



# GOZO COLLEGE

## HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION 2011

Year 4

English Reading

Time: 20 minutes

### Listening Comprehension

1. 3 minutes – First reading aloud of passage by teacher.
2. 3 minutes – Teacher reads out the questions. Students do not answer yet.
3. 3 minutes – Second reading aloud of passage by teacher.
4. 5 minutes – Pupils answer questions.
5. 3 minutes - Third reading aloud by teacher.
6. 3 minutes – Final revision of answers by pupils.

### In the pet shop

There are some birds in a cage : canaries, blue budgerigars, and green finches. This cage is in a corner in a pet shop. There are other animals in the same shop like cats, hamsters, fish and different dogs. The shopkeeper opens the door at eight o'clock. He feeds all the animals and cleans their cages. It is a sunny Saturday in winter and many people come into the shop. Here comes a boy with his father. He looks around but stops near the dogs. He chooses a small brown puppy with big sleepy eyes.

One girl comes in with her mother, to choose a pet as a birthday present. She stops near the birds and asks her mum if she can buy a bird.

“Which one would you like?” asks her mother.

The girl looks at the birds. They are flying from one perch to another. Two small canaries are perched in one corner singing loftily, their beaks wide open. The little girl looks at her mother and asks, “Please, mum, can I have those two yellow birds?”

“Those are canaries and their singing is lovely. You can buy them but you must feed them and keep their cage clean, yourself”.

“Yes, mum, I will,” replies the girl. “Can I call them Chip and Chop?”

*Marking Scheme*      1 – 9 (1 mark each)  
10 – 12 (2 marks each)

Put a tick (✓) in a box to show the correct answer.

1. This story takes place in a

- a) garden
- b) playground
- c) pet shop
- d) school

a)
b)
c)
d)

2. The birds are kept in

- a) an aquarium
- b) a cage
- c) a kennel
- d) a box

a)
b)
c)
d)

3. At what time does the pet shop open?

- a) eight o'clock
- b) midnight
- c) six o'clock
- d) noon

a)
b)
c)
d)

4. Which day of the week is it?

- a) Sunday
- b) Saturday
- c) Monday
- d) Tuesday

a)
b)
c)
d)

5. Who accompanies the boy?

- a) His mother
- b) His brother
- c) His uncle
- d) His father

a)
b)
c)
d)

6. A puppy is a small

- a) dog.
- b) cat.
- c) bird.
- d) fish.

a)
b)
c)
d)

7. The birds are flying from

- a) one tree to another.
- b) one branch to another.
- c) one perch to another.
- d) one tree to a house.

a)
b)
c)
d)

8. Which kind of birds does the girl like best?

- a) Parrots
- b) Budgerigars
- c) Finches
- d) Canaries

a)
b)
c)
d)

9. What are the two canaries doing?

- a) running
- b) singing
- c) eating
- d) dancing

a)
b)
c)
d)

10. What colour are these two canaries?

- a) blue
- b) green
- c) yellow
- d) black

a)
b)
c)
d)

11. What did the girl name the canaries?

- a) Chip and Chop
- b) Chip and Kim
- c) Chop and Nud
- d) Kim and Blund

a)
b)
c)
d)

12. For whom is the birthday present?

- a) The girl's friend.
- b) The girl's sister.
- c) The girl's brother.
- d) The girl herself.

a)
b)
c)
d)

## Model Answer

1. c) pet shop
2. b) cage
3. a) eight o'clock
4. b) Saturday
5. d) His father
6. a) dog
7. c) one perch to another
8. d) Canaries
9. b) singing
10. c) yellow
11. a) Chip and Chop
12. d) the girl herself