



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

**SOLOMON ISLANDS FORM THREE
EXAMINATION**

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ENGLISH

LISTENING COMPREHENSION QUESTION

(Teacher's Copy)

THIS BOOKLET CONTAINS 6 PAGES

SECTION A LISTENING COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

NOTE TO THE TEACHER WHO IS READING THIS:

It is crucial that you say exactly what is written down. No other help or instruction should be given. Read the full document to the candidates. Pause only where indicated within the brackets.

TEACHER BEGINS:

Today you are going to do your Listening Comprehension Examination. You should all have the Question Booklet and a pen to write with. **DO NOT OPEN THE QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.** I am going to read to you a story. The first time through, I will read it normally and you should listen to it carefully.

(Teacher reads the passage – first reading)

Mosquitoes

There are about 3,500 species of mosquitoes in the world. The word “mosquito” means “little fly” in Portuguese. There are four stages in the lifetime of a mosquito: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Mosquito eggs need water to hatch. Different species of mosquitoes prefer different places to lay their eggs.

Mosquito larvae are called “wigglers” because they move with jerking movements of their bodies. They spend most of their time under the surface of the water, feeding on leaves and grass. They must have air to stay alive, so they wiggle to the surface. The larvae shed their skin four times as they grow and progress to the third stage, which is the pupa. Mosquito pupae also need air to stay alive. They continue to feed on grasses and leaves under the surface of the water, but they must come up for air. After several days in the pupa stage, the pupae mature into adult mosquitoes.

Adult mosquitoes reach maturity in as few as 5 days, but most require 10–14 days before they reach maturity. Variation in maturity time is due to the differences in species and differences in the temperature of the environment. Adult mosquitoes mate within a few days of their emergence as adults. They eat fruit, nectar, and any other sources of sugar they can find. Female mosquitoes need blood in order for their eggs to develop. After the female has her meal of blood, she rests for two or three days before she lays her eggs.

The cycle of eating and laying eggs continues for one or two weeks, which is the lifetime of a mosquito. Now you know that it is the female mosquitoes which bite you. But how do they find you?

Mosquitoes seek out warmth and movement — both properties of human beings and other animals. They also seek carbon dioxide, which is exhaled by humans and other animals. So, the social activities of conversation and laughter — which involve movement and the exhalation of carbon dioxide — are what attract these annoying little insects.

(PAUSE..... 10 SECONDS)

I am now going to read the passage for the second time. When I finish reading, I will ask you ten questions about the story. The questions are printed in your Question and Answer Booklet. You should listen for possible answers to the questions. *Open your Question and Answer Booklet. You can look at the questions while I read the passage. DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING AT THIS TIME.*

(Teacher reads the passage – Second reading)

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You may now open your **QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOKLET** and circle the letter of most correct answer either A, B, C, or D. Each item is worth one mark.

1. How many species of mosquitoes are mentioned in the story.
 - A. 3,000
 - B. 6,000
 - C. 3,500
 - D. 35,000

(PAUSE 20 seconds)

2. The word ***mosquito*** means

- A. malaria
- B. Portuguese
- C. wriggler
- D. little fly

(PAUSE 20 seconds)

3. How many stages are there in a lifetime of a mosquito?

- A. 6
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 3

(PAUSE 20 seconds)

4. Mosquito larvae are also called

- A. wrigglers
- B. pupa
- C. egg
- D. adult

(PAUSE 20 seconds)

5. Mosquito larvae need _____ to stay alive
- A. water
 - B. air
 - C. mud
 - D. food

(PAUSE 20 seconds)

6. Which statement is true according to the reading?
- A. Both larva and pupa feed on grasses and leaves
 - B. Only pupa needs air to survive
 - C. Only larva feed on grasses and leaves
 - D. None of the above

(PAUSE 20 seconds)

7. How long does it take for a mosquito to grow into adult?
- A. 10-14 days
 - B. 10 months
 - C. 15 days
 - D. 7 days

(PAUSE 20 seconds)

8. What do female mosquitoes have as their food?
- A. leaves
 - B. egg
 - C. water
 - D. blood

(PAUSE 20 seconds)

9. Adult mosquitoes eat all of these except

- A. nectar
- B. fruit
- C. worm
- D. sugar

(PAUSE 20 seconds)

10. What *two* properties of a human and animal attract a female mosquito to bite?

- A. water and air
- B. warmth and movement
- C. carbon dioxide and oxygen
- D. growth and darkness

This brings us to the end of the Listening Comprehension questions. You can now proceed on to the next questions in your Question and Answer Booklet. You have 15 minutes reading time and 2 hours to do the examination.