## Mulla Eissa Int. School for boys (Grade 8) Remedial exercises 2013-2014

## (Comprehension)

## **Read the following passage and answer the questions below:**

Have you ever wondered whether fish drink or not? All living things must drink, and they ever race but a bicycle can't. People say that the horse, being an animal, one may make a friend of  $\underline{it}$ , while no one ever thought of making friends with a bicycle. Moreover, they say that horses can carry heavy things and travel long distances.

Horses were very useful in the past when people used them for fighting their enemies and for travelling. On the other hand, a horse is too expensive to buy and keep. Moreover, horse riding is an **outdoor** activity. People can't practise this sport in winter when it is very cold and heavily raining. So, bicycles will be better because they don't cost much money and they don't need food. They can also be used very easily in towns or on roads in the woods.

| A. Choose the correct answers from a, b , c and d:         |                           |                       |                        |
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| 1-The underlined word " <b>it</b> " refers to              |                           |                       |                        |
| a. the horse   | b. the bicycle            | c. the activity       | d. the ground          |
| 2-The "Outdoor" act  | tivity <mark>means</mark> |                       |                        |
| a. outside a building                                      |                           | b. inside a building  |                        |
| c. between buildings                                       |                           | d. through a building |                        |
| 3-The main idea in this passage is                         |                           |                       |                        |
| a. people  | b. friends                | c. animals            | d. bicycles and horses |
| 4. A horse is too  |                           |                       | 1 . 1                  |
| a. cheap to sell   | b. heavy to walk          | c. expensive to buy   | d. dangerous to ride   |
| B. Answer the following questions:                         |                           |                       |                        |
| 5. What did people use horses for?                         |                           |                       |                        |
| 6. Why do you prefer bicycles to horses?                   |                           |                       |                        |
| 7. Why can't people practise outdoor activities in winter? |                           |                       |                        |
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