

Sample Paper for Entrance into Year 9 and 10

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time

allowed:

45 minutes

Name

School

Total marks: 30

Instructions:

Answer the questions on the lined paper provided.

Begin each section on a new page.

Dictionaries may **NOT** be used.

You are advised to spend 45 minutes on this.

SECTION A

Poetry Comprehension

Read the poem below carefully. Then answer all the questions which follow. Quote specific words or lines from the poem in each answer as evidence.

Remember

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
 When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
5 Remember me when no more day by day
 You tell me of our future that you planned:
 Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
10 And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
 For if the darkness and corruption leave
 A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
 Than that you should remember and be sad.

Christina Rossetti

1. What is the form of the poem? How do you know? [3]
2. How does the speaker in the poem feel? [5]
3. Can you identify enjambment in the poem? What does this tell you about how the speaker is feeling? [5]
4. There is a shift in tone on line 9. Can you identify the word that shows this and what is the name of this poetic device? [2]
5. One of the themes covered in 'Remember' is 'the significance of memories'. What are your own thoughts about memories? Do you think that they are important? Use quotes from the poem as part of your answer, but share your own experiences, too. [15]