**ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE**

**TASK 2 – LITERATURE TEST**

**TERM 1 – 2012**

**TIME: 45 MINUTES**

**MARKS: 35**

**Instructions**

1. Answer all the questions
2. Leave a line open between answers
3. Staple your answers to the back of your answer paper.
4. When finished with this test, tear out immediately and staple, and only then start with the next test
5. Answer ONE question

**Question 1**

**Read the following extract from *To Kill a Mockingbird* and answer the questions that follow:**

Our first days of freedom, and we were tired. I wondered what the summer would bring. We had strolled to the front yard, where Dill stood looking down the street at the dreary face of the Radley place. ‘I – smell – death,’ he said. ‘I do, mean it,’ he said, when I told him to shut up.

‘No, I mean I can smell somebody an’ tell if they’re gonna die. An old lady taught me how.’ Dill leaned over and sniffed me. ‘Jean-Louise Finch, you are going to die in three days.’

‘Dill if you don’t hush I’ll knock you bowlegged. I mean it, now –‘

‘Yawl hush,’ growled Jem, ‘you act like you believe in Hot Steams.’

‘You act like you don’t,’ I said.

‘What’s a Hot Steam?’ asked Dill.

‘Haven’t you ever walked along a lonesome road at night and passed by a hot place?’ Jem asked Dill. ‘A Hot Steam’s somebody who can’t get to heaven, just wallows around on lonesome roads an’ if you walk through him, when you die you’ll be one too, an’ you’ll go around at night suckin’ people’s breath-‘

‘How can you keep from passing through one?’

‘You can’t,’ said Jem. ‘Sometimes they stretch all the way across the road, but if you hafta go through one you say, “Angel-bright, life-in-death; get off the road, don’t suck my breath.’ That keeps ‘em from wrapping around you-‘

‘Don’t you believe a word he says, Dill,’ I said. ‘Calpurnia says that’s nigger-talk.’

Jem scowled darkly at me, but said, ‘Well, are we gonna play anything or not?’

‘Let’s roll in the tyre,’ I suggested.

Jem sighed. ‘You know I’m too big.’

‘You c’n push.’

I ran to the back yard and pulled an old are tyre from under the house. I slapped it up to the front yard. ‘I’m first,’ I said.

Dill said he ought to be first, he just got here.

Jem arbitrated, awarded me first push with an extra time for Dill, and I folded myself inside the tyre.

Until it happened I did not realize that Jem was offended by my contradicting him on Hot Steams, and that he was patiently awaiting an opportunity to reward me. He did, by pushing the tyre down the sidewalk with all the force in his body. Ground, sky and houses melted into a mad palette, my ears throbbed, I was suffocating. I could not put out my hands to stop, they were wedged between my chest and knees. I could only hope that Jem would outrun the tyre and me, or that I would be stopped by a bump in the sidewalk. I heard him behind me, chasing and shouting.

The tyre bumped on gravel, skeetered across the road, crashed into a barrier and popped me like a cork on to the pavement. Dizzy and nauseated, I lay on the cement and shook my head still, pounded my ears to silence, and heard Jem’s voice: ‘Scout, get away from there, come on!’

I raised my head and stared at the Bradley Place steps in front of me. I froze.

1.1 “Our first days of freedom” What are the children free of?

(1)

1.2 Dill is not from Maycomb. Where does he come from?

(1)

1.3 Who does Dill live with when he is in Maycomb?

(1)

1.4 How does Dill’s family life differ from Scout and Jem’s family life?

(2)

1.5 Scout threatens to hit Dill bowlegged. Explain very briefly why she also fought with

1.5.1 Walter Cunningham

1.5.2 Francis Hancock

1.5.3 Cecil Jacobs

(6)

1.6 After Scout’s fight with Cecil Jacobs, Atticus asked Scout to do something for him. What was that?

(1)

1.7 The story about the “Hot Steams” is obviously an example of superstition. Make a list of three things that people say about Boo Radley that is probably not true.

(3)

1.8 Jem says “Yawl hush”. What are the words “Yawl” in Standard English?

(2)

1.9 Calpurnia says: “That’s nigger talk.”

1.9.1 Where did Scout once hear Calpurnia use the phrase “nigger-talk”?

(1)

1.9.1 Sometimes Calpurnia talks like the negroes and sometimes she talks like the Finches. Do you think it is necessary that Calpurnia need to speak both styles? Give a reason for your answer.

(3)

1.10 Quote one sentence from the text which shows the text is dealing with children.

(1)

1.11 Why did Scout freeze when she saw the Radley place’s steps in front of her?

(1)

1.12 Mention two ways in which Jem and Dill tried to make contact or see Boo Radley.

(2)

1.13 It is implied that Boo Radley made contact with Jem and Scout.

1.13.1 How did Boo Radley try to make contact?

(1)

1.13.2 Make a list of the things he gave Jem and Scout.

(6)

1.14 In this extract we only read about one neighbour in Jem and Scout’s street. Name three other people that lived in their street apart from the Radleys.

(3)

Total: [35]

OR

**QUESTION 2**

Boo Radley is almost a phantom and fascinates Dill. Comment on the rumours going around about Boo Radley and supplement the rumours with the facts. What is the true story about Boo Radley? Briefly describe how the children tried to contact him and mention any other activities that were dominated by the Radleys.

Use only 350 words, approximately one and a half page of writing.

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OR

**QUESTION 3**

The Finches live in a wonderful neighbourhood. Give a short description of the people in their neighbourhood and mention how these people influenced the lives of the children.

Use only 350 words, approximately one and a half page of writing.

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