



ST NICHOLAS COLLEGE  
HALF-YEARLY PRIMARY EXAMINATIONS  
February 2014

YEAR 5

ENGLISH  
(LISTENING COMPREHENSION)

TIME: 30 minutes

STUDENT'S PAPER

Total Mark

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS

1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listen carefully as the teacher reads the text about <i>Noah Webster</i>.</li><li>• Do not answer the questions or write anything while the teacher is reading.</li></ul>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open the examination paper and look at the questions.</li><li>• The teacher will read the questions to you once.</li></ul>
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Close the examination paper and listen carefully.</li><li>• The teacher will read the text a second time.</li><li>• Do not write anything while the teacher is reading.</li></ul>
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You have eight minutes to answer questions 1 to 14.</li><li>• In questions 1 to 12 tick (✓) only the correct answer.</li><li>• In number 13 (a to h) tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is True or False.</li><li>• In number 14 (a to d) fill in each blank with a suitable <b>word</b>.</li></ul>
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The teacher will read the text to you a third time.</li><li>• You may complete any unanswered questions as the teacher reads.</li></ul>
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finally you have six minutes to check your answers, and complete any unanswered questions.</li></ul>

TOTAL: 20 MARKS

Tick (✓) the correct word, phrase or sentence to answer the questions.

1. Webster was born in:

a)	Maryland.	
b)	Rhode Island.	
c)	Connecticut.	
d)	California.	

2. He dropped out of law school because:

a)	he ran out of money.	
b)	the work was too hard for him.	
c)	he chose another career.	
d)	he needed to help his family.	

3. He took a job:

a)	teaching in a school.	
b)	working in a bakery.	
c)	as a lawyer.	
d)	working in a library.	

4. Besides teaching he had many responsibilities in his job which included:

a)	cleaning the judge's house.	
b)	repairing torn books.	
c)	cooking for the children.	
d)	cleaning and repairing the building.	

5. He studied law by:

a)	going to the library.	
b)	reading the judge's books.	
c)	asking his neighbour for books.	
d)	going to court every day.	

6. Webster decided to write a spelling book and a:

a)	reading book.	
b)	grammar book.	
c)	mathematics book.	
d)	Italian dictionary.	

7. His most popular book was called:

a)	'Learn to read and write'.	
b)	'The Green-backed Speller'.	
c)	'The Speller'.	
d)	'The Blue-backed Speller'.	

8. Webster sold more than:

a)	100 copies.	
b)	1000 copies.	
c)	1 million copies.	
d)	100 million copies.	

9. He went round from town to town to sell his book:

a)	on horseback.	
b)	by train.	
c)	by plane.	
d)	on foot.	

10. He noticed that the people in America had difficulty:

a)	understanding one another.	
b)	travelling.	
c)	going from one town to another.	
d)	buying new clothes.	

11. "Mother tongue" means:

a)	mothers are to teach children.	
b)	a talkative mother.	
c)	one language for the country.	
d)	a very long tongue.	

12. In order to establish a "mother tongue" Webster wrote a:

a)	book containing many languages.	
b)	song about it.	
c)	dictionary.	
d)	manual for mothers.	

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13. Put a tick (✓) to show whether each sentence is TRUE or FALSE.  
 (½ mark each x 8 = 4 marks)

		True	False
a)	Webster's name is Noah.		
b)	Webster wrote the first dictionary.		
c)	He taught in a big, beautiful school.		
d)	He convinced important people to say good things about his books.		
e)	The schools ordered hundreds of his books for their students.		
f)	In America everyone spoke the same language.		
g)	He spent two years researching the origins of words.		
h)	A lot of people helped Webster in writing his book.		

5. Fill in the blanks with a suitable **word**. ( 4 marks)

a) Webster wanted to know where the first \_\_\_\_\_  
 came from.

b) A \_\_\_\_\_ is a place full of books.

c) When two people don't understand each other, we say there is  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

d) When Webster became a \_\_\_\_\_ he lived with a  
 judge and used his books to study law.

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