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LEVELS
3–5

English test

Reading answer booklet

No place like home

First name _____

Last name _____

School _____

2009



For marker's use only

Page	Marks
5	
7	
9	
11	
13	
TOTAL	

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.**

1

1 mark

2

1 mark

3

1 mark

4

1 mark

5

1 mark

6

1 mark

7

1 mark

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?

8

1 mark

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

Find and **copy** one phrase that shows this.

9

1 mark

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

Explain why, referring to the letter in your answer.

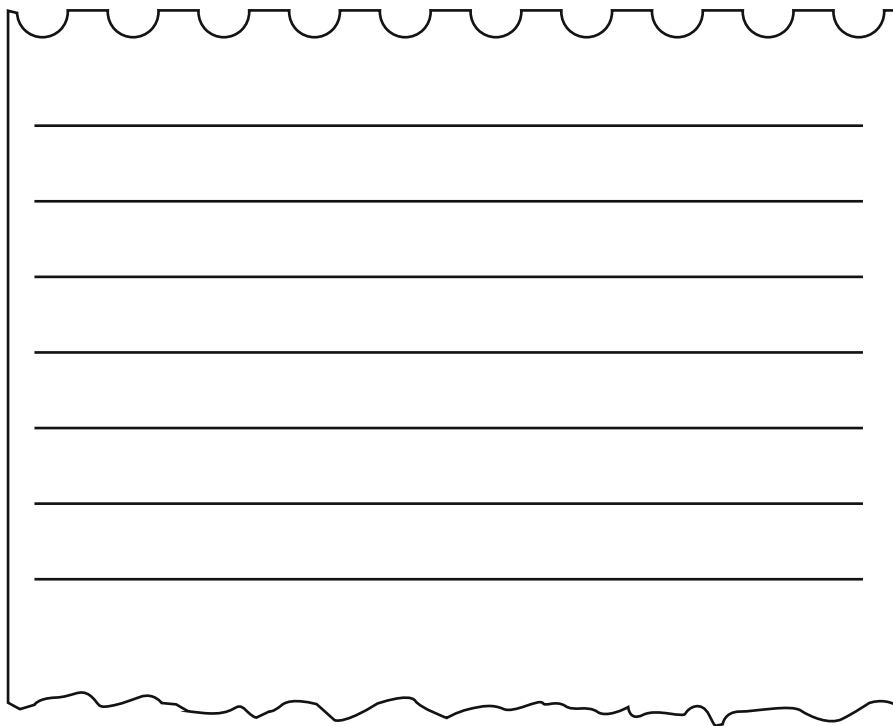
10

2 marks

Total

11 marks

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



11

2 marks

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.

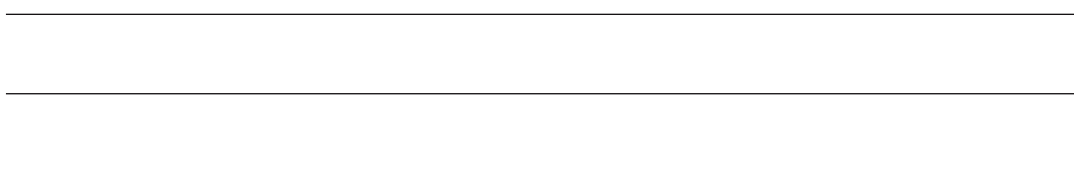
(first letter, page 5)

(second letter, page 9)

12a

1 mark

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



12b

2 marks

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?

13

2 marks

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

14a

1 mark

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

14b

1 mark

Total

9 marks

15a. The idea of a child living in a tree is quite humorous.

Explain what else is funny about Norman's situation.

15a

☐

2 marks

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.

15b

☐

1 mark

16. Why do you think Norman finally came down from the tree?

Explain fully, using the text in your answer.

16

☐

3 marks

These questions are about *The Earthship* leaflet.

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

17

1 mark

18. Which of these materials are used to build Earthships? Tick **three**.

bricks

concrete

old wood

tyres

cement

old bottles

18

1 mark

19. Fill in the table to show how the Earthship provides the following.

One has been done for you.

We need:	How the Earthship provides it:
light and electricity	
heat during day	
protection from cold at night	<i>The walls release heat into the rooms.</i>
water	
disposal of waste	

19

2 marks

Total

10 marks

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

- A – quotation
- B – information
- C – caption

the home of the future – built from waste – dirt cheap to run

The Earthship

Earthship in Brighton

Photo by Michele Heston

The Earthship is the home of the future and it can help save the future of our planet. How? Earthships are built using recycled materials, especially old car tyres. Every year, there are 48 million used tyres in Britain that have to be thrown away. They are either buried in tips or burnt, creating greenhouse gases. The growing mountain of car tyres is a huge environmental concern, but now, in the building of Earthship homes, one problem can be used to solve another. The mountain of old tyres can provide homes for people who need them.

Old bottles, reclaimed wood and other waste materials are also used in the construction of these homes. And that's not all – another important advantage of Earthships is that they cost almost nothing to run.

The Earthship is a house that:

- takes heat from the sun so your heating bills are very small
- maintains a comfortable living temperature: neither too hot, nor too cold
- makes electricity from sun and wind
- collects its own water from rain so you never have to pay water bills
- disposes of all waste.

A happy customer of a two-bedroom Earthship wrote:

"The lowest temperature in my house was 21°C and the highest 24°C. The total energy bill for the year was only £25."

A builder said:

"These walls will still be here in 800 years' time – that's how long rubber tyres last. My daughter's children will be able to come and see what I've done long after I'm gone."

Only bedroom. Mike Reynolds, the man who first thought up this new eco-house, called it 'The Earthship' because it is designed to be a home that will 'sail' into the future. For more information and how to contact us, go to www.newcarbon.co.uk

Sunny living room

Tyres make the perfect building material. They are packed with earth, stacked like bricks and plastered.

20

1 mark

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?

21

2 marks

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

22a

2 marks

22b

1 mark

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

23

2 marks

24. This leaflet gives information about the Earthship.

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

1.

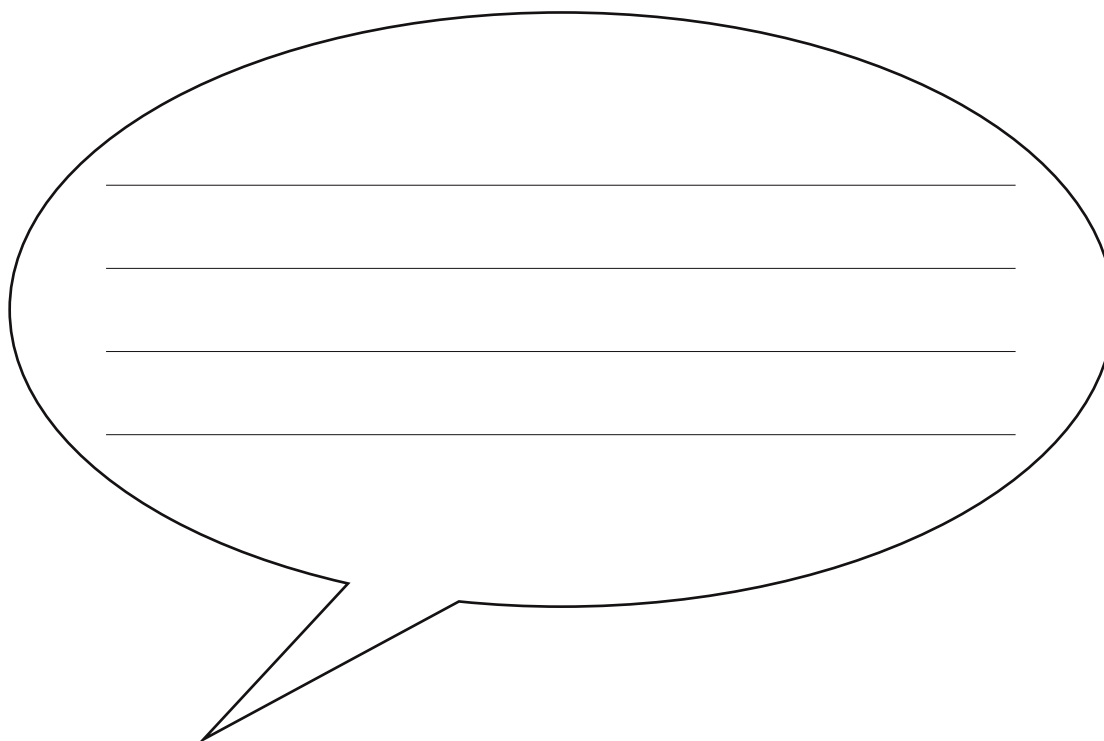
2.

24

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.



25

2 marks

Your comment about the Earthship

Total

12 marks

please turn over

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

26

2 marks

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

27

3 marks

These questions are about both texts.

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.

28

2 marks

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.

Description	<i>Dear Norman</i>	<i>The Earthship</i>
informative		
fictional		
persuasive		✓
humorous		

29

1 mark

Total

8 marks

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