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)

Comprehension

The Sandcastle

Josie Smith was on holiday at the seaside. She had spent all her money on a windmill for her sister, but what she really wanted was some flags for her own sandcastle.

"It's finished," called Josie Smith, and she was just going to say, "Can I have some flags for it?" when she remembered she'd spent all her money on Jessica's windmill.

"What's the matter?" asked Josie's Gran. "Are you wishing you still had your spending money?"

Josie Smith closed her eyes and tried to say 'No' but she couldn't. She closed her eyes tighter and some little tears squeezed out. She opened her eyes and looked up the beach and down the beach and saw everybody else's sandcastles with red, white and blue flags on them.

"I don't want to dig anymore," said Josie and her face felt hot and tired.
"If you're tired," said Josie's Gran, "you can sit on my deckchair. I'm going for a little walk. If you're careful with them, you can wear my sunglasses. Do you want to?"

"Yes please," answered Josie Smith. And she sat in her Gran's deckchair and looked through her Gran's sunglasses that made the sea look brown and sad. Josie Smith didn't like the seaside so much anymore. She wanted to go home. "Here I am," said Josie's Gran as she arrived back after her walk. "I'm really enjoying myself. I just wish I had a big sandcastle like yours, but I'm too old to build one."

"You can have mine," said Josie Smith. "I don't like it anymore."

"Well, that's very nice of you, but I like a sandcastle with flags on it," replied Josie's Gran.

"I haven't got any flags," said Josie Smith, and some more tears squeezed out and rolled down her nose under her Gran's sunglasses.

"You haven't got any flags?" said Josie's Gran. "Well, a sandcastle's no good without flags. We'd better see if there are any in that magic handbag of mine."

Answer these questions in sentences using the story to help you.

1. Where was Josie Smith on holiday? (1)

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2. What had she spent all her money on? (2)

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3. What did Josie Smith really want to spend her money on? (2)

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4. What was Josie Smith's sister called? (1)

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5. What were the colours of the flags on everybody else's sandcastles? (1)

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6. What did Josie wear when she sat on her Gran's deckchair? (1)

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7. What did the sea look like through Gran's sunglasses? (1)

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8. Why did Josie's Gran say she couldn't build a sandcastle? (1)

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9. Why did Josie's Gran say she didn't want Josie's sandcastle? (2)

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10. How do you know Josie felt sad about not having any flags? (2)

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11. Where did Gran suggest they looked for some flags? (1)

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Section B (25 Marks)

Story

Imagine you were given a bag as a present and you found out it was a magic bag. Describe what you found in it and an adventure you had with it.
Think about:

- Who are the characters in your story?
- Where does your story take place?
- What happens in your story?
- Think of a good ending to your story.

Try to make your story interesting and exciting.

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