



**MOUNT HOUSE
SCHOOL**

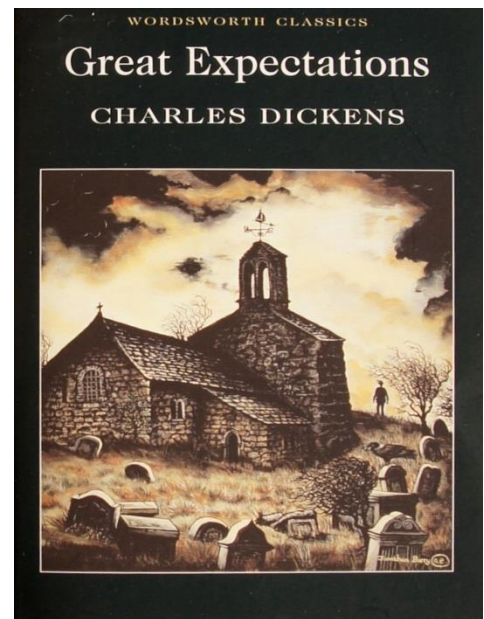
INSPIRING EVERY INDIVIDUAL

**English Entrance Test
for Year 7 Entry**

Sample Paper

45 minutes

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens



Chapter 1

Ours was the marsh country, down by the river, within, as the river wound, twenty miles of the sea. My first most vivid and broad impression of the identity of things, seems to me to have been gained on a memorable raw afternoon towards evening. At such a time I found out for certain, that this bleak place overgrown with nettles was the churchyard; and that Philip Pirrip, late of this parish, and also Georgiana wife of the above, were dead and buried; and that Alexander, Bartholomew, Abraham, Tobias, and Roger, infant children of the aforesaid, were also dead and buried; and that the dark flat wilderness beyond the churchyard, intersected with dykes and mounds and gates, with scattered cattle feeding on it, was the marshes; and that the low leaden line beyond, was the river; and that the distant savage lair from which the wind was rushing, was the sea; and that the small bundle of shivers growing afraid of it all and beginning to cry, was Pip.

Glossary

Intersected - divided by

dykes - low bank used to prevent flooding

lair - wild animal's resting place

Question Paper

Section A (20 minutes)

Read the extract from *Great Expectations* carefully and then answer the following questions:

1. At what time of day is the extract set? (1 mark)
2. What time of the year do you think it is? Give as many reasons as you can supported by phrases or words from the extract. (3 marks)
3. What are marshes? (1 mark)
4. How old do you think Pip is? Give one reason supported by a phrase or words from the extract. (2 marks)
5. How do you think Pip is feeling in the extract? Give one reason supported by a phrase or words from the extract. (2 marks)

Section B (25 minutes)

Write a story based on the picture below. Try to use lots of descriptive language, for example, similes and metaphors. (20 marks)

