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The Manchester Grammar School

Entrance Examination 2012
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 32 marks.

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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. How many people are there in the Carver family? [1 mark]

2. Look again at the discussion about the spiders. In this discussion we learn that the two sisters do not get on. Write out two quotations, one for each sister, which show this hostility. [2 marks]

3. The parents have different views on how to deal with the spiders.
   a. What are they? [2 marks]

   b. Which parent do you agree with and why? [2 marks]

4. Why does Max decide to kill the spider rather than re-locate it? [2 marks]

5. The cat is a rather sinister and frightening presence in the story. Pick out **two** details from the whole story that create this impression. Explain your choices. [4 marks]

6. Look at the paragraph beginning, 'Max walked over to the window.'
   a. What word suggests that the garden is overgrown? [1 mark]

   b. What word suggests that Max is extremely interested in the strange garden from the first moment he sees it? [1 mark]

7. The garden reminds Max of a 'village graveyard'. List **three** features of a graveyard that might lead Max to make this comparison. [3 marks]

8. Write out **two** details which suggest the garden is a private place where strangers are not welcome? [2 marks]

9. Max goes through a range of emotions in the extract. Write down **three**, and explain **in your own words** what causes each. [6 marks]

10. Imagine that Max decides to visit the garden later on that evening. Briefly, in no more than 50 words, write what you think will happen. [6 marks]

End of Questions

Extra Space for Answers

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

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