The Junior King's School
Canterbury

2014

Year 6
Entrance Examination (11+)
English

One Hour

Section A	**Spelling, Punctuation, Vocabulary, Grammar**	**10 marks**	**10 minutes**
Section B	**Reading Comprehension**	**20 marks**	**30 minutes**
Section C	**Writing**	**20 marks**	**20 minutes**

PLEASE BE SURE TO ANSWER SECTION A ON THE QUESTION PAPER AND SECTIONS B & C ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF LINED PAPER

Read this passage carefully before attempting any of the questions in Sections A and B

The Bully

Councillor Samuel Isaac Evans was a bully. He bullied his sister. He even bullied the women who came into his shop, selling them things they didn't really want to buy and refusing to stock things that they did. "Take it or leave it," he'd say. "Don't you know there's a war on?"

He would have bullied the children if he thought they were frightened of him. But although Carrie was a little frightened, she didn't show it, and Nick wasn't frightened at all. He was frightened of ogres and spiders and crabs and cold water and the dentist and dark nights, but he wasn't often frightened of people. Perhaps this was only because he had never had reason to be until he met Mr. Evans, but he wasn't afraid of him, even after that first, dreadful night, because Mr. Evans had false teeth that clicked when he talked. "You can't really be scared of someone whose teeth might fall out," he told Carrie.

The possibility fascinated him from the beginning, from the moment Mr. Evans walked into the kitchen while they were having breakfast their first morning and bared those loose teeth in what he probably thought was a smile. It looked to the children more like the kind of grin a tiger might give before it pounced on its prey. They put down their porridge spoons and stood up, politely and meekly.

It seemed to please him. He said, "You've got a few manners, I see. That's something! That's a bit of sugar on the pill!"

They didn't know what to say so they said nothing and he stood there, grinning and rubbing his hands together. At last he said, "Sit down, then, finish your breakfast, what are you waiting for? It's a wicked Sin to let good food get cold. You've fallen on your feet, let me tell you, you'll get good food in this house. So no faddiness, mind! No whining around my sister for titbits when my back's turned. Particularly the boy. I know what boys are! Walking stomachs! I told her, you fetch two girls now, there's just the one room, but she got round me, she said, the boy's only a babby!" He looked sharply at Nick. "Not too much of a babby, I hope. No wet beds. That I won't stand!"

Nick's gaze was fixed on Mr. Evans' mouth. "That's a rude thing to mention," he said in a clear, icy voice that made Carrie tremble. But Mr. Evans didn't fly into the rage she'd expected He simply looked startled – as if a worm had just lifted its head and answered him back, Carrie thought.

He sucked his teeth for a minute. Then said, surprisingly mildly, "All right. All right, then. You mind your P's and Q's, see, and I won't complain."

From '*Carrie's War*' by Nina Bawden

Name: Date:

Part A – Spelling, Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar

Please answer all of the questions for this section **on this sheet**.

1) Mr Evans [ ] the shopkeeper [ ] was not very welcoming [ ] he did not even say good morning [ ]

Write the correct punctuation marks in the boxes above.

(2 marks)

2) Mr Evans' behaviour was

agressive	aggressive	aggressieve	aggresive

Circle the correct spelling above. (1 mark)

3) Mr Evans talked unkindly to the children.

Re-write the sentence above in the **passive** voice.

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(1 mark)

4) a b c d

"No whining around my sister when my back's turned,"

Give the part of speech for each of these four words. Write the correct letter against the parts of speech below.

Part of speech	Letter
Possessive pronoun	
Noun	
Verb	
Preposition	

(2 marks)

5) Mr Evans seemed to feel that the arrival of the children was

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Circle the correct spelling above. (1 mark)

6) What does it mean if someone tells you to "Mind your P's and Q's."?

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(1 mark)

7) Carrie was beginning to feel that they would be a

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Circle the correct spelling above. (1 mark)

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8) "He simply looked startled..."
Give another word with a similar meaning that Nina Bawden could have used instead of "startled."

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(1 mark)

Part B – Reading Comprehension

Please answer all of the questions for this section **on lined paper**. Ensure that you write your name and date at the top of your paper.

1) Why do you think Carrie and Nick had gone to live at Councillor Evans' house?

(2 marks)

2) Why do you think Councillor Evans would have preferred two girls?

(2 marks)

3) What proof is there that Councillor Evans was a bully?

(4 marks)

4) Writers sometimes repeat words for effect. Nina Bawden uses 'frightened' five times in the second paragraph. Why do you think this is?

(2 marks)

5) Why was Nick so angry at what Councillor Evans said to him?

(4 marks)

6) What do you learn about Nick's character in this passage? Use evidence from the text to support your explanation.

(6 marks)

Part C Writing Task

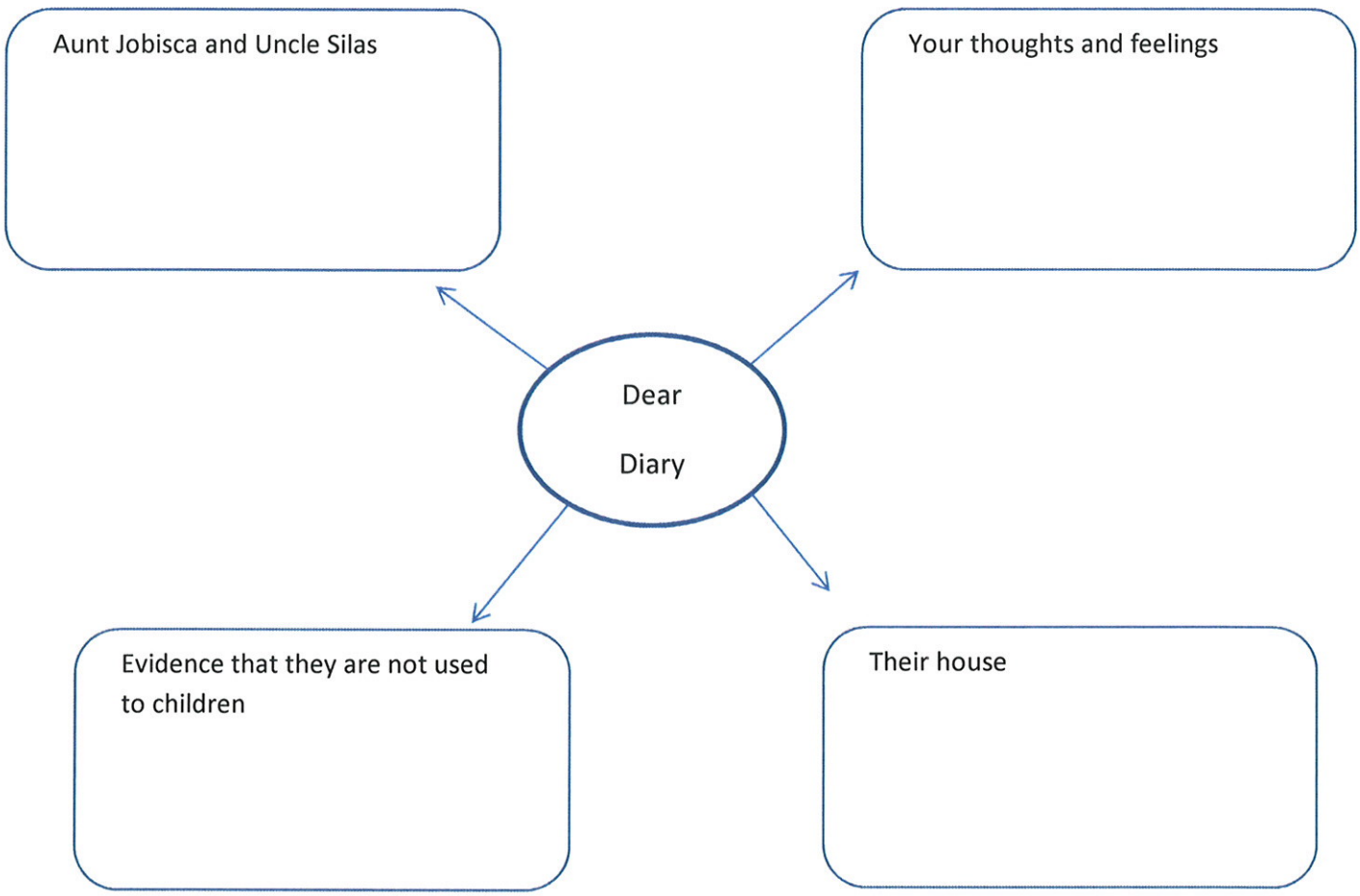
Dear Diary

Imagine that is it early in the summer holidays and you have been sent to stay with your eccentric Uncle Silas and Aunt Jobisca in their old house in the middle of the country. They don't seem to be used to children!

Write a diary extract which gives your thoughts and feelings about your first day.

You have **20 minutes** to plan and write your diary entry. Please write your response to this task onto lined paper. Ensure that you put your name and the date at the top of your paper.

You may like to use the chart below to help you to plan your ideas.



You will be marked for your punctuation, text structure and use of good language.