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Time: 1 hour

The paper is divided into **TWO** sections, **SECTION A** and **SECTION B**. Answer each section on **SEPARATE** sheets of paper.

Read the passage carefully.

Please write your answers clearly in sentences. Try to use correct spelling, punctuation and neat writing.

SECTION A **(15 marks)**

COMPREHENSION

CINDERBOY

Cinderboy was crazy about football. His wicked stepdad and his two lazy stepbrothers were football crazy too. The whole family supported Royal Palace United. Every Saturday they would lie about on the sofa with the remote control and watch their favourite team on TV. Royal Palace always played brilliantly in their smart pink shorts and shirts.

But not poor Cinderboy. He wasn't even allowed to watch. He had to wait on his stepbrothers hand and foot, and bring them cups of tea and bowl after bowl of peanuts, which were their favourite snack. Cinderboy's family was very noisy and bad mannered. When Royal Palace scored they would jump up and down on the sofa and shout for more peanuts to celebrate. And when the other team scored, they would throw peanuts at the TV, then yell at Cinderboy to pick them up so that they could throw them again.

One day his cruel stepfather said to Cinderboy, "Listen, Cinders, tomorrow is the day of the big Cup Final. I am taking your stepbrothers to watch the match. And while we are gone you must clean the whole house from top to bottom."

"Yes," said his stepbrothers, "we want every last peanut picked up from under the sofa."

Poor Cinderboy was very unhappy. He would have loved to see his team play in the Cup Final more than anything else in the world.

The next morning he had to wake up earlier than ever to prepare peanut butter sandwiches for his horrible brothers who only laughed at the tears in Cinder's eyes. As they drove away, shouting and tooting the horn, Cinderboy lay on the sofa and cried and cried and cried. Then he had an idea. He would work as hard as anything to clean the house so that he could watch the big Cup Final on TV. He set to work straight away, scrubbing his stepbrothers' smelly football socks and hoovering up every last peanut from under the sofa. When at last the work was done, the house sparkled from top to bottom. Cinderboy pulled up his little stool, found the remote control and switched on the TV.

The match had just begun. The terraces were packed with cheering Royal Palace fans. Cinderboy even caught a glimpse of his stepfather and brothers sitting in the front row, waving their pink scarves and throwing peanuts at the referee. Oh, how Cinderboy wished he could go to a real live football match! What made him feel even sadder was that Royal Palace were not playing well that day. Soon the other side had scored and Cinderboy felt sadder than ever. To make matters worse, just before half-time, a terrible thing happened – the Royal Palace captain was kicked in the shin and had to be carried off the field on a stretcher.

When the half-time whistle blew, Royal Palace were ten-nil down and struggling without their best player. During the advertisements, Cinderboy was crying so hard he could hardly see the television.

Suddenly a pink face appeared on the TV screen before him.

"Don't cry Cindy," it said. Cinderboy rubbed his eyes.

"There must be something wrong with the TV," he thought. The face seemed to be talking to him!

"Who ... who ... who are you?" he stuttered.

"I am your TV godmother", said the face on the television.

Answer these questions carefully. <u>Write your answers in FULL sentences</u>.

1. What was Cinderboy's favourite sport? (1 mark)

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2. Which team did the family support? (1 mark)

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3. What colour was the kit the players wore? (1 mark)

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4. Why wasn't Cinderboy allowed to watch TV every Saturday? (2 marks)

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5. When did the stepbrothers throw peanuts on the floor? (1 mark)

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6. Why was Cinderboy not allowed to go to the Cup Final? (2 marks)

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7. What job did Cinderboy have to do for his family before they left for the Cup Final? (1 mark)

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8. What was Cinderboy's fantastic idea? (2 marks)

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9. What were Cinderboy's family doing when he saw them on TV? (2 marks)

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10. Why do you think Cinderboy was even sadder when he was watching the Cup Final? (2 marks)

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11. Why did Cinderboy cry so much during the advertisements? (2 marks)

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12. What do you think the TV godmother will do next to help Cinderboy? Give reasons for your answer. (3 marks)

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SECTION B (25 marks)

STORY

Write the next chapter in the adventures of Cinderboy. Think about what happened to him next:

- What did Cinderboy do next?
- What were his wishes?
- Where did the wishes take Cinderboy?
- What sorts of adventures did Cinderboy have with his wishes?
- How the wishes ended.

Try to make your story as interesting and exciting as you can.

Try to write at least a page, remembering to use lots of 'wow' words, correct punctuation and neat handwriting.