

- c) To fly as the first bird in the formation was the responsibility of
- i) male geese only
 - ii) female geese only
 - iii) young geese only
 - iv) every member of the flock.
- d) Greg wanted a break from the flight because he
- i) was hungry
 - ii) was feeling tired
 - iii) was getting bored
 - iv) wanted to talk to his friend Shane.
- e) This text can be described as
- i) political
 - ii) religious
 - iii) narrative
 - iv) historical.

(2 marks x 5 = 10 marks)

Section C: Language

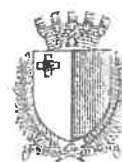
Give the opposite of the following adjectives:

- a) Short (2 marks)
 - b) Sad (2 marks)
 - c) Hot (2 marks)
 - d) New (2 marks)
 - e) Rich (2 marks)
- (10 marks)**

4. Write a questions for each following answer:

- a) The soldier had a gun in his hands. (2 marks)
 - b) He had chicken for his dinner. (2 marks)
 - c) He slept on the floor. (2 marks)
 - d) He went home. (2 marks)
 - e) He was hungry and ate everything. (2 marks)
- (10 marks)**

Total: 100 marks



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Qualifying Examination for the Post of Security Guard
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Subject: English

Date: Friday 22nd April 2022

Time: 11:00 – 12:30 (One and a half hours)

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER

This examination paper consists of THREE sections. Candidates are requested to attempt ALL sections and to read carefully the instructions within each section. ALL answers are to be written on the booklet provided.

Section A: Composition

Choose ONE title and write about 200 words on the subject.

- Describe a car accident you witnessed.
- "I saw all the clothes I was wearing last night scattered all over the room." Continue.
- A film I enjoyed watching.
- The clothes in my wardrobe.
- Going out with friends on a Saturday night.

(40 marks)

Section B: Comprehension

Read carefully the following extract and then answer all the questions that follow. This section contains 40 marks.

The Voyage

"Are you ready Greg?" Shane asked. "It's going to be one long, adventure!" "I was born ready!" I answered. We were all getting ready for our yearly migration south. The days were growing shorter, the weather was getting colder, and we all just felt like it was time to move. Somehow, we all knew there'd be more food and we'd be more comfortable if we flew south for the winter.

This was mine and Shane's first time migrating. We were a little nervous about going, but everyone in the flock reassured us that we'd know exactly what to do when the time came. We had a lot of questions: why do we go south every year; what happens on the way; and how do we know when we're there? We got a lot of different answers, so we still weren't exactly sure what to expect.

"Well, let's go!" Shane said. We met up with the rest of the flock. Shane's mom was going to be the point of the flock first. We were all going to fly in a "V" shape, because they all said it makes it easier on everyone else to fly behind the point. Almost everyone would take a turn being the point, so that no one goose would get too tired. Shane's mom took off, and we all followed.

Higher and higher we flew, then everyone started leveling off. We were in our "V" shape. Flying always felt great. It was fun to look at everything far below us, and it felt good to stretch out our wings. Soon enough, I could see why we were flying in the "V." Flying for this long was tiring, but it was much easier to fly in the "V" than by myself. It was also pretty cold up here, which wasn't too bad, but wasn't exactly fun either.

On and on and on we went. Nothing exciting happened, we were just flying along for miles. It was too hard to talk to each other, we just followed the point. I was getting really hungry, and couldn't wait for a break. Finally, we started heading down to land. I knew somehow that this wasn't our final destination, but I was glad for the break.

I went to find Shane as soon as we landed, but my mom and dad stopped me to ask how I was doing.

"I'm fine," I answered. "Migrating isn't as exciting as I thought it would be."

"Be glad for that, Greg," Mom answered. "If it's exciting, that means there are problems. Problems are great in stories you hear, but it's stressful to be in those situations. I'm happy with a boring migration!" Dad agreed with mom.

"OK," I sighed, "I'm going to find Shane."

Shane was by the water, eating some plants.

"How's the migration going for you so far?" I asked him.

"I'm glad we have a break, we need it. I'm shaken up!" he answered.

"Shaken up? Why? It's been pretty boring so far!" I said.

"Didn't you see the eagle? It was coming after us! It almost got Lucy!" Shane exclaimed.

"What? I didn't see that! What happened?"

"Well, it must have been flying behind you if you didn't see it. We were just minding our own business, when my dad spotted the eagle. We decided to move closer together, but Lucy didn't notice. The eagle started circling above her, then it dove! Luckily we all honked, and she got out of the way, but it was a close call," said Shane.

I thought about how terrified Lucy must have been, and if I'd have seen it, I'd probably be just as shaken up as Shane. I was glad I didn't see it.

"Hopefully that will be the only crazy thing that happens during this migration," I said. "Let's get some rest. We have another busy day of flying tomorrow."

(text adapted from k5 learning.com online resources)

1. Answer the following questions:

- Give TWO reasons why the birds were migrating in winter.
- Quote TWO words or phrases that show that Greg and Shane are two young inexperienced geese on their first migration flight.
- Describe how Greg and Shane were feeling before beginning their journey.
- Who was going to start as head of the flock in their 'V' formation flight?
- Mention TWO advantages that Greg and Shane saw in flying with the flock in a 'V' formation.

(4 marks x 5 = 20 marks)

2. Mark the following statements if they are TRUE or FALSE according to the information read in the text.

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| a) The geese flew North for the winter. | TRUE or FALSE? |
| b) Birds migrate to avoid the noise and pollution of big cities. | TRUE or FALSE? |
| c) The adult geese frightened Greg and Shane with their horrible stories of the dangers that they could face during their migration journey. | TRUE or FALSE? |
| d) The first bird flying in front of the flock is known as the point. | TRUE or FALSE? |
| e) Greg did not like flying high in the sky because he was afraid of falling down. | TRUE or FALSE? |

(2 marks x 5 = 10 marks)

3. Choose the correct answer for the following.

- During the long flight Greg was excited because he could stretch his
 - legs
 - neck
 - wings
 - ears.
- For the flock, flying in a 'V'-shaped formation proved to be
 - dangerous
 - stressful
 - less tiring
 - time consuming.