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Entrance Examination 2020

English Section B - Comprehension

Comprehension Answer Booklet

45 minutes + 5 minutes reading time

Do not open this booklet until told to do so

Write your names, school and candidate number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You will find the comprehension questions in this booklet. The comprehension passage is on a separate green sheet.

Read through both the passage and all the questions before you write anything at all. You should spend at least five minutes reading and thinking.

Write your answers in the spaces provided after each question. If you run out of space for an answer use the space provided at the end of this booklet, numbering your answer carefully. Your answers should be based on the passage alone.

You have 45 minutes plus 5 minutes reading time for this Comprehension which is worth 50 marks.

Write your answers in the spaces provided after each question. If you run out of space for an answer use the space provided at the end of this booklet, numbering your answer carefully.

1. Tom believes that danger “stalked” in the woods. Explain what you think he means by the word “stalked”. [1 mark]

2. In paragraph 1, Tom imagines the dangers that exist in the woods. Name **two** of the dangers that he expects to see. [2 marks]

3. We are told that Tom’s eyes “burned” on line 3.

- a) Explain what you think “burned” means here. [1 mark]

- b) What emotion is Tom feeling that makes his eyes burn? [1 mark]

4. In paragraph 2, the area between the building and the fence is made to seem unpleasant for Tom. Find **two** pieces of evidence that suggest the area is unpleasant and then explain in each case why it seems unpleasant. [5 marks]

5. We are told that Gandy’s face is “upside-down” on line 12. Explain why this might be. [2 marks]

6. On line 26 we are told that Tom is scared. Explain why the fence scares him at this point. [2 marks]

7. Look at lines 30 - 38. Find **two** pieces of evidence that show the wild trees seem threatening. In each case, explain **in your own words** what makes the trees seem so threatening. [5 marks]

8. The trees that Tom has come across in Nature Parks are described as “tamed” on line 32. Suggest what might have been done to tame them. [2 marks]

9. Explain **in your own words** why Gandy’s arms are described as “iron bars” on line 44. [2 marks]

10. On lines 56 - 57, we are told that Gandy gives Tom “an odd look . . . as if there was some thing he wasn’t sure whether to say or keep hidden”. Explain what you think Gandy is keeping hidden from Tom. [2 marks]

11. In lines 75 - 79, Tom is left alone in the forest.

- a) Find **two** pieces of evidence that show the forest seems more friendly in this paragraph. Then explain **in your own words** why these descriptions make the forest seem friendly. [5 marks]

- b) Give a reason why Tom “couldn’t believe” (line 78) the forest was truly friendly. [1 mark]

12. Tom's world is different from ours. Thinking about the passage as a whole, find **two** ways in which the world Tom lives in is different from our world. [2 marks]

13. Tom is convinced throughout that his grandfather is "old and mad" (line 81).

- a) Find **two** pieces of evidence in the passage as a whole, that show Tom thinks his grandfather is mad. [2 marks]

- b) Explain why Tom might believe that his grandfather is mad. [3 marks]

- c) Suggest a reason that shows Gandy **isn't** mad. [1 mark]

14. On line 80, we are told that Tom “wanted to go home very badly”. What makes Tom decide to stay? Explain your reasoning carefully **in your own words**. [4 marks]

15. Looking at the passage as a whole, find **two** examples of what Tom says to Gandy that shows he speaks to him in a commanding way. [2 marks]

16. Gandy goes through a range of emotions towards Tom in the passage. Identify **two** of Gandy’s feelings towards Tom and explain in each case why he feels this way towards Tom. [5 marks]

This is the end of the Examination

**Use any remaining time to check your work
or try any questions you have not answered.**

