Marking Guidelines

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English Literacy
Year 4 of Primary Education
Instructions
This test consists of three parts: Listening, Reading and Writing.

Listening
We will begin with a listening test. You will hear someone speaking about a situation.
- First, read the questions (2 minutes).
- Listen carefully to the recording. You will hear the recording three times.
- After each part you will have time to answer the questions.
For each question you have to circle the right answer. For example:

Example 1. How many months are there in a year?
A. 2 months.
B. 17 months.
C. 12 months.
D. 10 months.

If you decide to change your answer, cross out (X) your first option and circle your new answer. For example:

Example 1. How many months are there in a year?
X 2 months.
B. 17 months.
C. 12 months.
D. 10 months.

Reading
You will read 2 texts and answer several questions.

Writing
Lastly, you will write a short composition, following some instructions.

The whole test lasts 60 minutes.
Listening – I like music!

Listen to Tracy talking about the things she likes and she doesn’t like doing and answer the questions.

1. Where is Tracy from?
   A. She is from Canada.
   B. She is from California.  
   C. She is from Colombia.
   D. She is from Camberra.

2. Complete:
   (a) Tracy likes all types of ....................... 
   (b) She enjoys listening to different styles, for example: ..........................

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3. She likes to listen to music…
   A. on TV and at concerts.
   B. on the radio and on the computer.
   C. on the radio and on TV.  
   D. on TV and on the computer.

4. She plays the piano.
   A. True.
   B. False.
5. She likes ball sports, for example...
   A. swimming and running.
   B. cycling and volleyball.
   C. table tennis and roller skating.
   D. soccer and tennis.

6. Volleyball IS NOT her favourite sport. Why?
   A. Because she thinks it’s boring.
   B. Because she is not good at it.
   C. Because it’s a team sport.
   D. Because she thinks it’s fun.

7. When does she go swimming?
   A. During the Christmas vacations.
   B. During the summer vacations.
   C. In the spring time.
   D. On weekends.

8. She likes school, but she ........ exams.
   A. likes
   B. loves
   C. hates
   D. enjoys

9. Tracy is...
   A. lazy and serious.
   B. intelligent and creative.
   C. naughty and active.
   D. friendly and sporty.
The biggest monster in the sea

The Kraken is a legendary sea creature that is generally described as a giant octopus or squid.

Its body is so big that it looks like an island. The monster has got many long powerful arms called tentacles ready to grasp and destroy.

It has got two enormous eyes and a big strong mouth with sharp teeth.

It is very lazy and spends most of the time sleeping on the ocean floor. When the Kraken is hungry, it comes up from the bottom of the sea to hunt. It is a carnivore, but it only feeds on fish.

It can be very dangerous too. The Kraken does not like anybody to wake it up when it is sleeping, so it sometimes attacks big ships and takes them to the bottom of the sea.

The fire bird

The Phoenix is a mythical bird and is very famous for its beauty, its immortality and its beautiful voice.

It looks like an eagle, with brilliant red and gold feathers. It has got black eyes and a golden beak. It has also got a golden tail with feathers that are very hot to the touch.

The Phoenix is called the Fire Bird and it has supernatural powers. The story goes that this bird lives for one hundred years before it is ready to die. Then, it dies and is born again from fire. It magically comes back to life.

You can also see the Phoenix in the Harry Potter series. It is called ‘Fawkes’ and it is Albus Dumbledore’s pet and protector.
Answer the following questions about the text “Legendary Creatures”.

10. Where does the Kraken live?
   A. In the sea surface.
   B. At the bottom of the sea.
   C. In a cave.
   D. Under an island.

11. The Kraken is as big as...
   A. a ship.
   B. an octopus.
   C. an island.
   D. a whale.

12. The Kraken’s favourite food is...
   A. fish.
   B. people.
   C. ships.
   D. birds.

13. The Kraken is aggressive when it can't sleep.
   A. True.
   B. False.
14. You shouldn’t touch a Phoenix’s tail because…
   A. it can attack you.
   B. it doesn’t like it.
   C. you can hurt the Phoenix.
   D. it is very hot.

15. What can the Phoenix do with its superpowers?
   A. It can fly very high.
   B. It can die and be born again from fire.
   C. It can live for 1,000 years.
   D. It can change colour.

16. The Phoenix can be a good pet because…
   A. it is beautiful.
   B. it can fly very high.
   C. it protects you.
   D. it is very clean.

17. The two creatures, both the Kraken and the Phoenix…
   A. sing beautifully.
   B. are good pets.
   C. are mythical.
   D. are immortal.
Visiting The Minotaur

Lola and Marcus are visiting the Museum with Lola’s grandma. Lola’s grandma is a Professor of History at the University. They are learning a lot about Greek culture.

Grandma – Now we are going to enter the Room of Myths. You are going to love this room! It is full of the most fantastic creatures… mythological creatures, I must say!

Marcus – Mythological creatures? Are they monsters? Are they real?

Lola – Nooooo! They are not real, Marcus! They are fantastic creatures from ancient Greek legends. My grandma knows many of these stories. My favourite is the Minotaur… Let’s go and see!

They all go to the end of the room, where there is a sculpture of…of what? Is it an animal? Or a person?

Lola – See, Marcus? This is the Minotaur. It is a fantastic creature, half animal and half human. It has got a bull’s head with big, pointy horns on top. And it has got a man’s body, with very strong muscles.

Grandma – You are right, Lola. The Minotaur is King Minos’s pet…

Marcus – A pet? Really? But it is enormous! How can this animal live in a real house?

Grandma – Yes, Marcus, it is very tall, about 3 metres. It lives in a labyrinth in King Minos’s island. The Minotaur is not a very nice pet. It eats big animals, but it also loves eating humans. The people are really scared and King Minos doesn’t know what to do.

Lola – One day, Theseus, a very brave boy, decides to enter the labyrinth and kill the Minotaur. But the problem is how to get out of the labyrinth. Ariadne, a very intelligent girl, helps Theseus to escape.

Grandma – Yes. But that is another story… Maybe I can tell you that story the next time we visit the museum.
Answer the following questions about the text “Visiting The Minotaur”.

18. What does Lola’s grandma do at University?
   A. She works in the canteen.
   B. **She teaches History.**
   C. She works as a guide at the museum.
   D. She is the gardener.

19. What are mythological creatures?
   A. Real monsters from Ancient Greece.
   B. Legendary animals.
   C. **Creatures from Ancient Greek legends.**
   D. Strange animals from History.

20. What is special about the Minotaur?
   A. It lives on an island.
   B. **It is half human, half animal.**
   C. It is small and dangerous.
   D. It can run very fast.

21. The Minotaur **can’t** live in a house because...
   A. it is too dirty.
   B. it smells too bad.
   C. it doesn’t like houses.
   D. **It is too big.**
22. The Minotaur lives in a...
   A. cage.
   B. garden.
   C. labyrinth.
   D. house.

23. The Minotaur is a herbivore: it eats plants and vegetables.
   A. True.
   B. False.

24. Who solves the problem with the Minotaur?
   A. Theseus and Ariadne.
   B. King Minos.
   C. The Greek people.
   D. The Kraken.
Writing

Imagine and describe your own fantastic creature.

Go over Reading 1 and 2 for ideas!

First, organize your ideas using this graphic organizer.

Notes & draft box (to write ideas or key words). This planning is NOT marked.

NAME OF YOUR CREATURE

What physical characteristics does it have?
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Where does it live?
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What can it do? What can’t it do?
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What does it eat and drink?
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Then, write your text using your information and creating complete sentences.
25. Now describe your fantastic creature here. Write as much as you can!

This is the ___________________________________________, a fantastic creature.
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# ASSESSMENT CRITERIA – WRITING

We suggest you read through the text checking each of the three aspects being assessed. Please use row four (3 marks) as the base line and mark up or down as appropriate.

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SOME SAMPLE MARKED COMPOSITIONS

Below are several authentic samples of marked compositions written by year 4 of Primary Education pupils and the marks given.

SAMPLE Nº 1

This is the Big wings, a fantastic creature.
This fantastic creature lives in the Atlantic waters.
It has got two big wings, four legs, two eyes, spots on its body, one nose and one tail.
It eats meat, vegetables and fruits.
It has super powers, when it dies it goes back from the fire and it can fly to look from up and eat the animal, vegetable or fruit. It makes its own food.
The spots are for camouflage to eat it.
There is just 1 Big wings in the whole world. Now Big wings is hiding from us because it's scare. Well some day we are going to see Big wings.

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This is the ___________ Goats, a fantastic creature. It has got a small head, a very very big body, beautiful arms, 2 legs, 3 eyes to see very good, and 1 mouth to eat and to speak. She lives in Rome and it can live with cold and it can't live in a Desierto. It eats eggs, vegetable and milk, but she favorite it the milk.

The interesting characters are this: Can fly with these legs, but not very up. She likes to speak with the humans and it nocturne.

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This is the **Ice-bird**. The Ice-bird lived in a cave. It lived 1000 hundred years. It has to large wings, a big mouth and it has a long tail that it's very cold.

I live in Alaska are one of the coldest countries in a cave. It's very anti-social he don't like company. It eats ice, water and fish.

His powers are to shoot ice from his wings and to live 1000 hundred years. This is my fantastic creature.

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This is the __________ Snake, a fantastic creature.

It has got: three teeth, scales, forty eyes, four lungs, five feet and two noses. It lives in Africa. It can't swim, eat plants, fly and drink juice. It eats: people, animals and fungi. It can: dance, do exams and it can sing. It loves practicing sports.
This is the lion, a fantastic creature.

I have got eyes, mouth, ears and teeth.

It lives in Africa. I can swim and fish but I don’t read and speak the lion.

Other interesting characters is fish, mat learn and see people in America and Asia.

I eat: peoples, vegetables and fruits but her favorite food is the fish sack.

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