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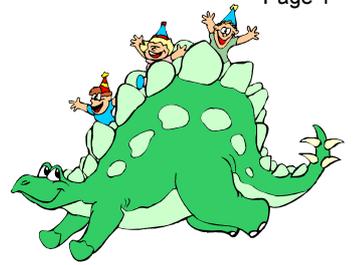
# Conquesta 2014

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## English 1 (Home Language) – Grade 4

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, scratch out the letter in the matching square on your answer sheet using **ONLY a black or blue ballpoint or black khaki pen.** (Do not use pencils, crayons, pencil crayons, highlighters, tippex or glue.) If the answer to question 4 is c, then scratch out the letter c in the square containing c next to the number 4 (see example 1 below). If you've made a mistake and b should have been the answer, neatly cross out the mistake and then scratch out b (see example 2 below).

Example 1:- 

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Example 2:- 

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Read the information below for questions 1 – 10.

Next week I am on holiday. While I am on holiday, I will work on two projects. First, I will fix the washing machine. The washing machine has been broken for two weeks. To fix it, I will need three tools: a screwdriver, a wrench and a clamp. It will take one day to fix the washing machine.

Next, I will fix our back verandah. This is a bigger project. It will probably take about two days to fix the back verandah. I will require a screwdriver, a hammer, nails and a saw.

My holiday begins on Monday. I have a large amount of work to do, but hopefully I can relax when I have completed all my projects.

- Which one of the following will the author of the above passage use more than once?  
(a) a hammer      (b) a screwdriver      (c) a clamp      (d) a saw
- What is the main idea of the passage?  
(a) Tools required      (b) House repairs      (c) Holidays      (d) Holiday projects
- What is the earliest day that the author can relax after having completed both projects?  
(a) Monday      (b) Wednesday      (c) Thursday      (d) Friday



Match the following words from the passage in (a) – (d) with their synonyms at questions 4 – 7.

(a) verandah      (b) project      (c) holiday      (d) wrench

4. Vacation      5. Lever      6. Assignment      7. Porch

- For how long has the author's wife been unable to use the washing machine?  
(a) For the holidays.      (b) For a fortnight.      (c) For a couple of days.      (d) For a week.
- According to the passage, fixing the back verandah will take longer because .....  
(a) the author really doesn't feel inclined to do it.      (b) it has been broken longer.  
(c) it requires more tools.      (d) it is a more challenging project.



- The author of this passage can best be described as .....  
(a) interesting.      (b) impractical.      (c) constructive.      (d) law-abiding.

### Lizard

A lean wizard –  
watch me slither  
up and down  
the breadfruit tree  
sometimes passing a while  
for a dither in the sunshine

The only thing  
that puts a jitter up my spine  
is when I think about  
my great great great  
great great great great  
great great grandmother  
Dinosauria Diplodocus

She would have the shock of her life  
if she were to come back  
and see me reduced to lizardsize!

Grace Nichols



Read the poem on the left for questions 11 – 16.

- The lizard in the first verse of this poem compares himself to .....  
(a) a ditherer.      (b) a dinosaur.      (c) a sorcerer.      (d) a slitherer.
- 'for a dither in the sunshine' means that the lizard liked to ..... in the sunshine. (a) paddle (b) day-dream (c) linger (d) dangle
- If someone or something puts 'a jitter up your spine' it means that they ..... (a) 'drive you around the bend'. (b) 'give you the creeps'.  
(c) 'send you on a guilt trip'.      (d) 'give you the mutters'.
- The expressions in question 13 are known as .....  
(a) idiots.      (b) mottos.      (c) fables.      (d) idioms.
- The lizard in the poem believes his ..... were dinosaurs.  
(a) grandchildren      (b) descendants      (c) ancestors      (d) offspring
- How many generations ago was this?  
(a) 6      (b) 8      (c) 10      (d) 11