The North London Independent Girls' Schools' Consortium

YEAR 7 ENTRANCE

January 2009

ENGLISH

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

The reading passage is printed on a separate piece of paper

First Name	
Last Name	

Total Marks: Part A		**Total Marks: Part B**		**Total Marks: Parts A & B**	

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INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER

Part A: Reading (approx. 45 minutes)

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

Spend about 35 minutes writing your answers in the answer booklet.

Part B: Writing (approx. 30 minutes)

- Make sure you put your name at the top of the paper.

Spend about 30 minutes writing on the piece of paper provided.

YOU MAY WRITE IN EITHER INK OR PENCIL

PART A: READING

Spend 35 minutes on answering these questions.

Questions on the passage.

1) Look at lines 1 – 3. List **five** words or phrases which show that the island of Trinidad was hot and dry.
(5 marks)

5 marks

2) Look at lines 4— 10. **In your own words**, describe the effects of the drought. (8 marks)

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3) Look at lines 16—19. Give **three** reasons why optimism was difficult now for Manko. (3 marks)

3 marks

4) Rampersad allows each villager a bucket of water. Why does Rampersad's wife object to this? (5 marks)

5 marks

5) Explain fully how Rannie came to be ill. Look in particular at lines 38—46. (4 marks)

4 marks

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6) Imagine you are Manko. You have found that Rannie has fallen ill. Write your thoughts and feelings. (8 marks)

8 marks

7) In your own words, explain what the writer means by the following interesting and effective descriptions:

- "the sun was a yellow furnace in the sky" (line 1)

(3 marks)

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- "When the wind blew, it was heavy and unrelieving, as if the heat had taken all the spirit out of it." (lines 7-8)

(3 marks)

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8) Copy out a short description from the story (between two and eight words) that you find interesting and effective, and explain why you like it. (3 marks)

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3 marks

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9) Looking at the passage as a whole, what impressions do you have of the kind of man Manko is? Explain your ideas fully and give evidence from the passage. (8 marks)

8 marks

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PART B: WRITING

INSTRUCTIONS:

Spend 30 minutes on your writing.

Remember to leave time to check your work carefully.

TASK:

Imagine you live in the same village as Sunny.

Describe what happens on the day the rains finally arrive.

(50 marks)

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