



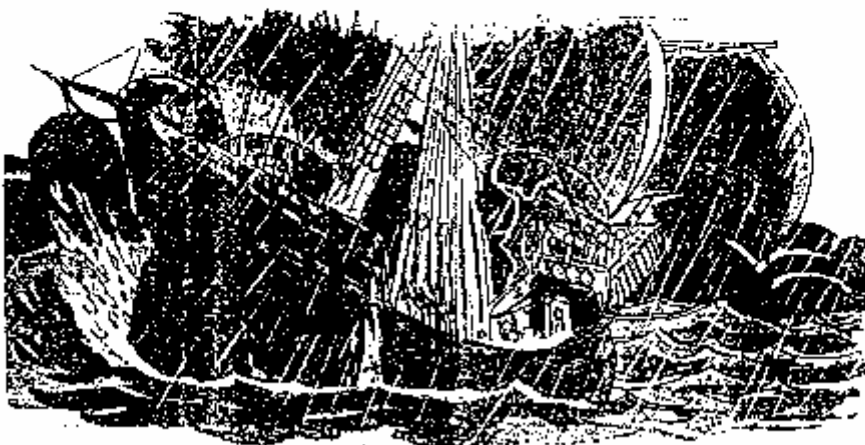
EIGHTH GRADE FIRST TERM EXAM

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First name :
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Class :

A Storm at sea



On the fourth of May 1699, a young man called Lemuel Gulliver, left England and sailed to the South Seas. A few days later, there was a bad storm ; the wind blew so hard and the waves were so big that the ship hit the rocks and it was wrecked.

Gulliver and his sailors put their small boat into the water, climbed into it but the storm grew more violent and a monstrous wave turned the little boat upside down.

Luckily, Gulliver was a good swimmer. He swam on and on in the cold water for many hours, until his feet touched the sand. «At last, I'm safe !» he said to himself.

I] Comprehension :

A/ Answer the following questions about the text :

- 1) Where was Gulliver's ship going ?
- 2) Why was the ship in difficulties ?
- 3) Did Gulliver reach the shore ? How ?

B/ True or false ? Justify your answer.

- 1) There was a bad storm on the 4th May 1699 :
- 2) The ship was wrecked because it hit the sand :
- 3) Gulliver swam well :

II) Language :

A/ Put the verbs between brackets in the simple past or past continuous :

- 1) I lit the fire at 6:00 and it (burn) when Tom (come) in
- 2) Steve (offer) me a new car a month ago.

B/ Choose the most appropriate word :

- 1) Jane is two years old. She ride a horse.
a - can b - can't c - mustn't
- 2) Let's go to the I need to buy some vegetables.
a - supermarket b - newsagent's c - greengrocer's
- 3) Anne's getting married next June, she is inviting all her
a - relations b - classmates c - parents
- 4) Every body likes Ali. He is
a - pretty b - beautiful c - good-looking

C/ Put in the right preposition :

Driss lives his parents A big flat. He works hard. He is good Maths, he does all his exercises home. In the afternoons, his mother often goes shopping foot and his father goes to work bus.

Writing :

You had a party to celebrate your birthday and you invited a lot of friends. Write about the party.

When and where was it ?

Who did you invite ?

What did you and your friends do ?

How did you feel about it ? etc