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**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

**SOLOMON ISLANDS FORM THREE EXAMINATION**

**2016**

**ENGLISH**

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION QUESTION**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016

Time: 2 HOURS plus 15 minutes reading time

QUESTION	CONTENT	MARKS
1	Listening Comprehension	10

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Write your examination number in the box provided at the top right corner of this page.
3. Before you begin each part, read through the instructions carefully.
4. Do all your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.
5. Use your time wisely.

**THIS BOOKLET CONTAINS 7 PAGES**

**QUESTION 1    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 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)**

## Marvelous Love

(Bill Bright)

On a cold Christmas Eve in 1952, when Korea was experiencing civil war, one young woman struggled along a village street, obviously soon to deliver a child. She pleaded with passersby,

"Help me! Please. My baby!"

No one paid any attention to her.

A middle-aged couple walked by. The wife pushed away the young mother and teased her,

"Where's the father?"

The couple laughed and went on.

The young woman almost doubled up from a contraction as she watched them go.

"Please . . ." she begged.

She had heard of a missionary living nearby who might help her. Hurriedly, she began walking to that village. If only he would help her baby. Shivering and in pain, she struggled over the frozen countryside. But the night was very cold. Snow began to fall. Realizing that the time was near to delivering her baby, she took shelter under a bridge. There, alone, her baby was born on Christmas Eve.

Worried about her newborn son, she took off her own clothes, wrapped them around the baby and held him close in the warm circle of her arms.

The next day, the missionary braved the new snow to deliver Christmas packages. As he walked along, he heard the cry of a baby. He followed the sound to a bridge. Under it, he found a young mother frozen to death, still clutching her crying new born son. The missionary tenderly lifted the baby out of her arms.

When the baby was 15 years old, his adopted father told him the story of his mother's death on Christmas Eve.

The young boy cried, realizing the sacrifice his mother had made for him.

The next morning, the missionary rose early to find the boy's bed empty. Seeing a fresh set of small footprints in the snow outside, he bundled up warmly in a winter coat and followed the trail. It led to the bridge where the young mother had died.

As the missionary approached the bridge, he stopped stunned at what he saw. Kneeling in the snow was his son, naked and shivering uncontrollably. His clothes lay beside him in a small pile. Moving closer, he heard the boy say through chattering teeth:

*"Mother, were you this cold for me?"*

**(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 Booklet. You should listen for possible answers to the questions.**

**Open your Question 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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**(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)**

**Begin circling the BEST answer of your choice either A, B, C, or D in your Question Booklet. This is the same Booklet you will be writing your answers in. Each item is worth one mark.**

**(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)**

1. Whose love is the title of the story referring to?
  - A. The missionary's love
  - B. The baby's love
  - C. The middle-aged couple's love
  - D. The mother's love

(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)

2. Which is the **most** appropriate answer for the story? On a cold Christmas Eve in 1952,
- A. Korea experienced a very fierce civil war.
  - B. a young woman was about to deliver a baby.
  - C. passers-by pushed away a young woman.
  - D. a missionary took a mother into his home.

(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)

3. Shivering and in much pain, the mother struggled to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. take shelter under the bridge
  - B. get to her home and family
  - C. get to the missionary's house
  - D. deliver her baby all alone

(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)

4. *A middle-aged couple walked by. The wife pushed away the young mother and teased her, "Where's the father?"* The wife did this to the pregnant woman because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. she cared for the woman
  - B. the woman wasn't married
  - C. they were her parents
  - D. she was their enemy

(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)

5. Alone under the bridge that cold night, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. her baby was born on Christmas Eve
- B. the missionary found and took them home
- C. she died of intense cold with her baby boy
- D. her baby died but she survived the cold

(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)

6. Worried about her newborn baby, what is one thing the mother did not do? She \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. took off her warm clothes
- B. wrapped them around her baby
- C. held him close to her warmth
- D. and slept peacefully all night

(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)

7. 'The next day, the missionary braved the new snow to deliver Christmas packages.' The word underlined above is a \_\_\_\_\_ and means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. verb           faced
- B. noun           confronted
- C. adjective      defied
- D. adverb         endured

(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)

8. What is **one** thing the missionary found under the bridge?
- A. A baby crying in his dead mother's arms.
  - B. The mother comforting her chubby baby.
  - C. A couple attending to their daughter.
  - D. Both mother and son crying together.

**(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)**

9. According to the story, fifteen years later, the missionary told his adopted son about the death of his mother and he cried realizing the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. cold she couldn't survive for his sake
  - B. pain she experienced when giving birth to him
  - C. sacrificial love his mother had for him
  - D. hatred his mother received from her family

**(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)**

10. Next morning, the missionary found the boy's bed empty because he went to the bridge to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. take off his clothes in remembrance of his mother
  - B. get a quick glance of his old and beautiful mother
  - C. see the very spot her mother was killed by enemies
  - D. experience the cold his mother went through for him

**(PAUSE ..... 20 seconds)**

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