



# basic education

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Basic Education  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



## ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSESSMENT 2015 GRADE 6 ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE TEST

MARKS: 70

MARKS	
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TIME: 1½ hours

PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCUIT \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

EMIS NUMBER (9 digits)

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CLASS (e.g. 6A) \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER (✓)

BOY	
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GIRL	
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DATE OF BIRTH

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This test consists of 14 pages, excluding the cover page.

**Instructions to the learner**

1. The teacher will read the instructions and do the practise exercises with you.
2. Read all the instructions carefully.
3. Answer all the questions in the spaces provided.
4. Where there are multiple-choice questions, circle the correct answer.
5. Where one word is required, write only the word in the space provided.
6. Write neatly and legibly.

**Practice exercises**

1. Which country does the soccer team Bafana Bafana represent?

- A Australia
- B South Africa
- C Cameroon
- D Nigeria

You answered correctly if you circled the letter **(B)**.

2. Which word is the noun in the following sentence? Write the word on the line.

The book is interesting.

\_\_\_\_\_

You answered correctly if you wrote “book” on the line.

3. Give **two** reasons why you think you will enjoy school this year.

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You should have written in full sentences in the spaces provided statements similar to the answers below.

This year I shall enjoy school because my English teacher is friendly.

I shall also enjoy it because my old friend has come back to our school.

**The test starts on the next page.**

Read the story and answer questions 1-19.

1 In the jungle, a dog was sleeping comfortably next to a fire. He was the first dog to ever be born into the world and he was a happy dog. All he ever did in the beginning was to sleep like a baby, until a squirrel discovered him.



2 The curious squirrel, as squirrels generally are, scampered down from his tree to examine this strange creature he had never seen before. He looked at the dog from every possible angle and, when he was satisfied that he had examined the dog in its entirety, he smiled to himself about what he had discovered. He ran off to tell all the other squirrels about his strange encounter.

3 Word spread to all the animals of the jungle and soon they were all involved in a debate as to what kind of creature it was. "It's not an elephant," said the elephant in all his wisdom. "Thank you for that insightful observation," responded the squirrel.

4 "It's not a giraffe," stated the shy giraffe. "Not an antelope either," cried the kudu. Soon all the animals were asked by the squirrel if they knew what it was. The wise old tortoise knew what the creature was, as she had been around since the beginning of creation. "That's a dog," said the tortoise and on hearing his name, the dog suddenly awoke.

5 He leapt to his feet, looking terrified at all of the animals around him. The dog was furious that he'd been woken and charged furiously at the other animals, snarling, scowling and snapping his jaws! The only animal that didn't run was the tortoise – she didn't have to. "You won't catch me dog," she said as she withdrew into her shell, "but from this day on you're condemned to chase any creature you lay your eyes on."

[Adapted from *Amedja Tripod African Legends* - <http://www.amedja.tripod.com>]

1. Who woke up the dog?

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

2. Name any **two** characters in the story.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

3. According to paragraph 1, who was sleeping like a baby?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

4. Where did this story take place?  
A In the squirrel's tree house.  
B Under the giraffe's tree.  
C In the animals' jungle.  
D Next to the dog's tree. (1)

5. Which word in paragraph 2 means that the squirrel "ran" down the tree?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

6. The sentences below are in a wrong sequence. Number them (1-4) as they appear in the story.

Sentences	Answer
Soon word spread to all the animals of the jungle.	
A dog was comfortably asleep next to a fire.	
The only animal that didn't run was the tortoise.	
The squirrel studied the dog from every possible angle.	

7. Write down a phrase in paragraph 2 that explains the word "entirety".  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)



13. Complete the following sentence, referring to the text.  
If the tortoise did not have a shell, then the dog ...  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)
14. Write the following sentence in the present continuous tense.  
A dog was sleeping comfortably next to a fire in the jungle.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
15. Write down the nouns in the following sentence.  
The squirrel examined the strange creature.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)
16. Combine the following sentences using the given conjunction.  
The tortoise did not run. The tortoise went into her shell. (because)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
17. Add a prefix to the word “comfortable” to make it an antonym.  
The dog was very \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable sleeping on the thorny bush. (1)
18. Paragraph 5 uses alliteration. Write down **three** words that illustrate the alliteration. (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. Identify the figure of speech in the following sentence.  
John is *as wise as an elephant*.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

Study the advertisement and answer questions 20-27.



**SOUTH AFRICAN  
Guide Dogs  
FOR THE BLIND**  
Website: [www.see.org.za](http://www.see.org.za)  
011 7058513



**We're looking out for you!**



**Please  
SMS "see" to  
38051**  
sms costs R10

Your donation is  
needed to train more  
guide dogs

Guide dogs are:

faithful

intelligent

loyal

**RIO WILL  
HELP OUR  
VISION**

20. Which organisation is advertising here?

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(1)



21. Who does this organisation support?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
22. Would you support this organisation? Give a reason for your answer.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)
23. What will the donations be used for?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
24. Write down the web address where you can access the information from this advertisement.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
25. Write down **one** characteristic of a guide dog mentioned in the text.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
26. Write the underlined contraction out in full.  
We're looking out for you.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
27. Rewrite the following sentence in the direct speech.  
The man says that he will donate R10 towards the training of guide dogs.  
  
The man says \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Study the information text and answer questions 28-41.

### The flamingo



- 1 The flamingo is a beautiful, striding bird. There are several different species of flamingos.
- 2 The male flamingos are generally slightly larger than the females. Flamingos' feathers are usually pink. They also have pink legs and a pink and white beak with a black tip.
- 3 Different species of flamingos live throughout the world. The American flamingo is the only one that lives in the wild. It also lives in many Caribbean islands such as the Bahamas and Cuba as well as in northern South America and parts of Mexico.
- 4 Flamingos live in a habitat of low level water such as lagoons or mudflats or lakes. They are social creatures and sometimes live in large groups of as many as 10 000 birds.
- 5 The flamingos get most of their food by filtering out the mud and water in their beaks to eat insects and crustaceans like shrimp. They get their pink colouring from the pigment in their food, carotene, which is the same pigment that makes carrots orange.
- 6 Although we mostly think of flamingos striding in the water, they can fly as well. They have to run to gather speed before they can take off. They often fly in large groups.

[Adapted from: [www.ducksters.com/animals/flamingo.php](http://www.ducksters.com/animals/flamingo.php)]

28. What colour is the flamingo?

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

29. Which word in paragraph 1 means the same as "walking"?

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

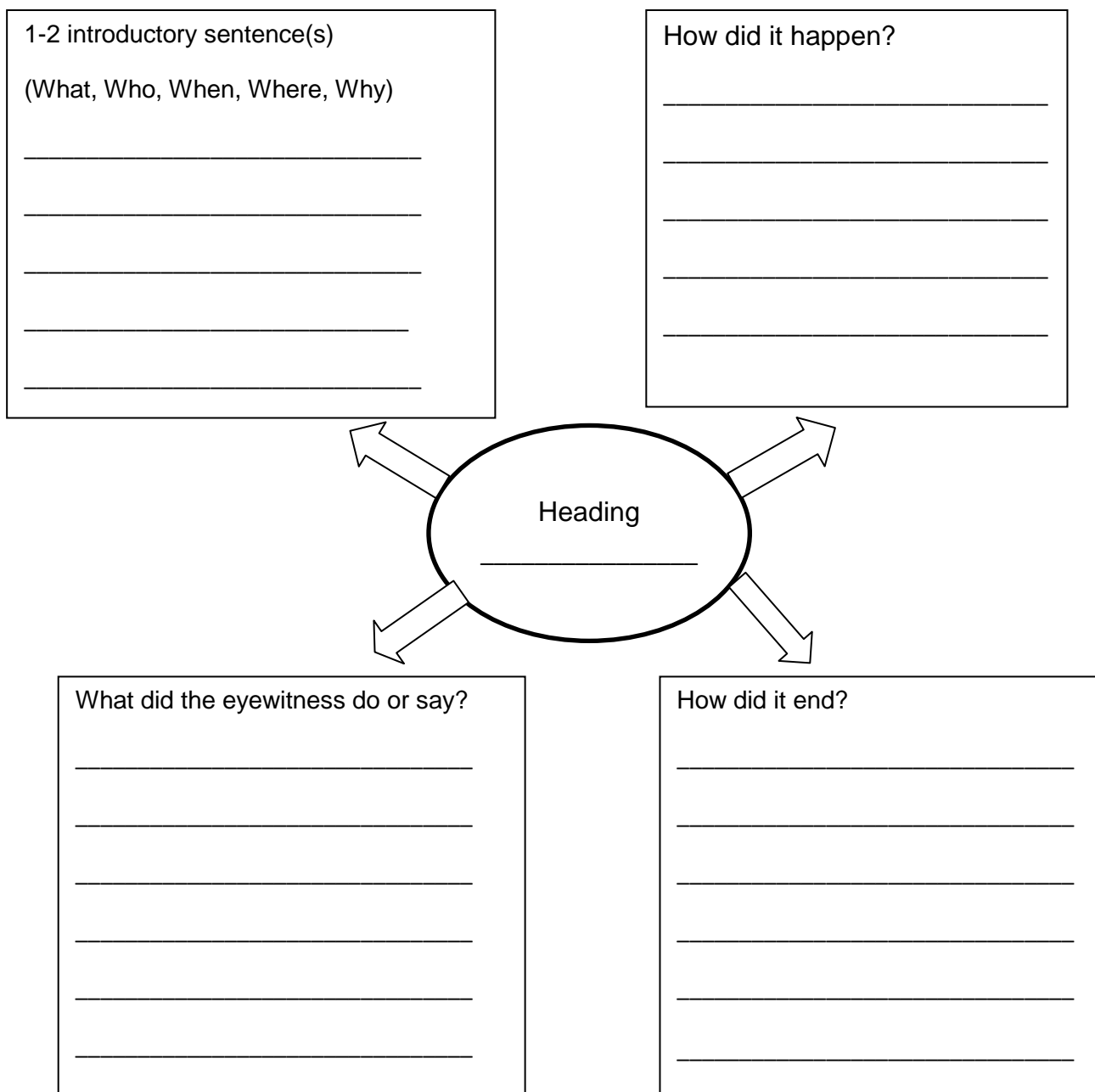
30. Which type of flamingo lives in the wild?
- A Caribbean
  - B American
  - C Mexican
  - D Cuban
- (1)
31. Briefly describe the habitat of the flamingo.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- (1)
32. What do flamingos eat? Give **two** examples from the text.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- (2)
33. The word “filtering” in paragraph 5 means ... the mud and water from their beaks.
- A brushing and draining
  - B brushing and cleaning
  - C drinking and cleaning
  - D sifting and cleaning
- (1)
34. Rewrite the following sentence. Correct the spelling and punctuation errors.  
Are flamingo's the most elegent birds in the world
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- (3)
35. Write down the correct form of the verb from the brackets below.  
Flamingos (eat/eats) small insects.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- (1)

36. Write the correct form of the underlined adjective in the following sentence.  
The male flamingos are big than the females.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
37. Fill in the correct preposition.  
Flamingos wade around the water in search \_\_\_\_\_ food. (1)
38. Use the conjunction in brackets to join the following sentences.  
Flamingos' food contains carotene. Flamingos are pink. (therefore)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)
39. Write down the adverb from the following sentence.  
Flamingos walk slowly in the water.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
40. Identify the sentence type.  
Example: Flamingos are intelligent. = Statement  
  
Do flamingos live in America? = \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
41. What is the collective noun for a group of birds?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

42. Imagine that you are the reporter of your school newspaper.

Write a newspaper article about how one of the learners was bitten by a dog on his/her way to school.

- Make notes on the mind map below then write out your article, using your notes.
- Your article should be between 100-120 words long (10-12 sentences).
- Ensure that the correct format for a newspaper article is used (e.g. newspaper name, heading, by-line (reporter)).
- Spelling, grammar and punctuation are relevant.





<b>MARK ALLOCATION FOR QUESTION 42</b>	<b>MAX. MARK</b>	<b>LEARNER'S MARK</b>
<b>42.1 Format and length:</b>	<b>5</b>	
Planning	1	
Heading	1	
By-line	1	
Newspaper name	1	
Length	1	
<b>42.2 Language Structures &amp; Conventions:</b>	<b>6</b>	
Sentence construction	2	
Punctuation	2	
Spelling	2	
<b>42.3 Content / adherence to topic and style:</b>	<b>4</b>	
Introductory sentence (Who, what, when, where, why).	1	
How did it happen?	1	
Eyewitness response	1	
How did it end?	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	

**GRAND TOTAL :70**

