



MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

13+ Entrance Exam Sample Paper

Creative Writing

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Instructions

- Write your name clearly on the top of each sheet of paper.
- Answer ONE question.

Information

- There are 30 marks available.
- Remember the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

Advice

- Spend about 5 minutes planning, about 35 minutes writing, and about 5 minutes carefully checking your work.
- Remember: we are interested in reading imaginative and engaging responses as well as in the accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Try to make your writing as clear as you can, so it can be read easily.

This paper tests your creative skills and accuracy in spelling, grammar and punctuation. We are keen to read engaging and entertaining responses that show real care when developing character, place and mood.

When marking your work, we will be interested to see whether you can...

- ✓ use words to create a mood or atmosphere
- ✓ punctuate and paragraph your writing correctly
- ✓ vary the length and range of your sentences.

Don't...

- ✗ try to develop a huge plot in this short period of time. It is far better to work on the three components underlined above.

Select ONE of the tasks below.

EITHER

1. Write a story about a person on the run. The story must not be in the first person; must be as suspenseful as possible; and must contain no violence. (Remember: content is more important than plot.)

OR

2. Imagine you are in a forest like the one below. How do you feel being in the forest? Frightened? Enchanted? Excited? Write about your emotions and observations as a first-person account.



END OF TEST