use in the leaflet.

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________________________________________________________________________

Your comment about the Earthship

25

2 marks

Total

12 marks
The Earthship

26. How does the plan of the Earthship help the reader to understand the text?

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27. Explain fully how Earthship houses can solve different types of problems.

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28. The text about the Earthship uses mainly photographs. The Dear Norman text includes drawings.

Explain why these two different types of illustration are suitable for these different types of text.

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29. Here are some descriptions of the texts you have read.

Tick to show whether the descriptions are about Dear Norman or The Earthship leaflet. One has been done for you.

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28 2 marks

29 1 mark

Total 8 marks