

# Grade 6 English Home Language Exam Paper 2 - June Exam

## Based on Term 1 and Term 2 Work

### Reading Comprehension and Language in Context

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_ / 40

Time: 70 minutes

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#### Instructions for learner

- This paper is made up of Section A: Comprehension (25 marks) and Section B: Language in Context (15 marks).
- Answer all questions on the question paper.
- Answer in full sentences unless stated otherwise.
- Use the number of marks as a guide to the details needed in your answer.
- You will not be allowed to use a dictionary during the assessment.
- Write neatly and legibly.
- Try your best.

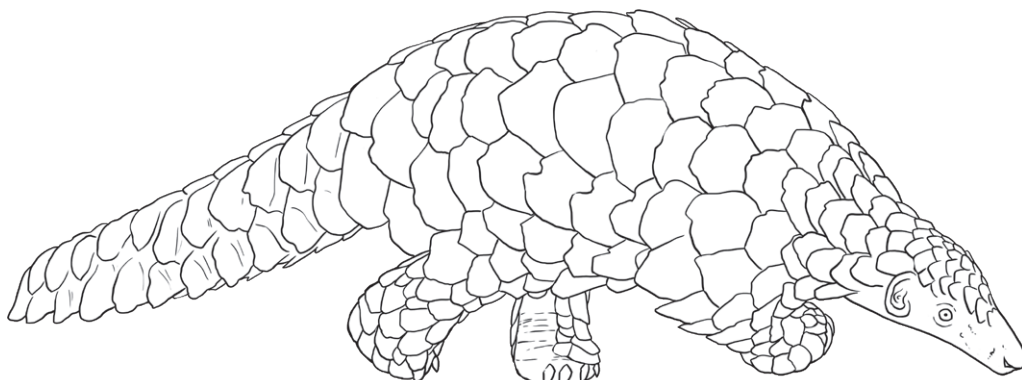
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#### Section A: Comprehension

**Read the text, then read the questions, then read the text a second time. Thereafter, answer the questions.**

#### The Plight of the Pangolin

It is early evening in East Africa. It is a clear night in Kampala, Uganda. A small, shy animal has woken up from his nap. He is covered in scales that are shaped like clams. As an insectivore, he is ready to find some termites for his dinner. If he is lucky, he will enjoy a mud bath afterwards. A mud bath will cool him down from the heat of the day.



The giant pangolin is one of eight species of pangolin found on two continents: Asia and Africa. Some of these eight species are: the white-bellied pangolin, black-bellied pangolin, giant pangolin, Chinese pangolin, and Indian pangolin.

Pangolins are solitary and secretive. They cannot see very well and do not have teeth. Instead, they use a long and sticky tongue to catch their prey. Their tongue can be longer than their own body. The dusty-brown scales protect pangolins from predators like lions and leopards.

How do the scales protect them? Pangolins roll into a tight ball — so tight that even a person cannot pry open this ball of armour. This is important because the pangolin's scales are its only form of defence. Although hyenas and big cats are its main predators, the pangolin often encounters them without getting hurt.

So, who is the pangolin's biggest enemy? It's us.

Along with other animals like the black rhino, the African forest elephant, and the Sumatran orangutan, pangolins are one of the most endangered animals in the world. They are trafficked — hunted and killed or sold — for their scales and meat. In some parts of Asia, people consider pangolin meat a delicacy, and their scales are used in traditional Chinese medicine. Some people even kill them to use their scales as fashion accessories.

Many people around the world are working hard to protect these vulnerable creatures. However, more awareness is needed to stop the illegal hunting of this special animal.

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## Questions

**1. What figure of speech is used in the title? (1)**

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1.1 Can you create your own example of this figure of speech? (1)

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**2. What is an insectivore? (1)**

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2.1 Can you think of another animal that is an insectivore? (1)

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3. Name two species of pangolins mentioned in the text. (2)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

4. What do pangolins use to catch their prey? (1)

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5. What does the word 'trafficking' mean? (1)

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5.1 What else do you think can be trafficked? (1)

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6. Name the two continents where pangolins are found. (2)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Which word in "This is important because the pangolin's scales..." is a conjunction? (1)

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8. Identify a synonym from paragraph three for the word reserved and explain what this word means. (2)

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9. According to the text, what are two things that people hunt pangolins for? (2)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

10. What does it mean if an animal is solitary? (1)

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10.1 Give two examples of different solitary animals. (2)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

11. In this sentence, which word is an example of a degree of comparison:  
"So, who is the pangolin's biggest enemy?" (1)

\_\_\_\_\_

11.1 Can you give your own example of a degree of comparison? (1)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

12. What kind of figure of speech is used in this extract: "cannot pry open this ball of armour". (1)

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13. How can we protect the pangolin from being hunted and killed? (1)

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14. Can you think of another animal (not mentioned in the text) that is endangered? Write two sentences about this animal and why it is endangered. (2)

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**Section B: Language in Context**

**1. Are the underlined words regular or irregular verbs? Write the answers on the lines provided.**

**(2)**

- Weylin likes to think he can outsmart me. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dimakatso and I eat lunch together. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What is the predicate in the following sentence? (1)**

The child threw the ball.

Predicate: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Read the sentence below then complete the sentences by filling in the missing words. (2)**

Ntombi was feeling blue because Dylan was so nasty, so she went back to her house near the blue river to cry.

The first use of “blue” is used as a synonym for \_\_\_\_\_. The second example of “blue” is used to refer to a \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Change the following sentence into the past continuous tense. (1)**

Vuyo ate all the delicious snacks when mom came home.

\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Which word is the determiner in the following sentence? (1)**

Would you like to buy this new book?

Determiner: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Change this sentence from active to passive voice. (1)**

The cat kills the mice.

\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Read the sentence and underline the correct homophone in each of the brackets. (2)**

Stacey was feeling (**week/weak**) after walking through the forest for a (**weak/week**).

**8. Add a suffix to the underlined word so that it changes to past tense. (1)**

Sipho would float to the surface each time he tried to dive into the water.

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**9. Join the two sentences below by adding an appropriate conjunction. (1)**

Jorge felt betrayed by Carl. He decided to teach him a lesson.

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**10. Identify the parts of speech of each of these words: (3)**

10.1 Ouch! \_\_\_\_\_

10.2 collide \_\_\_\_\_

10.3 perhaps \_\_\_\_\_

**Section A: Comprehension answers:**

	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Mark Allocated</b>
1	Alliteration.	1	
1.1	Accept any correct example of alliteration.	1	
2	An animal or plant that feeds on insects	1	
2.1	Examples include moles, anteaters, bats, spiders, birds, frogs, lizards, geckos, etc.	1	
3	Accept any two: the white-bellied pangolin, black-bellied pangolin, giant pangolin, Chinese pangolin, and Indian pangolin.	2	
4	They use their tongue.	1	
5	Accept an answer related to animals being hunted and killed and/or sold.	1	
5.1	No, animals are not the only thing trafficked. Acceptable answers for other things that are trafficked: humans, plants, animal parts like rhino horn or ivory, drugs, weapons, etc.	1	
6	Asia, Africa	2	
7	“because” is the conjunction.	1	
8	A synonym for reserved is secretive.	1	
8.1	This word means shy, introverted, silent, conceals feelings, quiet.	1	
9	Accept any two: fashion accessories, meat, or medicine.	2	
10	A solitary animal does not live with others in its species.	1	
10.1	Examples: bears, leopards, skunks, moles, koalas, sloths, tiger, rhino, etc	2	
11	The degree of comparison is “biggest”.	1	
11.1	Accept any correct example of a degree of comparison.	1	

12	Metaphor	1	
13	Accept an acceptable answer such as: teach people about pangolins, why they are important and why we should not take them away from their homes; police and other officials need to get involved; help groups that work to protect pangolins; get different countries to work together to stop pangolin trafficking; share correct and educational information; raise money for the groups that rescue them and take care of them until they can go back to their homes in the wild; etc.	1	
14	Accept any two sentences that describe an endangered species as well as why/how it is endangered, how humans can help.	2	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	

**Section B: Transactional text**

	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Mark Allocated</b>
1	think - regular verb; eat - irregular verb	2	
2	threw the ball	1	
3	The first "blue" means "sad"; the second one refers to a colour.	2	
4	Vuyo <b>was eating</b> all the delicious snacks when mom came home.	1	
5	Determiner: this	1	
6	The mice were killed by the cat.	1	
7	Stacey was feeling (week/ <b>weak</b> ) after walking through the forest for a (weak/ <b>week</b> ).	2	
8	floated	1	
9	Jorge felt betrayed by Carl, so he decided to teach him a lesson.	1	



<b>10</b>	<b>1 mark per answer</b>		
10.1	• Interjection	<b>3</b>	
10.2	• Verb		
10.3	• Adverb		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	