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Duration: 30 min
Marks Obtained: /25

SECTION ONE - READING COMPREHENSION

(15 marks)

Instructions: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Broken Lamp

Sara and Rehan were chasing each other through the house, playing tag. They loved to chase each other in grandma's house because it was so big! There were practically hundreds of hiding places in the different rooms.

There were strange little places behind the corridor walls. There was a top floor with strange old furniture and a huge trunk to hide in and behind. There were countless wardrobes and even some air pipes or laundry chutes they could climb into.

The best part though was the balcony on the second floor. They could race along the long corridor and hit the wooden floor at a full skid, sliding at least ten feet if they were running full speed. They liked to race down the hall, slide, and then pound down the stairs or ride the wooden railing down to the ground floor.

This time, Rehan was in the lead with Sara close behind him. He didn't want to slow down, or she'd tag him "it". He tried to keep running past the skid zone and grab the stair rail as he ran past, so he could use it to hurl himself down the stairs. Instead, he stumbled and fell, rolling all the way down.

Rehan tumbled down the first few steps, hitting the console table at the first landing. An antique lamp rocked dangerously above him. He was too dazed by his fall to reach out and steady it. CRASH! It fell right beside him, and a shout went out from the living room.

"What have you kids broken now?" grandma shouted anxiously.

"Uhhh...nothing?" Rehan lied.

Sara's eyes were wide with horror as she looked down at her brother, sprawled out with pieces of fine antique lamp dusted all over him. "A lamp?"

"Not my collector's edition lamp!" Grandmother gasped.

They could almost hear her old bones creak as she lowered herself out of her arm chair and made a run for the stairway.

"No!" She shouted in anger, seeing the destruction.

"Grandma, I'm sorry." Rehan offered a weak apology.

Grandmother's face twisted in anger. "You better be!" She waved her cane threateningly.

"Maybe we can make it up to you? Can we clean and do yard work?" Sara offered.

Grandma's gaze softened, and she nodded after some thought. "Start with cutting the lawn, and then dust everything in the house. We'll see what's left after that."

Sara and Rehan both thought they were getting off easy, but they didn't know grandma had only paid twenty dollars for that lamp a few years ago. It was hardly an antique. She chuckled to herself as the kids cleaned her house. That would teach them to behave!

1. Why did Sara and Rehan like playing tag in grandma's house? (/1)

2. Write any three hiding places in grandma's house. (/3)

3. Why is the second-floor balcony the best place to play for both the children? (/2)

4. Who broke the lamp and how? (/2)

5. What did grandma ask them to do as a punishment? (/2)

6. Make sentences using the following words. (/5)

investigate: _____

website: _____

search: _____

thunderstorm: _____

punishment: _____

SECTION TWO – CREATIVE WRITING

(10 marks)

Write an essay of 100 to 150 words on **any one** of the following topics using interesting adjectives and the five senses (sight, smell, taste, touch and hearing).

Select any one of the following topics:

- Describe your school
- A View from your Bedroom Window

Marking Scheme

Assessment Criteria	Marks Allocation	Marks Obtained
Content	5	
Organization/Presentation	1	
Grammar/Punctuation/Sentence Construction	2	
Vocabulary/Spelling/Sensory Details	2	
Total	10	