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COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AT 11+

ENGLISH

PAPER 2

Practice Paper 2008–2009

Please read this information before the examination starts.

- You have 5 minutes' reading and planning time.
- After that you may start writing when you are ready to do so. You have 40 minutes for writing.
- Use your best handwriting and take care with spelling and punctuation.

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Write an essay using ONE of the following titles. Each one is worth 25 marks.

1. Write about an experience (real or imagined) which left you wondering whether it had actually happened or not.

2. 'Every child should have to take a cycling proficiency test.'

   What is a cycling proficiency test? Should everyone have to take it or should it be optional?

   Explain your views.

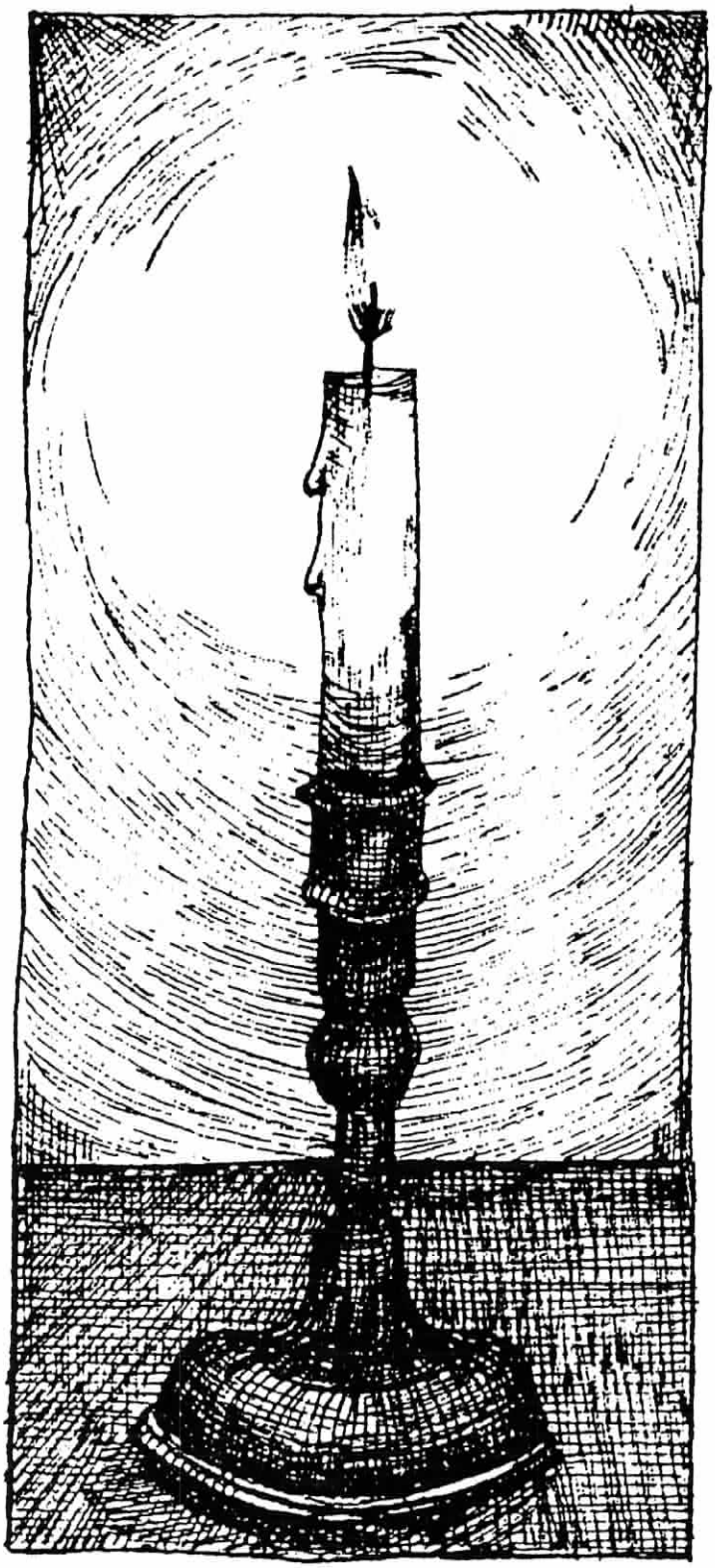
3. Describe, as vividly as you can, a place which you like to visit on holiday or in your own time. What makes this place so special?

4. Write about **one** of the following:

   - Lost Boy
   - A Fresh Start
   - The Voice in the Darkness

5. Do you like reading mystery stories? Write about a poem, play or story which you felt was particularly mysterious and explain why you enjoyed it so much.

6. Write about the picture opposite in any way you wish.



(Total marks: 35, including a mark out of 10 for spelling/syntax/punctuation)

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