

**B. Exercise 1: Answer the following.**

**Give the plural of the following words in the booklet provided:** (15 marks)

- (a) Bird (b) Ball (c) Apple (d) Bottle (e) Book (f) Pen (g) Table (h) Spoon (i) Carpet  
(j) Picture (k) Tree (l) Farmer (m) Paper (n) Dog (o) Fish.

**Exercise 2: Complete the following sentences in the booklet provided:** (15 marks)

- (a) The old fisherman..... (3 marks)  
(b) My uncle likes..... (3 marks)  
(c) Helen and her sister Mary..... (3 marks)  
(d) The top of the mountain..... (3 marks)  
(e) A tiny mouse went to hide..... (3 marks)

**C. Language: Underline the correct word in each sentence:** (15 marks)

- (a) I was told not to (accept/except) gifts from strangers. (3 marks)  
(b) From the expression on his face you could see he was (board/bored). (3 marks)  
(c) The (sight/site) the strangers visited was deep in the forest. (3 marks)  
(d) The (herd/heard) stood grazing in the fields. (3 marks)  
(e) For newspapers go to a (stationary/stationery). (3 marks)

**Correct the following sentences:** (15 marks)

- (a) Were did Thomas leave his lunch? (3 marks)  
(b) I promise I pay you tomorrow. (3 marks)  
(c) Jane cannot do two jobs in the same time. (3 marks)  
(d) A third of the foreign students learning English is from Italy. (3 marks)  
(e) There's a programme tonight what you might like. (3 marks)

**EXAMINATION FOR THE POST OF COURT  
MESSENGER AT THE COURTS OF JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT (MALTA) WITHIN THE MINISTRY  
FOR JUSTICE, CULTURE AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT**

**Time Allowed - 1½Hrs**

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**WRITE ALL YOUR WORK IN THE ANSWER BOOK PROVIDED.**

**A. Read carefully and answer the following questions.**

It was on the day that Italy surrendered and that the Germans came. The miller had brought the news of the armistice; and both he and the farmer rejoiced. They were drinking and toasting the peace. We were all talking about the Americans. To us, Italians, America is not a foreign country, though it is beyond a tremendous ocean, it is the place where your relatives or your children have gone. It is a land of wealth, and in a way, it is our country, too; for we speak of it as if it were less different and much closer than France and Germany.

The farmer had no sooner brought his glass to his lips, when his expression became confused – he was listening to something. Soon we all heard the noise coming nearer and nearer. The miller and the farmer got up from the table to get a better view. A large truck with a gun, on two rubber tyres, trailing behind it, had halted near the approach to the bridge. “But the war is over,” the miller said, while we watched the soldiers jump out of the back of the truck. “They are Germans,” the farmer said pointing to the officer, who stood in front of the truck.

The Germans cleared a bit of ground in the vineyard, above the bridge, and installed themselves there. There were one officer, a sergeant, and six ordinary soldiers. They came to the farm for water and to buy vegetables. They were polite, especially the officer, who spoke Italian well. He was very young and made every effort to be friendly. In the beginning, Anna and I kept away from the Germans, yet we saw them every day, and this created a feeling that we knew each other, even though we seldom spoke. What finally made us become friends was a coin.

I was sitting under the bridge thoughtlessly letting the sand sift through my finger, when I noticed a little green stone. When I picked it up, to look at it more closely, I recognized that it was not a stone, but a piece of metal, all green with tarnish. On my way up to the farm, I met the young German officer and I told him of my discovery. He rubbed it and noticed that impressed on it there was a design and around it some letters. The young officer squinted his eyes and said “It is a coin! A Roman one!”

(Adapted from Eric Christian Haugaard, *The Little Fishes*, London, 1983)

1. What were the miller and the farmer celebrating? (5 marks)
2. Why was America not a foreign country for the Italians? (5 marks)
3. How many Germans were there on the truck? (5 marks)
4. Choose the right answer:  
The miller:  
a) works in the field.                      b) sells millet.  
c) makes women’s hats.                      d) grinds wheat to produce flour. (5 marks)

5. Find one word in the passage that means the same as:  
(a) large (1 mark)  
(b) riches (1 mark)  
(c) stopped (1 mark)  
(d) placed (1 mark)  
(e) rarely (1 mark)
6. Write whether these sentences are **TRUE** or **FALSE**:  
(a) The Italian peasants were pleased that the war was over. (1 mark)  
(b) The peasants were talking about the weather. (1 mark)  
(c) The gun was carried on a truck. (1 mark)  
(d) The German officer did not understand Italian. (1 mark)  
(e) The piece of metal was a Roman coin. (1 mark)
7. Which word does not fit in each group?  
(a) soldier, sergeant, major, miller (1 mark)  
(b) summer, century, autumn, winter (1 mark)  
(c) England, Italians, Germans, French (1 mark)  
(d) bad, evil, polite, cruel (1 mark)  
(e) brother, uncle, peasant, sister (1 mark)
8. What made the young officer conclude that the piece of metal was a coin? (5 marks)