



THE KING'S SCHOOL

C H E S T E R

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
ENGLISH
Specimen Paper

Time allowed: 1 hour

- Read through both the extracts - the passage and the poem.
- Now read them both through again, this time more carefully.
- Look at the marks awarded. There are:
 - 25 marks for Section A
 - 25 marks for Section B
- You should try to spend the same amount of time on each section
- For Section B make sure that you think and plan your answer before writing

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

ANSWER **ALL** THE QUESTIONS (25 marks)

Read **EXTRACT 1** – from ‘Cho Oyu, by favour of the gods’ by Herbert Tichy

- 1) Select three details from the passage which tell you about the terrible weather conditions. Explain how each one shows that the men had never experienced a snowstorm as bad as this.

(6 marks)

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

- 2) How does the writer build up tension in this passage?

(*Hint: you could consider what the men are doing and how they feel.*) (4 marks)

Read EXTRACT 2 – The poem ‘Hurricane’ by James Berry

3) Find each of the following lines in the poem. In each case, explain in your own words what the poet means and name the technique he is using.

a) *Leaves are panic swarms* (line 19) (3 marks)

b) *Fowls are fixed with feathers turned* (line 20) (3 marks)

c) *Then growling it slunk away* (line 23) (3 marks)

Using both passages

4) Which passage do you think best shows the power of the weather? Give two reasons for your answer.

(*Hint: you could comment on any techniques the writer uses and consider how the passage makes you feel.*) (6 marks)

a) _____

b) _____

SECTION B: WRITING SECTION
(25 marks)

Before you start writing make sure that you PLAN your writing carefully

Write approximately ONE side, but you can write more if you wish

Think carefully about the words you choose so that you interest your reader.

Take time to check that you have used capital letters, punctuation and paragraphs.

TASK

Describe an occasion when you experienced some extreme weather. You could think about:

- the snow closing lots of schools for the day,
- some of the heavy rain which has caused floods
- being on holiday somewhere when it has been very hot.

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