English Home Language · Grade 5

Memorandum · Term 3–4

TOTAL 30 MARKS

Marking guidelines

1. Award the full mark for a correct answer, even if the learner words it differently.
2. Where a question asks for FULL sentences, the answer must be a complete sentence before the mark is awarded.
3. Where a question asks for two or more things, award one mark per correct item.
4. Summary: award marks against the rubric printed with the question, not for exact wording.

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
QUESTION 1 · Reading Comprehension · 15 marks			
1.1	She arrived in a cardboard box with air holes punched in the lid.	**1**	
1.2	She had a broken wing (she was injured); the shelter was the only place within forty kilometres that would take a bird.	**2**	*One mark each.*
1.3	He had been volunteering at the shelter for two years (every Saturday).	**1**	
1.4	He had fed orphaned meerkats with a syringe; he had held a tortoise steady while its shell was glued.	**2**	*One mark each.*
1.5	A wild bird cannot tell the difference between being helped and being attacked, so it will defend itself against Ndumiso even though he is caring for it.	**2**	*1 mark for the idea, 1 mark for the explanation.*
1.6	The kestrel struck at Ndumiso's gloves every single time he opened the cage, for six weeks.	**1**	
1.7	That he is patient and determined — he kept coming back even though the bird never became friendly.	**2**	*1 mark for the quality, 1 mark for the evidence.*
1.8	It shows the bird was fully wild and healthy again, and it sets up Auntie Renée's point that success in this work brings no thanks.	**2**	*1 mark for the bird being wild/healed, 1 mark for linking it to the ending.*

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1.9	Success is an animal well enough to leave and live wild again. You do not get gratitude or a reward — the animal simply goes, and that is the whole point.	**2**	*1 mark for 'the animal leaves healthy', 1 mark for 'no thanks / that is the reward'.*
QUESTION 2 · Visual Text · 10 marks			
2.1	A river clean-up day.	**1**	*Accept any answer showing it advertises a clean-up or environmental event.*
2.2	In Mossel Bay, meeting at the bridge.	**1**	
2.3	It is free.	**1**	
2.4	People of Mossel Bay and their families who care about the river.	**1**	*Accept any sensible audience that is supported by a clue, e.g. 'Bring the whole family', 'Free boerewors roll', 'Mossel Bay'.*
2.5	6 September.	**1**	
2.6	So that they catch the eye from far away and the reader sees the main message at once.	**1**	
2.7	Bags and gloves supplied; riverbank litter walk; water testing table; tree planting.	**2**	*Any two from the left column.*
2.8	Green is the colour of plants, hills and a clean river, so it suits a clean-up of nature (1); orange stands out against the green and draws the eye to the heading and the list (1).	**2**	*1 mark per explained colour choice.*
QUESTION 3 · Summary · 5 marks			
3.1	1. An injured kestrel was brought to the shelter, the only place for forty kilometres that would take a bird. 2. Ndumiso had volunteered for two years but had never handled a bird of prey. 3. Auntie Renée warned that the bird would bite, and for six weeks it did — yet he kept returning. 4. By spring the wing had healed and they released her in the fields, and she flew off without looking back. 5. Auntie Renée explained that success in this work means the animal leaves and never says thank you.	**5**	*Mark against the rubric. Do not deduct for wording that differs from the memo.*

Total **30 marks**



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