



**Subject:** Grade 5 English  
**Topic:** Comprehension: The History Test  
**Total:** 34 Marks

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

**This text refers to question: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10**

**The girl who failed her History test.**

1. It was a normal school day and Thato Simanye was walking from one class to another. This process normally took forever, because all the children dragged their feet. They laughed loudly and shouted each other's names. Thato just wanted to get to class.
2. As she approached her class, she could see her teacher was in a bad mood. Her lipstick was all smudged and her hair was tied in an untidy pony tail; she looked rushed. "Good morning, Ms Simanye!", she said. Her teacher was not impressed with her. She did not seem to be impressed with anything.
3. "Morning", Thato whispered under her breath.
4. "You have failed", Ms Carry said to her, handing her a test.
5. She said it just like that, in front of everyone. Thato's eyes began to water. The water rushed down her face. Failed? Thato thought to herself.
6. Ms Carry's face was cold, "You failed your History test. I suppose it has to do with you deciding to go on the school tour, instead of studying. That's what happens, class, when you think you know it all."
7. Thato had never failed anything in her life. Her marks were always above average. She was the top student in all her classes, including History. So what happened? She thought. The tears jumped off her face, dropping like her heart. She was extremely disappointed. The only thing worse than being humiliated in front of the class, was to face her parents. Thato was unsure. She did not know if her parents would understand, so she sat wondering about their reactions for the rest of the school day.
8. "Why would you do such a thing?", her mother would ask. Her mother would be so confused. Thato was supposed to be a good girl and a good student.
9. "You should have done better!", she could hear her father scream. Their voices rang in her head. They would be so disappointed.
10. "Go to your room!", they would say in unison.
11. After school Thato was lying on her bed, her thoughts consuming her. Why did she have to do it? Why couldn't she have said no to the tour? And now, stressed and alone, Thato had to face the music.
12. Her parents' footsteps were distinct. She could hear them, whispering to each other from her room. They sounded happy, how could she ruin it? She rushed to the kitchen, where both her parents were standing. Holding her test in her hands, she gently placed it on the kitchen table.
13. "Hello, Thato." Her mom hugged her. Thato was so stressed, she forgot to greet her parents. She went over to hug her dad too. Her father lifted the test from the table and stared at it.
14. "I know", Thato started crying, "How can I be such a huge disappointment to you? I should know better. I nagged to go on tour, and then I failed a test the following week. I know I should be punished." As the tears streamed down her face, she could hear soft giggling. She looked up to see her parents, laughing!
15. "Why are you laughing?", Thato wiped her face.
16. "Because, my darling. What is the point of us yelling at you, if you are doing such a good job yourself?" Her mother rubbed her hair.
17. "Thato", her father said sternly, "We know that you work hard. We know that you would never try to

disappoint us on purpose. We are so proud of you, you study without us telling you to. You make sure all your tasks are handed in. Everyone goes through times when they have to try again and that's all you have to do, so dry your eyes and come and have supper with your mom and me."

18. Thato could not believe it. She had been too hard on herself. Her parents understood that she had made a mistake. She felt happier, and decided that she was going to show Ms Carry that she could do better next time.

(by N. Frank)

**Question 1: Please Fill In The Blanks**

4 marks

The name of the teacher in the story is (1) (2) .

Possible Answers: Mr | Mrs | Ms | Carry | Simanye | Jones

<b>1</b>	
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<b>2</b>	
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**Question 2: Text Input**

3 marks

Identify a word from the article that means "altogether".

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**Question 3: Please Fill In The Blanks**

4 marks

Thato was a good student, because her marks were always (1) (2) .

*(words seen right after each other)*

Possible Answers: average | high | low | above

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<b>2</b>	
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**Question 4: Please Fill In The Blanks**

4 marks

Refer to paragraph 2:

What words tells you that Thato's teacher was not happy?

(The two words appear next to each other).

(1) (2) .

Possible Answers: good | face | mood | bad

<b>1</b>	
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<b>2</b>	
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**Question 5: True/False**

2 marks

Ms Carry was unprepared for class.

<b>TRUE</b>
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<b>FALSE</b>
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**Question 6: Please Fill In The Blanks**

4 marks

Thato believed she failed her History test, because she went on the (1) (2) .

Possible Answers: tour | people | excursion | school

<b>1</b>	
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<b>2</b>	
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**Question 7: Text Input**

3 marks

What subject was the test based on?

The test was based on the subject ... (one word).

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**Question 8: Multiple Choice**

4 marks

**Quote** from the text that Ms Carry **did not have any sympathy** for Thato.

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| <b>A</b> | " Thato was sad."             |
| <b>B</b> | "Ms Carry was in a rush."     |
| <b>C</b> | "Ms Carrys' face was cold. "  |
| <b>D</b> | "Ms Carry was in a bad mood." |
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**Question 9: Text Input**

3 marks

"said softly" means the same as the word ...  
(one word)

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**Question 10: Text Input**

3 marks

Thato thought her parents would be ... with her, after hearing she failed.

Answer with ONE word only.

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