THE NORTH LONDON INDEPENDENT GIRLS' SCHOOLS' CONSORTIUM

Group 1

YEAR 7
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

Friday 20 January 2012

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

First Name: .....

Surname: .....

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INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF THE PAPER

Part A: Reading (45 minutes)

- Spend 10 minutes reading the passage and the questions which follow.
- You may mark the passage by underlining words and phrases.
- Do not write anything in your booklet during this time.
- You will be told when the 10 minutes are over.

Spend 35 minutes writing your answers in this answer booklet

Part B: Writing (30 minutes)

- You will be told when 45 minutes are up, but you may start Part B when you are ready.
- Spend 30 minutes writing on the lined paper provided.
- Put your first name and surname at the top of each page.
- If you have time, you may go back to Part A.

YOU MAY WRITE IN EITHER INK OR PENCIL

You will be told when you have 5 minutes left.

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Please turn over for the questions.

PART A: READING

After you have spent 10 minutes reading the passage, spend about 35 minutes answering these questions.

Questions on the passage

1. The seagull is daring Connie to play a game. Look at lines 3–7 and list four details which suggest that Connie is afraid to do the dare.

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2. Look at lines 9–10. Write down two unusual facts about Connie.

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3. Look at lines 18–23. What are the rules of the game which Connie plays with Scark?

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4. Has Connie played this game before? Give brief evidence for your answer.

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5. Look at lines 19–21. Write down two short phrases which indicate that this is a proper competition, giving a reason for choosing each one.

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6. Look at lines 27–31. Write down four of Connie's reactions to the flock of seagulls. Support your answer with brief quotations.

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7. The writer uses effective comparisons in this passage. What do you think is meant by:

"as if she were a conductor and they her orchestra" (lines 32–33)

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"She swirled them around her like a vast cloak" (line 34)

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"The seagulls zoomed upwards like Spitfires in a dogfight" (line 45)

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8. In line 35, Connie and her feelings seem to change. How does the writer show this? Refer to words and phrases from lines 35–42 to support your ideas.

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9. Give this passage an interesting title.

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10. How does the writer show that Connie and Scark understand each other well? Use words and phrases from the whole passage to support your answer.

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10 marks

Total marks for Reading Paper: 50

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PART B: WRITING

INSTRUCTIONS

Spend about 30 minutes on your writing.

Remember to leave time to check your work carefully.

Please write on the lined paper provided. Put your first name and surname at the top of each page.

Connie lives at the seaside. Write about her next extraordinary adventure there.

50 marks

Total marks for Writing Paper: 50