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Entrance Examination 2014
English Section B - Comprehension
Comprehension Answer Booklet

45 minutes + 5 minutes reading time

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

You will find the comprehension questions in this booklet. The comprehension passage is on a separate green 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 plus 5 minutes reading time for this Comprehension which is worth 50 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. In paragraph 1, Jody avoids looking at his father after supper. Why? [2 marks]

2. Why is Jody disappointed in paragraph 1? [2 marks]

3. We are told on line 12 that Jody "dressed more quickly even than usual". Why do you think this might be? [2 marks]

4. On line 22, we are told that Jody "had trouble with his food".
   (a) Explain what you think this means. [1 mark]

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(b) Explain what has caused Jody's "trouble with his food" in your own words [2 marks]

5. What does Jody at first think they are going to do that morning when they go outside? Explain why you think this. [3 marks]

6. On lines 31 - 32, we are told that the barn was "black as night in contrast". What do you think it was in contrast to? [2 marks]

7. In your own words, write down three of the ways Jody is physically affected by seeing the pony from lines 35-43. [3 marks]

8. Find two pieces of evidence that show that the pony is wild. Explain, in your own words, why each detail shows that the pony is wild. [4 marks]

9. Billy Buck and Jody feel differently about the saddle.

(a) In your own words, explain what Billy Buck's attitude to the saddle is. Give two pieces of evidence to support your view. [3 marks]

(b) What do you think Jody's attitude to the saddle is? Give two pieces of evidence to support your answer. Explain your reasons for choosing each piece of evidence. [6 marks]

10. The way Billy Buck treats Jody is different to the way his father does. Which of the two adults do you think is the most approachable? Give two pieces of evidence from the passage that support your view. Explain your reasons for choosing each piece of evidence. [6 marks]

11. Jody experiences different feelings about the red pony in the passage. Write down three of the feelings Jody has and explain in your own words what causes each. [6 marks]

12. Jody's father can appear intimidating to Jody. Find two examples in the passage of how he talks or acts that give this impression and explain your reasoning for each choice carefully. [5 marks]

13. Jody's father and Billy Buck chuckle to each other after Jody has left the room to go to bed. We are told that Jody thinks it is "a joke of some kind". Having read the whole of the passage, explain what you think Jody's father and Billy Buck are laughing to each other about. Explain your reasons for thinking this. [3 marks]

End of Questions

Extra Space for Answers

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