King Henry VIII School

Entrance Examination

Sample English Composition Paper

Name: ..... **Candidate Number: .....**

YOU WILL HAVE 10 MINUTES IN WHICH TO THINK ABOUT YOUR COMPOSITION AND DO SOME PLANNING.

Write your notes on the planning sheet overleaf. Your notes will **NOT** be marked.

You will then have **30 minutes** to write your answer. Leave time to read back over your work and make any changes neatly and clearly.

You will gain marks for:

- Writing in paragraphs
- Using interesting words and expressions
- Using punctuation correctly
- Spelling words correctly

Total/50		
Markers:		

Section B: Writing

CHOOSE ONE OF THE TITLES BELOW AND WRITE FOR 30 MINUTES.

CHECK PARAGRAPHING, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED.

EITHER

1. Imagine you are Philip Rhayader. Describe a typical day in your life. **DO NOT COPY DETAILS FROM THE TEXT.**

   You **MIGHT** want to include some of the following **OR** simply use your own ideas:

   - your daily routine;
   - your feelings about the people of Chelmbury and how they treat you;
   - your feelings about the birds.

OR

2. Describe a lonely or isolated place. You **MIGHT** want to include some of the following **OR**
   simply use your own ideas:

   - how you came to be at the place;
   - how it looks, sounds and smells;
   - how you feel about it.

OR

3. Write a continuation of the story, showing your understanding of the main character and his
   life.

   In your answer you **MIGHT** want to consider the following **OR** simply use your own ideas:

- what happens next to Philip;
- how he feels about events;
- how others respond to him.

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