Surname ..... **Candidate number** .....

First name .....

Current school .....

mgs Founded 1515 | The Manchester Grammar School

Entrance Examination 2011
English Paper 2
Comprehension Answer Booklet

45 minutes

Do not open this booklet until told to do so

Write your names, school and candidate number in the spaces provided at the top of the page.

You will find the comprehension questions in this booklet. The comprehension passage is on a separate sheet.

Read through both the passage and all the questions before you write anything at all. You should spend at least five minutes reading and thinking.

Write your answers in the spaces provided after each question. If you run out of space for an answer use the space provided at the end of this booklet, numbering your answer carefully.

You have 45 minutes for the Comprehension which is worth 33 marks.

BLANK PAGE

Write your answers in the spaces provided after each question. If you run out of space for an answer use the space provided at the end of this booklet, numbering your answer carefully.

1. What is it about Mr Murdstone that makes David frightened when he looks at him? Give three details. [3 marks]

2. Write down two words suggested by the name ‘Murdstone’. In each case, explain what your choice indicates about a person with that name. [4 marks]

3. Why is David so frightened on this particular day that he forgets all his lessons? Give three reasons. [3 marks]

4. Look at the paragraph beginning, *Miss Murdstone watched me fiercely* .... Why does David describe Miss Murdstone as ‘a metallic lady’? Give detailed reasons for your answer, and make sure you think about the whole paragraph. [3 marks]

5. David tells us that Mr Murdstone took him upstairs ‘as if he were escorting a criminal to the gallows’. What does this simile suggest about Mr Murdstone’s attitude to the punishment he is about to give? [3 marks]

_____

_____

_____

6. David bit right through Mr Murdstone’s hand. Try and think of two reasons why David acted so viciously? [2 marks]

_____

_____

7. David felt guilty for biting his tutor. In your opinion, was he wrong to bite Mr Murdstone, or was his action justified? Give reasons for your answer. [2 marks]

_____

_____

8. Close to the end of the passage, David describes his room as ‘a prison’. Give three reasons why he might think this. [3 marks]

_____

_____

_____

9. Look again at the last four paragraphs. Find two pieces of evidence which suggest that the Murdstones have taken control of David’s mother’s household. [2 marks]

_____

_____

10. David goes through a range of emotions in the passage. Write down two, and explain in your own words what causes each. [4 marks]

_____

_____

_____

_____

11. Most readers will find this story disturbing. Choose two disturbing features of the story, and briefly explain your choice in each case. [4 marks]

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

End of Questions

Turn over for extra space for answers.

Extra Space for Answers

Remember to write down the number of the question you are working on.

BLANK PAGE

BLANK PAGE