SOLIHULL JUNIOR SCHOOL

7+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

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Time: 1 hour

Marks will be given for correct spelling, punctuation and neat writing.

Section A (15 Marks)

Max's Quest

Max the hedgehog could hardly wait for the next dawn. Something inside him said that today he would at last be successful in his quest, and outside him every one of his five hundred spines tingled with excitement.

The more he thought about his chat with Uncle B., the more he felt sure that the answer to the problem was with the small humans. Their crossing-place must be the safest. Follow them and he would find it.

He waited until his family was fast asleep, and then, blinking because he wasn't used to the sunlight, he went along the path by the side wall of Number 5A to the front gate. He did not go under it but waited, watching underneath it. Already he had learned that you could tell the age of humans from the size of their feet, and he settled down to wait patiently until a pair of small feet should come past. When at last they did, he was about to go out and follow, but then another pair went by and then some other pairs, and then, as the pavement filled up with school-going children, dozens and dozens of small feet went walking, dancing, skipping and hopping past his gate.

All of them were going in the same direction, to the left and up the road, which would take them to the end of the row of houses and past the factory to the red and green man. Was that, after all, where all small humans crossed? He must follow, he must know for sure.

Answer the following questions in sentences.

1. What kind of animal was Max? (1)

2. How many spines did Max have? (1)

3. What time of day do you think 'dawn' is? (2)

4. Who did Max think was the answer to the problem? (2)

5. How could Max tell the age of humans? (2)

6. What were the 4 ways in which the 'dozens of small feet' went past the gate? (3)

7. What did the children have to pass when they went up the road to get to the 'red and green man'? (2)

8. What do you think the small humans were going to cross? (2)

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Section B (25 Marks)

Max was going on an important quest or journey to find a safe place to cross the road to get to the park.

Write a story about a quest or journey that you would like to go on to find something special.

Try to write as much as you can, remembering to use your best handwriting, some **'wow'** words and punctuation.