



TOM NEWBY SCHOOL
TERM 2 CONTROLLED TEST

Subject	ENGLISH PAPER 2		Examiner	MRS V NAIDOO
Date	JUNE 2024		Total marks	50
Grade	6		Duration	1H30
			Moderator	MRS A SINGH
Special instructions/ Equipment		Learners are not allowed to use a dictionary or thesaurus. Learners are allowed to use highlighters.		
This assessment has been compiled using notes and information contained in the Tom Newby School resource material. The marking memorandum has been compiled accordingly. While alternative responses will be given due acknowledgement, the official memorandum will be considered a priority document to ensure uniformity of marking.				

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Instructions:

1. This test is made up of 7 pages and 4 questions:
 - Question 1: Comprehension (20 marks)
 - Question 2: Visual Literacy (10 marks)
 - Question 3: Summary (5 marks)
 - Question 4: Language Structures and Conventions (15 marks)
2. **Answer all questions on the answer sheet.**
3. Answer in full sentences, unless stated otherwise.
4. Answer according to the mark allocation per question.
5. You will not be allowed to use a dictionary during the exam.
6. **Write your name on the last page of this test.**



QUESTION 1: COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)

Read the questions first, then the passage. Thereafter, answer the questions.

Use the comprehension skills that you were taught to answer the questions.

Highlight important words and phrases.

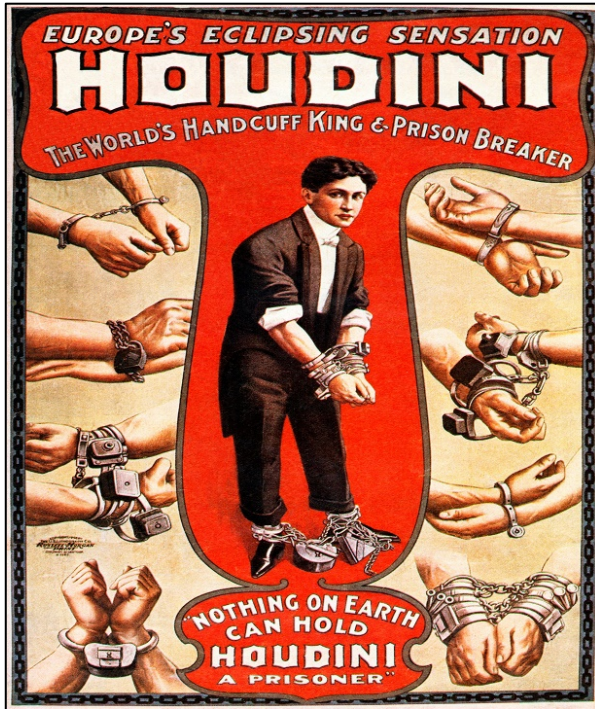
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HOUDINI

- 1 Hungarian-born American magician and entertainer, Harry Houdini, was born in 1874 and died in 1926.
- 2 Harry Houdini was the stage name of Erich Weiss. His family had immigrated to America from Hungary when he was a child. He began his career as a trapeze artist, but he became famous as a magician who could perform amazing escapes.
- 3 Houdini taught himself how to escape from all kinds of chains and bindings. He toured America and Europe, attracting publicity for his show by performing stunts, such as escaping from a strait-jacket or prison cell. He even escaped from an airtight tank full of water, but his most famous trick was the “Chinese Torture Cell” into which he was locked, hanging upside down, with his ankles held by stocks (wooden and metal devices to hold ankles and feet in place).
- 4 All Houdini’s acts, were tricks, which depended on physical strength, skill and fitness. He was annoyed whenever it was suggested that he had special powers. He would expose other people who claimed that they had supernatural powers, such as fraudulent mind-readers, by performing their tricks himself.

- 5 During his career, Houdini invented many new acts, including making an elephant disappear and walking through a brick wall. This great magician and athlete fascinated millions of people all over the world. Nothing on earth could hold Houdini a prisoner! Harry Houdini is considered by many people to be the finest escape artist who ever lived!

Source: www.readwritethink.org

Word count: 339



Questions:

- 1.1 Where was Houdini born? (1)
- 1.2 How old was Houdini when he died? (1)
- 1.3 What was Houdini's real name? (1)
- 1.4 In which country did Houdini begin his career as a trapeze artist? (1)
- 1.5 List two things that Houdini could escape from? (2)
- 1.6 Quote a sentence from paragraph 5, which states that Houdini is considered a legend. (1)
- 1.7 State if the following sentence is True or False. (1)
Houdini attended a trapeze school.
- 1.8 What was Houdini's most famous trick? (1)
- 1.9 List three things that Houdini depended on to do his tricks. (3)
- 1.10 Which word from paragraph 3, states that Houdini received a lot of media attention. (1)

1.11 What does the word “immigrated” in paragraph 2, mean?

Write the correct answer option on the answer sheet. (1)

- a) To move to another country.
- b) To move to a warmer country.
- c) To move to a colder country.
- d) To stay in the city.

1.12 Why does the sentence, “Nothing on earth could hold Houdini a prisoner!” (paragraph 5), suitably describe Houdini? (1)

1.13 Houdini exposed other people, who claimed to have “supernatural powers”. Why do you think he did that? (1)

1.14 If you had the opportunity, would you have watched a show by Houdini? Give a reason for your answer. (1)

1.15 Besides being an escape artist and entertainer, what other profession did Houdini have? (1)

1.16 Match the phrase in Column A with the options in Column B, to complete the sentence. **Write the letter on the answer sheet.** (1)

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
A trapeze artist performs in a/an	a. magic show.
	b. circus.
	c. amusement park.

1.17 Put the following sentences in the correct sequence as it happened in the text.

Write down the letters on the answer sheet. (1)

- a. He toured America and Europe to perform escape stunts.
- b. He exposed fraudulent mind readers, by performing their tricks himself.
- c. Houdini and his family immigrated to America.
- d. Houdini is considered to be the finest escape artist who ever lived!

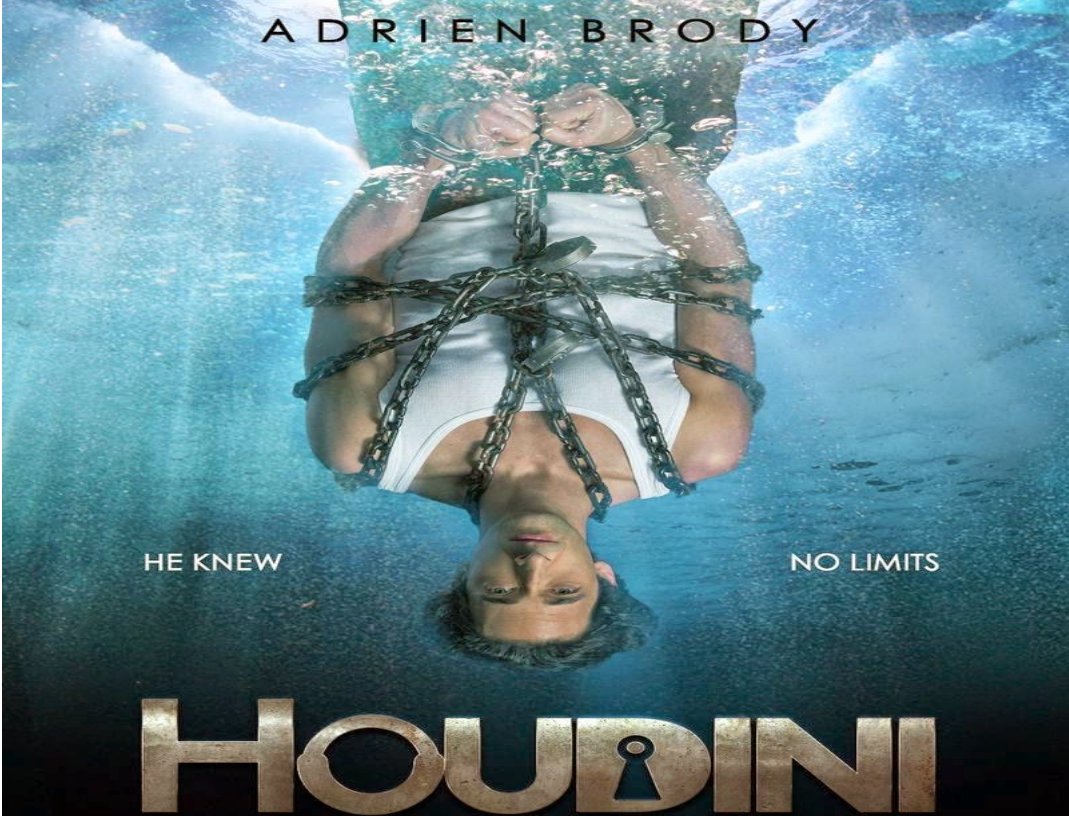
TOTAL QUESTION 1 = 20 MARKS

QUESTION 2: VISUAL LITERACY (10 MARKS)

Read and analyse the advertisement below to answer the questions that follow.

**LEGENDARY ILLUSIONIST AND ESCAPE ARTIST
FROM POVERTY TO WORLDWIDE FAME**

A D R I E N B R O D Y



HE KNEW NO LIMITS

HOUDINI

STERKINEKOR

SK GREAT MOMENTS AT
THEIR GREATEST

RELEASE DATE
4 JULY 2024

Book now @
www.sterkinekor.com
Half price Tuesdays!

Sign up to the
SK CLUB
and receive
other special
offers!

Questions:

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| 2.1 Name the company that is advertising the movie. | (1) |
| 2.2 What is the slogan of this company. | (1) |
| 2.3 Which movie is this advertisement promoting? | (1) |
| 2.4 List one visual clue, which indicates that this movie is about an escape artist. | (1) |
| 2.5 When will this movie be released? | (1) |
| 2.6 Where can you purchase tickets for this movie? | (1) |

2.7 Who is the target market for this advertisement? **Write the correct option on the answer sheet?** (1)

- a. People who enjoy watching Historical Drama movies.
- b. People who do not like trapeze artists.
- c. People who do not enjoy watching Historical Drama movies.
- d. People who only go to the movies to enjoy the popcorn and cooldrinks.

2.8 What does the expression in the advertisement, “He knew no limits” suggest about the character in the movie? (1)

2.9 List one technique that has been used in the advertisement, to get the reader’s attention? (1)

2.10 What information in the advertisement would get the readers’ interest? (1)

TOTAL QUESTION 2 = 10 MARKS

QUESTION 3: SUMMARY (5 MARKS)

Read the comprehension, “THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HOUDINI” and summarise it as follows:

- 1) Identify the **main idea from each paragraph**.
- 2) Write the main ideas in **one paragraph**.
- 3) Your paragraph must be between **60 – 70 words**.
- 4) You must write a **first draft and a final draft**.
- 5) **Use your own words** when you summarize.
- 6) Add the **word count at the end** of your summary.
- 7) **Include the title** in both drafts.

TOTAL QUESTION 3 = 5 MARKS

QUESTION 4: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS (15 MARKS)

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THE ANSWER SHEET.

Refer to the paragraphs listed in the story, to answer Question 4.1 and 4.2.

4.1 Find a **synonym** in paragraph 2 for the word: (1)
popular

4.2 Find an **antonym** in paragraph 3 for the word: (1)
capture

4.3 **Underline the preposition** and **circle the verb** in the sentence below. (2)

His family immigrated to America.

4.4 **Circle the subject** in the sentence below. (1)

During his career, Houdini invented many new acts.

4.5 Join the **two simple sentences** with the **conjunction** in brackets. (2)

People around the world are fascinated with Houdini. Houdini is a great magician and entertainer. (because)

4.6 Change the sentence below to the **tenses** listed.

Present Tense: Houdini begins his career as a trapeze artist.

a) **Past Tense** (1)

b) **Future Continuous Tense** (1)

4.7 Rewrite the sentence below and insert the necessary **punctuation**. (2)

Houdinis career as a magician made him famous

4.8 Change the **direct speech** sentence into **indirect speech**.

“He has special powers,” said John. (1)

Start your sentence with **John said ...**

4.9 Write the **root word** and the **suffix** in the following word: **escaping**. (2)

a. root word

b. suffix

4.10 Write the plural form of the word: **family**. (1)

TOTAL QUESTION 4 = 15 MARKS

GRAND TOTAL = 50 MARKS