



**Subject:** Grade 8 English: Home Language

**Topic:** Figures of speech

**Total:** 34 Marks

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 1: Multiple Choice**

4 marks

Which one of the following phrases is an example of assonance?

- |          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| <b>A</b> | Zip goes the jacket.    |
| <b>B</b> | I ate apples in August. |
| <b>C</b> | To sing beautifully.    |
| <b>D</b> | Boil the butter.        |

**This text refers to question: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

**My Younger Brother's Appetite**

Jack Prelutsky

My younger brother's appetite  
Is finicky and very slight.  
He's almost guaranteed to hate  
Whatever's placed upon his plate.  
"I will not eat these greens!" he groans,  
"This chicken has too many bones,  
The cantaloupe is far too sweet,  
There's too much gravy on the meat."

He whines, "The salad tastes like soap,  
The spaghetti's more like rope,  
I cannot stand those soggy peas,  
And I won't touch this awful cheese!"  
My younger brother doesn't eat  
Enough to fill a parakeet.  
However did he get to be  
The size and shape of two of me?

**Question 2: True/False**

2 marks

'The stars winked at me' is an example of personification.

**TRUE**

**FALSE**

**Question 3: Multiple Choice**

4 marks

Identify the letter that makes the following phrase an example of alliteration:

'Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. '

- |          |   |
|----------|---|
| <b>A</b> | p |
| <b>B</b> | e |
| <b>C</b> | l |
| <b>D</b> | t |
- 

**Question 4: Multiple Choice**

4 marks

Which one of the following phrases is an example of a simile?

- |          |                                     |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>A</b> | As still as a brooding dove.        |
| <b>B</b> | A man died in his living room.      |
| <b>C</b> | She's got tons of money.            |
| <b>D</b> | Raindrops are falling from the sky. |
- 

**Question 5: Multiple Choice**

4 marks

Identify which figure of speech best describes the following phrase:

'The heartbeat of Cape Town. '

- |          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| <b>A</b> | simile          |
| <b>B</b> | metaphor        |
| <b>C</b> | personification |
| <b>D</b> | assonance       |
- 

**Question 6: Text Input**

3 marks

What figure of speech is the following sentence an example of?

'While she is sleeping, she looks like a dream.'

--------------

---

**Question 7: Please Fill In The Blanks**  
**Her home was a prison.**

4 marks

In the metaphor above (1) and (2) are being compared to one another.

Select your answers in alphabetical order.

Possible Answers: Her | home | was | prison

<b>1</b>	
----------	--

<b>2</b>	
----------	--

---

**Question 8: True/False**

2 marks

"I saw a fish drowning" is a simile.

<b>TRUE</b>
-------------

<b>FALSE</b>
--------------

---

**This text refers to question: 9, 10**

**New Boy**

1. He stood alone in the playground  
Kicked his shoes and stared at the ground  
He came late in the school year  
From the other side of town.

2. He'd a brand new blazer and cap on  
Polished shoes and neatly cut hair  
Looked up and half smiled  
Pretending he didn't care.

3. And I remembered when I'd been new  
And no one had spoken to me  
I'd almost cried as I stood alone  
Hiding my misery.

4. My heart said I should go over  
Share a joke or play the fool  
But I was scared of looking stupid  
In front of the rest of the school.

*Abridged from Gareth Owen*

**Question 9: Please Fill In The Blanks**

4 marks

In line 14 and 16 of the poem, the words (1) and (2) rhyme.

Possible Answers: fool | pointed | laughed | school

<b>1</b>	
----------	--

<b>2</b>	
----------	--

**Question 10: Text Input**

3 marks

In the poem "New Boy", which word rhymes with hair (stanza 2)?

--

---

**Total: 34 Marks**