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Lower School Entrance Exam 2015

ENGLISH

11+

1 Hour

Name:	……..……..……
School:	……..……..……
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Instructions to Candidates:

- Answer **both** questions, spending **30 minutes** on each.
- Total marks for this exam = 100

Spend 10 minutes reading this carefully and then answer the two questions which follow.

The Sea

The sea is a hungry dog,
Giant and grey.
He rolls on the beach all day.
With his clashing teeth and shaggy jaws
Hour upon hour he gnaws
The rumbling, tumbling stones,
And 'Bones, bones, bones, bones! '
The giant sea-dog moans,
Licking his greasy paws.

And when the night wind roars
And the moon rocks in the stormy cloud,
He bounds to his feet and snuffs and sniffs,
Shaking his wet sides over the cliffs,
And howls and hollos long and loud.

But on quiet days in May or June,
When even the grasses on the dune
Play no more their reedy tune,
With his head between his paws
He lies on the sandy shores,
So quiet, so quiet, he scarcely snores.

James Reeves

Question 1

How does James Reeves describe the sea?

You may write about anything that is of interest to you, so long as you answer the question, but you would be wise to consider:

- The poet's choice of words
- The use of imagery (metaphors and similes)
- The use of sound
- What you particularly like about the poem.

(50 marks)

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Question 2

Write your own description of a morning

Focus on a particular weather condition (eg heat, sunshine, rain, cold, etc).
Choose your words with care, use full sentences and be sure to paragraph correctly.

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