



**Subject:** Grade 8 English: First Additional Language  
**Topic:** Poetry 2  
**Total:** 32 Marks

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

**This text refers to question: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

**There was life before the computer-** *Anonymous*

An application was for employment  
A program was a TV show  
A cursor used profanity  
A keyboard was a piano!  
Memory was something that you lost with age                   5  
A CD was a bank account!  
And if you had a broken disk,  
It would hurt when you found out!  
Compress was something you did to garbage  
Not something you did to a file   10  
And if you unzipped anything in public  
You'd be in jail for awhile!  
Log on was adding wood to a fire  
Hard drive was a long trip on the road  
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived                                 15  
And a backup happened to your commode!  
Cut you did with a pocket knife  
Paste you did with glue  
A web was a spider's home  
And a virus was the flu!   20  
I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper  
And the memory in my head  
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash  
But when it happens they wish they were dead...

**Question 1: Multiple Choice**

4 marks

The following statement from line 23 is an example of which figure of speech?

"... computer crash"

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

**Question 2: Text Input**

3 marks

The following sentence from line 21 contains an example of which figure of speech?

"I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper"

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

2 marks

In modern terms, the word 'web' in line 19 refers to (1) .

Possible Answers: a spider web | the internet | a web of lies | webbed feet

<b>1</b>	
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**Question 4: Multiple Choice**

4 marks

What is the purpose of the ellipsis used in the last line?

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| <b>A</b> | The poet seems to be leaving something unsaid. |
| <b>B</b> | The poet seems to be running out of words.     |
| <b>C</b> | The poet seems to be happy and excited.        |
| <b>D</b> | The poet seems to be sad and frustrated.       |

**Question 5: Multiple Choice**

4 marks

Which one of the following words is **not** an example of a homonym?

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| <b>A</b> | application |
| <b>B</b> | program     |
| <b>C</b> | profanity   |
| <b>D</b> | keyboard    |

**Question 6: Text Input**

3 marks

List two common nouns from line 4.

**This text refers to question: 7, 8, 9, 10**

**Warning** by Jenny Joseph

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple  
 With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.  
 And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves  
 And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.  
 I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired 5  
 And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells  
 And run my stick along the public railings  
 And make up for the sobriety of my youth.  
 I shall go out in my slippers in the rain  
 And pick the flowers in other people's gardens 10  
 And learn to spit

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat  
 And eat three pounds of sausages at a go  
 Or only bread and pickle for a week  
 And hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes. 15

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry  
 And pay our rent and not swear in the street  
 And set a good example for the children.  
 We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practice a little now? 20  
 So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised  
 When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

**Question 7: Please Fill In The Blanks**

4 marks

Give the degrees of comparison of the word 'terrible' in stanza 2.

Terrible; (1) (2) .

Possible Answers: **terrible** | **terriblest** | **more terrible** | **most terrible**

<b>1</b>	
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<b>2</b>	
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**Question 8: Multiple Choice**

4 marks

In stanza 1, 'And learn to spit' is an example of what kind of behaviour?

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| <b>A</b> | healthy |
| <b>B</b> | bad     |
| <b>C</b> | normal  |
| <b>D</b> | good    |
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**Question 9: Please Fill In The Blanks**

2 marks

In stanza 4, who says the speaker 'must' behave in a certain way?

The answer is (1) .

Possible Answers: men | society

<b>1</b>	
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**Question 10: True/False**

2 marks

In line 1, 'When I am an old woman' tells us that the speaker is very old.

<b>TRUE</b>	<b>FALSE</b>
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