ELTHAM COLLEGE

11+ Entrance and Scholarship Examination 2019

English

Name: …….

Time: 45 Minutes

Instructions:

- The marks available for individual questions should guide the length and detail of your answers.
- You should spend about 15 minutes on each section.
- The accuracy of your spelling/punctuation/grammar will be assessed in Section C.

Section A:	Understanding	10 marks
Section B:	Comment and Analysis	10 marks
Section C:	Expressive Writing	30 marks

Read the passage carefully, then answer all the questions in Sections A, B and C.

I found him in the garage on a Sunday afternoon. It was the day after we moved into Falconer Road. The winter was ending. Mum had said we'd be moving just in time for the spring. Nobody else was there. Just me. The others were inside the house with Dr. Death, worrying about the baby.

He was lying there in the darkness behind the tea chests, in the dust and dirt. It was as if he'd been there forever. He was filthy and pale and dried out and I thought he was dead. I couldn't have been more wrong. I'd soon begin to see the truth about him, that there'd never been another creature like him in the world.

We called it the garage because that's what the real estate agent, Mr. Stone, called it. It was more like a demolition site or a rubbish dump or like one of those ancient warehouses they keep pulling down at the wharf. Stone led us down the garden, tugged the door open, and shined his little flashlight into the gloom. We shoved our heads in at the doorway with him.

"You have to see it with your mind's eye," he said. "See it cleaned, with new doors and the roof repaired. See it as a wonderful two-car garage."

He looked at me with a stupid grin on his face.

"Or something for you, lad - a hideaway for you and your pals. What about that, eh?"

I looked away. I didn't want anything to do with him. All the way round the house it had been the same. Just see it in your mind's eye. Just imagine what could be done. All the way round I kept thinking of the old man, Ernie Myers, that had lived here on his own for years … they found him under the table in the kitchen. That's what I saw when Stone told us about seeing with the mind's eye. He even said it when we got to the dining room and there was an old cracked toilet sitting there in the comer behind a plywood screen. I just wanted him to shut up, but he whispered that toward the end Ernie couldn't manage the stairs. His bed was brought in here and a toilet was put in so everything was easy for him. Stone looked at me like he didn't think I should know about such things. I wanted to get out, to get back to our old house again, but Mum and Dad took it all in. They went on like it was going to be some big adventure. They bought the house. They started cleaning it and scrubbing it and painting it. Then the baby came too early. And here we were.

Section A: Understanding

10 marks

1. When **exactly** is the passage set? *(1 mark)*

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2. What is the name of the estate agent? *(1 mark)*

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3. In your own words, explain what the estate agent means when he says "You have to see it in your mind's eye."
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4. Find two short quotations that show the narrator dislikes the estate agent.
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   5. Find where it says "Then the baby came too early." **In your own words**, explain what this means. (2 marks)

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Section B: Comment and Analysis

10 marks

1. Look where it says “Nobody else was there. Just me.” What do you think is the effect of these two short, simple sentences? (2 marks)

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2. Look where it says “He was filthy and pale and dried out and I thought he was dead.” What are the effects of repeating the word “and”? (2 marks)

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3. Look at the opening of the passage. How does the writer create a sense that the garage is spooky or mysterious? Use short quotations if you wish. (6 marks)

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Section C: Expressive Writing

30 marks

Please note the instructions

- ***Make your writing as descriptive and vivid as possible***
- ***Description is far more important than narrative***
- ***You should aim to write approximately 1 to 1½ sides***
- ***Plan your writing before you start: the plan will NOT be marked***
- ***The accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will form part of the assessment in this section.***
- ***Please complete this section on the lined paper provided.***
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Either:

Describe a time when you went exploring.

Or:

Describe a time when you were very scared.