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GRADE 4

ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

EXEMPLAR TASK 3

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TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

MARKS: 40

Learner's name and surname: _____

Grade 4 _____

This question paper consists of 8 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of THREE SECTIONS:
 - QUESTION 1: Reading Comprehension (15 marks)
 - QUESTION 2: Visual Text (10 marks)
 - QUESTION 3: Language Structures and Conventions in Context (15 marks)
2. Read all instructions carefully.
3. Answer ALL the questions.
4. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

QUESTION 1: READING COMPREHENSION (15 MARKS)

Read the text below and answer the questions that follow.

The Golden Egg

- 1 Once upon a time, there lived a salesman in a village with his wife and two children. They were indeed quite well-off. They had a beautiful hen which laid an egg every day. It was not an ordinary egg, rather, a golden egg. But the man was not satisfied with what he used to get daily. He was a get rich-quick kind of a person.
- 2 The man wanted to get all the golden eggs from his hen at one single go. So, one day he thought hard and at last clicked upon a plan. He decided to slaughter the hen and get all the eggs at once.
- 3 So, the next day when the hen laid a golden egg, the man caught hold of it and slaughtered it but there was no trace of any egg at all. He was highly grieved because now he would not get even one single egg.
- 4 His life was going on smoothly with one egg a day but now, he himself made his life miserable. The outcome of his greed was that he started becoming poorer and poorer day by day and ultimately became a beggar. What bad luck and how foolish he was.

Questions

1.1 Who is the main character in the story? (1)

1.2 Where did the story take place? (1)

1.3 Why did the writer say that the hen's egg was not an ordinary egg? (1)

- 1.4 Circle the letter of the correct answer.
- 1.4.1 What type of text is this? (1)
- A Newspaper article
- B Poem
- C Fable
- D Story
- 1.4.2 The word **well off** in paragraph 1 means to be ... (1)
- A alone.
- B poor.
- C rich.
- D sad.
- 1.4.3 “A get rich-quick kind of a person” means a person who... (1)
- A wants to make a lot of money fast.
- B does not make a lot of money.
- C makes a lot of money.
- D is rich already.
- 1.5 What was the salesman’s bad decision? (1)
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- 1.6 Is the statement True or False? Tick (✓) the correct box and give a reason for your answer. (2)
- The salesman was happy that he had slaughtered the hen.
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| True | False |
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- 1.7 How did the man’s life change after he had slaughtered the hen? (1)
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1.8 Write down a word for a **very poor person** from paragraph 4. (1)

1.9 Would you have slaughtered the hen if it was yours? Answer Yes or No and give a reason for your answer. (2)

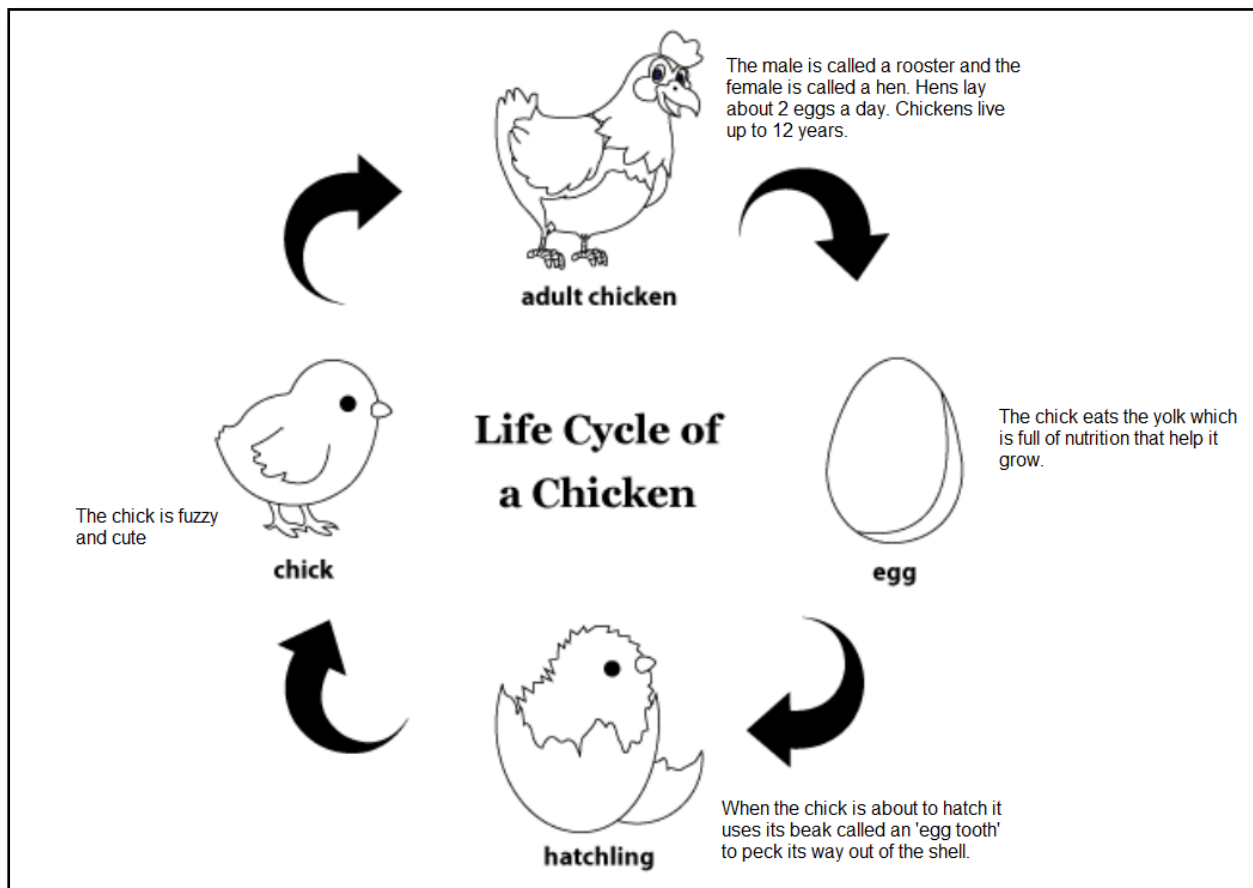
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1.10 What lesson do we learn from this story? (2)

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QUESTION 2: VISUAL LITERACY (10 MARKS)

Read the visual text below and answer the questions that follow.



Adapted from - <https://www.tutoringhour.com/worksheets/chicken-life-cycle>

Questions

2.1 What is this visual text about? (1)

2.2 Fill in the missing words. (2)

A male chicken is called a _____ and a female chicken is called a _____.

2.3 Why does the chick eat the yolk of the egg? (2)

2.4 When will the chick use its beak called an “egg tooth”? (1)

2.5 How many eggs do hens lay per day? (1)

2.6 Explain what chicks do when they are about to hatch. (2)

2.7 How many stages are there in the life cycle of a chicken? (1)

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QUESTION 3: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS (15 MARKS)

Read the comprehension text again and answer the following questions.

3.1 Underline one common noun in the sentence below. (1)

When the chick is big and strong enough, it will fly.

- 3.2 Write down the subject and object in the sentence below. (2)
The man wanted the golden eggs.
- 3.2.1 Subject: _____
- 3.2.2 Object: _____
- 3.3 Underline the correct verb in brackets. (1)
The salesman (live / lives) in a village with his wife.
- 3.4 Rewrite the sentence using the correct form of the word in brackets. (1)
The salesman became a (misery) man.

- 3.5 Write down an antonym for the underlined word. (1)
He had a good life with his special hen.

- 3.6 Write down a synonym for the underlined word. (1)
They had a beautiful hen.

- 3.7 Rewrite the sentence using the correct form of the word in brackets. (1)
He decided to (quick) slaughter the hen.

- 3.8 Change the following sentences into the tense indicated in brackets. (1)
- 3.8.1 The man owns a special chicken. (simple past tense)

- 3.8.2 He slaughtered the chicken. (simple present tense) (1)

- 3.10 Join the sentences using the correct conjunction in brackets. (1)
They had a beautiful hen. The hen laid an egg every day. (which / that / who)

- 3.11 Underline the correct word to complete the idiom. (1)
Don't count your (eggs / chickens / hens) before they hatch.
- 3.12.1 Punctuate the following sentences. (1)
The salesman is mr simons

- 3.12.2 did the hen lay golden eggs (1)

- 3.13 Complete the proverb by underlining the correct word in brackets. (1)
Don't put all your (chicks / eggs / hens) in one basket.

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