EMANUEL SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

English

Sample Examination Paper

Year 7 (11+) Entry

Time allowed : 1 hour

Instructions

On the top of **EACH** sheet of paper, write :

1. Your first name **and** surname.

2. Your present school.

- Answer **Section A** and **Section B.**
- Write each section on a separate sheet of paper.
- You should spend **30 minutes** on **Section A** and **30 minute**s on **Section B**.
- The marks awarded for each question are indicated at the end of each question.
- You may not use a dictionary or spell checker.

Good luck!

- The year 6 examination paper is substantially similar to the year 7 paper.
- Year 8 candidates sit the year 7 paper but are expected to achieve higher marks

SECTION A

You should spend 30 minutes on this section.

The following passage is from the novel "Carrie's War" by Nina Bawden. It takes place during the Second World War. Nick and Carrie are brother and sister. With another boy, Albert, they have been evacuated to Wales to avoid the bombing in London. In the passage, the children wait to be chosen by local residents who will take them to their homes.

Read the passage carefully, and then answer all the questions.

Nick clung to Carrie's sleeve as they went through the door into a long, dark room with pointed windows. It was crowded and noisy. Someone said to Carrie, "Would you like a cup of tea, now? And a bit of cake?" She was a cheerful, plump woman with a singsong Welsh voice. Carrie shook her head: she felt cake would choke her. "Stand by there, then," the woman said. "There by the wall with the others, and someone will choose you."

Carrie looked round, bewildered, and saw Albert. She whispered, "What's happening?" and he said, "A kind of cattle auction, it seems."

He sounded calmly disgusted. He gave Carrie her suitcase, then marched to the end of the hall, sat down on his own, and took a book out of his pocket.

Carrie wished she could do that. Sit down and read as if nothing else mattered. But she had already begun to feel ill with shame at the fear that no-one would choose her, the way she always felt when they picked teams at school. Suppose she was left to the last! She dragged Nick into the line of waiting children and stood, eyes on the ground, hardly daring to breathe. When someone called out, "A nice little girl for Mrs Davies, now," she felt she would suffocate. She looked up but unfocused her eyes so that passing faces blurred and swam in front of her.

Nick's hand tightened in hers. She looked at his white face and the traces of sick round his mouth and wanted to shake him. No one would take home a boy who looked like that, so pale and delicate. They would think he was bound to get ill and be a trouble to them. She said in a low, fierce voice, "Why don't you smile and look nice," and he blinked with surprise, looking so small and so sweet that she softened. She said, "Oh, it's all right, I'm not cross, I won't leave you."

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. In your own words, describe the room Carrie and Nick enter. (3 marks)

2. When the woman asks Carrie if she would like tea and cake, she speaks "with a sing song Welsh voice." What do you think "a sing song Welsh voice" means? (6 marks)

3. Why doesn't Carrie want any cake? (3 marks)

4. What do you think Albert means when he describes the choosing of children by local people as "a kind of cattle auction"? (6 marks)

5. Why do you think Albert goes off and reads on his own? (6 marks)

6. Describe Carrie's feelings when she thinks that no one might choose her. (7 marks)

7. Why is Carrie cross with Nick at the end of the passage? (5 marks)

8. Why does she stop being cross? (4 marks)

9. Imagine you are Carrie or Nick, waiting to be chosen. Continue the story from the end of the passage, explaining what you feel and what happens next. You should write about 10 lines. (10 marks)

Turn the page over to **Section B**

SECTION B

You should spend 30 minutes on this section, and start this section on a new sheet of paper.

Answer ONE question only.

You are expected to write more than one side, but not more than two sides, and you should pay careful attention to spelling and punctuation.

You may **NOT** use a dictionary or spell checker.

Write an essay on:

1. My hobby.

OR:

2. Write a story, which begins with the words, "I had been waiting such a long time for this to happen."

OR:

3. A description of someone you admire. (You may choose someone you actually know, or someone you have never met. Describe them and explain why you admire them.)

(50 marks)