THE NORTH LONDON INDEPENDENT GIRLS' SCHOOLS' CONSORTIUM

Group 1

YEAR 7
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

Friday 17 January 2014

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

First Name: .....

Surname: .....

READING RAW SCORE (out of 40) ☐

SCALED READING ☐ (mark out of 50)

WRITING ☐ (mark out of 50)

TOTAL ☐ %

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INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF THE PAPER

Part A: Reading (45 minutes)

- Spend 10 minutes reading the passage on the insert and the questions in this booklet.
- 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

- You will be told when 45 minutes are up, but you may start Part B when you are ready.

Part B: Writing (30 minutes)

- 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.

PLEASE TURN THE PAGE TO READ THE QUESTIONS

PART A: READING

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

The mark at the end of each question is an indication of how much you should write for each answer.

1. (a) In what season is this passage set?

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1 mark

(b) Give two pieces of information from lines 2–5 to support your answer.

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2 marks

2. What has happened to Ed's 'nest'?

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3. Re-read lines 6–14. In what ways does Ed make his nest 'snug'?

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5 marks

4. Re-read lines 38–45. Explain in your own words why Mr DuPont feels regretful.

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4 marks

5. Using information from the whole passage, suggest reasons why Ed has 'freed the horse from its stable' (lines 61–62).

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6. Re-read lines 66–68. Why do you think he gives the horse to Mr DuPont?

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5 marks

7. There are several vivid descriptions in this passage. What do the following phrases suggest to you?

- 'Black boughs of stark trees creaked in the wind' (lines 3–4)

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- 'the sullen sky' (lines 44–45)

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- 'obliterating his shaggy outline in the dying afternoon' (lines 74–75)

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8. Why do you think Ed has chosen to live as he does? Give several reasons.

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9. Re-read lines 69–70. Why do you think that Mr DuPont gives Ed the cigarettes? Answer as fully as you can.

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4 marks

Total marks for Reading Paper: 40

Please turn over the page for PART B: WRITING

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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.

Tell the story of how Ed took the horse and the problems he faced.

50 marks

Total marks for Writing Paper: 50