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3–5

2007

English test

Writing Test *Shorter Task* and Spelling Test

First name _____

Last name _____

School _____

Shorter task: Your teacher will read through this section with you.

You will have **20 minutes** to write your shorter piece of writing in this booklet.

Spelling test: Your teacher will read through this section with you.

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Writing	Marks
Shorter Task	
Sentence structure, punctuation and text organisation (4)	
Composition and effect (8)	
Shorter Task, total marks (12)	
Spelling Test (7)	
Shorter Task and Spelling Test, total marks (19)	

Spelling Test	
Number of correct words	Marks
0	0
1–3	1
4–6	2
7–9	3
10–12	4
13–15	5
16–18	6
19–20	7

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It's a Mystery

A mystery story starts with these words:

Ali stood silently, looking at the door. With a slow creaking sound, it opened. Taking a deep breath, Ali walked inside …

Your task is to continue the beginning of the mystery story by describing what it was like through the door.

PLANNING

Think about

- describing what it was like through the door (appearance, smell, sound, atmosphere)

- how to create a feeling of mystery.

Remember, you are writing the **beginning** of the story only,
and the beginning describes what it was like through the door.

Ali stood silently, looking at the door. With a slow creaking sound, it opened. Taking a deep breath, Ali walked inside …

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Spelling Test

Do not turn over this page until your teacher tells you to.

Reilly

The cat-flap clicked upward, letting in a _____ draught of cold air. Framed within the opening appeared a black face with a white nose and chin, wide yellow eyes and a set of curving white _____. The face stayed where it was, the eyes _____ the room. 1 2 3

Bella, _____ relaxed and sleepy in the armchair by the kitchen fire, turned her head at the sound. She jumped down from the chair and stood _____, ready to see off the _____. 4 5 6

The stranger returned stare for stare. His glance had taken in the two saucers of cat-food, one still _____ with untouched scraps, and the blue bowl crusted with a white ring where milk had stood for some time, left by cats who had had more than _____ already. 7 8

He looked at the warm glow of the gas fire, at the armchair and at the clean white coats of the two _____. 9

This was a place where a cat could be comfortable, no _____ about that. He was _____ hungry. He came wholly into the room and _____ the saucer _____. 10 11 12 13

Bella circled round him, her fur _____. 14

Before long Miss Betty Braithwaite's _____ medium- _____ heels could be heard clop-clopping along the hall _____. The footsteps came nearer, the door-handle turned and she entered, a small woman with thick hair, once chestnut, now the colour of faded string, pinned off her face and neck. 15 16 17

As the door opened, his _____ tail drooped, his ears went back in fear and he cowered low to the floor.
"It's all right, puss," she said. "I won't hurt you."
He _____, reassured by the softness of her _____, and looked up into her face. 18 19 20

Total

Spelling mark

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