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Time: 1 hour There are **TWO** sections. **Section A** and **Section B**.

SECTION A (20 Marks)

COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions as fully as you can (in sentences where necessary).

Snotty and the Rod of Power

Snotty Wilson's eyes shone brightly in the darkness as he wiped his sleeve absent-mindedly across his running nose. It was this unfortunate habit that had given rise to his nickname.

Snotty was standing knee-deep in water in very dark and slimy cave. By the light of his torch, he could see a long wooden box resting on a raised wooden platform. Carved on the sides of the box in large letters were the words DO NOT OPEN. Snotty Wilson never took any notice of signs that began DO NOT and he wasn't about to start now. There had been a sign at the entrance to the cave saying DO NOT ENTER, but he had entered it. There had been a sign at the far end of the beach where all the kids from The Sunny Rise Home for Unwanted Children had been taken by Mr and Mrs Scrogget. It said DO NOT GO BEYOND THIS POINT but Snotty had ignored that too. The fact that Mr and Mrs Scrogget and all the other kids were at this moment searching all over Limpsea for him didn't worry Snotty in the slightest.

He moved closer to the box and turned the rusty catch that kept it shut. The lid creaked as Snotty opened the box. There was a loud bang and bits of slimy stuff splattered down from the roof of the cave. Snotty jumped back, dropping his torch into the murky water and plunging himself into darkness.

"Oh, blow it!" cursed Snotty, fumbling under the water for the lost torch. It was then that he noticed the faint glow coming from the open box.

He stood up, wiped his sleeve across his nose again, and peered inside. There at the bottom, glowing weakly, was a carved metal rod. Underneath was a small inscription. It read DO NOT TOUCH. Snotty reached into the box and picked up the rod.

It was about the size of a broomstick and very heavy. It glowed more brightly now and Snotty could see clearly enough to find his way back out of the cave onto the beach.

"Where the heck have you been, Wilson?" It was Mr Scrogget, his thin wisp of hair which was usually carefully arranged on the top of his head now blowing wildly about in the wind.

Mr Scrogget and his wife Hilda ran The Sunny Rise Home for Unwanted Children. Snotty hated him and if the truth be known Mr Scrogget didn't think much of Snotty either. Snotty wiped his sleeve across his nose and gave Mr Scrogget a dirty look.

"Right, get back to the minibus and stay there," commanded Mr Scrogget.

Snotty felt the anger rising inside him. Mr Scrogget was always having a go at him and he hated him for it.

"Push off, Scrogget," replied Snotty. There was a bolt of blue light from the metal rod that Snotty was clutching and Mr Scrogget disappeared.

Snotty looked down at the rod which still had a wisp of blue smoke curling around its end. "Oh brilliant," he grinned. He looked closer at the rod and noticed that it had written down one side the words DO NOT USE in capital letters.

Answer the following questions in full sentences using information from the passage.

1. What was the cave that Snotty was exploring like? (1 mark)

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2. How did Snotty Wilson get his name? (2 mark)

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3. Where in the cave was the long wooden box? (1 mark)

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4. Why did Snotty open the box? (2 marks)

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5. Where did Snotty live? (1 mark)

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6. What were the other children doing whilst Snotty was in the cave? (1 mark)

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7. What happened when Snotty first opened the box? (2 marks)

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8. Why did Snotty drop his torch? (2 marks)

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9. How did Snotty realise there was something unusual about the wooden box? (2 marks)

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10. How did Snotty find his way out of the cave? (2 marks)

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11. Why do you think Snotty disliked Mr Scrogget so much? (2 marks)

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12. Why did Snotty think the metal rod was *'brilliant'*? Explain your reasons in detail. (2 marks)

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13. Why do you think Mr Scrogget *'didn't think much of Snotty either'*? (2 marks)

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14. Why are the words 'DO NOT' so important in this story so far? (3 marks)

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SECTION B (30 Marks)

STORY

Write the next chapter in the story of 'Snotty Wilson and the Rod of Power'. Imagine that Snotty continues to use the rod of power to perform magic and have adventures.

- What did Snotty do with the rod next?
- Did the rod of power do anything else unusual?
- What happened next?
- How did the adventure end?

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

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