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English Section B - Comprehension

Comprehension Answer Booklet

45 minutes + 5 minutes reading time

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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. Amy is nervous in lines 1-2. Give two pieces of evidence that show she is nervous.

[2 marks]

2. Why might Amy be feeling nervous?

[2 marks]

3. Look at lines 5-10. Amy is a likeable character. Find two things that she says, does or feels that show she is likeable and for each piece of evidence, explain what is likeable about her.

[4 marks]

4. In line 3, “the thunder growled” and “the wind clawed at the window panes.” What atmosphere do these create? Explain in your own words how these descriptions of the weather create this atmosphere.

[3 marks]

5. Yanni is “angrier than he’d ever felt in his life.” How can we tell that he’s very angry in lines 11-14? Find two details. [2 marks]

6. In lines 14-15, we are told that Yanni’s stomach is “pulling tighter and tighter, like it was attached to the pin of a grenade.” Explain what this phrase tells us about his anger. [3 marks]

7. Look at lines 16-23.

- a) In lines 16-18 the writer compares Yanni’s room with Ari’s. Give three differences suggested between the two rooms. [3 marks]

- b) Look at lines 19-23. How is Ari’s experience of life different from Yanni’s? Explain your reasoning carefully in your own words. [3 marks]

8. Look at line 24. Yanni's words are described as "itching at the back of his throat". Explain what you think this means. [2 marks]

9. Find one piece of evidence that shows the words inside him are becoming more powerful in lines 28-31. Explain why this is. For the piece of evidence you've chosen, explain why the words are described as acting in that way. [3 marks]

10. Yanni feels as if the room has changed in lines 34-37. Find two details that show a change. [2 marks]

11. a) In lines 43-44, why does the stranger ask Yanni to guess who he is? [2 marks]

- b) Do you think the stranger is really Mr Edwards? [1 mark]

12. Yanni feels that the stranger has tricked him in line 51. Explain what makes him feel this. [2 marks]

13. Look at lines 50-60.

a) What is positive about the way the stranger looks and moves? Find **three** things. [3 marks]

b) What is strange about the way the man looks? Find **three** details and explain why they make him appear sinister. [6 marks]

14. Thinking about the passage as a whole, what very different feelings does Yanni have for Ari? Identify **two** different feelings and for each feeling, find a piece of evidence and explain why he feels this way. [7 marks]
