Rulang Primary School

MINI TEST 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
OPEN-ENDED COMPREHENSION
2022

Name : _____ ( ) **Marks** : _____ / 20

Class : **Primary 5** ( )

Date : **19 August 2022**

Setter : **Mrs Lynn Phua**

10 Questions

Total Time: 50 Minutes

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow **all** the instructions carefully.
3. Answer **all** the questions.
4. This question booklet consists of 6 printed pages, including the cover page.

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Comprehension (20 marks)
Read the passage below and answer questions 1 to 10.

"I will race you to the corner, Ellen!" Annemarie adjusted the thick leather bag on her back so that her schoolbooks balanced evenly. "Ready?" She looked at her best friend. Ellen made a face.

"No," Ellen said, laughing. "You know I can't beat you – my legs aren't as long, and look what I have here" she said, shifting her own bag of heavy books against her shoulders.

"We have to practise for the athletic meet on Friday – I know I'm going to win the girls' race this week. I was second last week, but I've been practising every day. Come on, Ellen. Help me win it," Annemarie pleaded.

Ellen hesitated, then nodded. "All right, just for you. Ready," she said.

"Go!" shouted Annemarie, and the two girls were off, racing along the sidewalk.

"Wait for me!" wailed little Kristi, left behind, but the two older girls were not listening. Annemarie laughed as she sped past Ellen along the street. She outdistanced her friend quickly.

"Stop!" a soldier carrying a bayonet ordered in a stern voice. Behind her, Ellen also slowed and stopped a few feet away. Far back, little Kristi was plodding along, her face in a pout as the girls had not waited for her. Annemarie looked up. There were two of them. Nervously, she looked at the face of the soldier who had ordered her to halt and to the bayonets they were both carrying.

"Why are you running?" the harsh voice asked. His language was very poor. Three years, Annemarie thought with contempt. Three years they have been in our country, and still, they can't speak our language.

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"I was racing with my friend," she said politely. "We have races at school every Friday, and I want to do well, so I – " her voice trailed away, the sentence unfinished. Don't talk so much, she told herself. Just answer them and hope they will go away. She glanced back hesitantly. Nearby, a woman had come to the doorway of a shop and was watching silently. Ellen was trying to hold on to Kristi who was glowering at the men. Kristi broke off the restraint and walked towards them. Ellen remained motionless behind. The taller one looked irritated and turned towards Annemarie. She trembled.

"What is in here?" he asked loudly. Annemarie saw the woman move quietly back into the shadows of the doorway out of sight.

"School books," she answered truthfully.

"Are you a good student?" the soldier asked. He seemed to be sneering.

"Yes"

"And who is this?" he asked, looking to Annemarie's side. Kristi had appeared there suddenly, scowling at everyone. "My little sister." The soldier reached down and stroked her little sister's short, tangled curls. Stand still, Kristi, Annemarie ordered silently, praying hard that she would receive the message. However, Kristi reached up and pushed the hand away.

"Don't!" she said loudly. Both soldiers began to laugh.

"She is pretty, like my own little girl," the tall one said in a more pleasant voice. "Go home, all of you, and don't run." The two soldiers turned away. Quickly, Annemarie grabbed her sister's hand. In a moment, Ellen was beside her. They walked hurriedly towards the large apartment building where both families lived.

Adapted from an excerpt from "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry

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1. Why was Ellen unwilling to race with Annemarie at first? [2m]

2. Why did Ellen agree to Annemarie's request in the end? [2m]

3. Which word from **lines 13-15** shows that Annemarie ran faster than Ellen? [1m]

4. Look at the table below. What do you think the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
Everyone (line 38)	The soldiers, Annemarie and Ellen
"it" (line 9)	
"them" (line 19)	
"here" (line 32)	

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5. Which **two** of the following words correctly describe how Annemarie felt towards the soldiers from **lines 16-23**? Put a tick in the box beside each of your answers.

humiliated		irritated	
doubtful		fearful	
disdain		angry	

6. Based on the information from the passage, fill in the blanks in the following table. The first one has been done for you. [2m]

Kristi's actions	Cause for the action
Kristi shouted for the two girls to wait for her.	She was left behind by them.
	The two girls had not waited for her as they were racing.
Kristi broke free from Ellen's hold.	

7. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ A woman watched the girls and the soldiers quietly.

_____ A soldier shouted at Annemarie to stop running.

_____ Annemarie came in second in the girls' race.

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8. In line 25, why did Annemarie stop talking halfway? [2m]

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9. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Then give one reason to support your answer. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Annemarie ordered Kristi to stand still when the soldier was talking to them.		
The woman standing at the doorway of the shop was protective of the girls.		
The taller soldier liked Kristi.		

10. Based on the passage, do you think Kristi was fearful of the soldiers? Support your answer with two pieces of evidence from the passage. [2m]

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Booklet A

Q1)	Ellen knew she could not win as her legs were not as long as Annemarie's.
Q2)	Ellen wanted to help Annemarie win the girls' race at the athletic meet or Friday.
Q3)	outdistanced
Q4)	(line 9) The girls' race (line 19) The two soldiers carrying bayonets (line 32) Annemarie's thick leather bag.
Q5)	disdain ☑ fearful ☑
Q6)	Kristi plodded after them. — She wanted to stand beside Annemarie who was speaking to the soldiers.
Q7)	3 2 1
Q8)	She decided not to prolong the conversation hoping that the soldiers would go away.
Q9)	False — Annemarie ordered Kristi to stand still silently. False — The woman watched them silently and we back into the shop. True — The taller soldier said that Kristi was pretty like his own little girl.
Q10)	No, I do not. She pushed the soldier's hand away when he stroked her hair and told him not to touch her hair.

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