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COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AT 11+

ENGLISH

PAPER 2

Practice Paper 2009–2010

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. The Hot Afternoon

2. 'I shall always remember that tea.'

3. Write an account or a story using **one** of the following titles:

   (a) My father was furious.

   (b) The Swimming Lesson

   (c) Caravanning

4. Many children list drama or sport or art as their favourite subjects at school. This may be because those subjects are creative, or have more freedom, or are not always the basis for examinations. What thinking goes on behind *your* selection of a favourite subject?

5. The books you enjoy are as personal as the food you choose to eat. What are the ingredients of a great book, in your opinion? You can discuss one or several books to illustrate your answer.

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

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



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