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Entrance Examination 2018
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. Your answers should be based on the passage alone.

You have 45 minutes plus 5 minutes reading time for this Comprehension which is worth 50 marks.

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 the first line, the author states: “He wasn’t an Ogre, of course.”

   a) Find **two** aspects of Mr Evans’ **physical appearance** which might make him seem like an Ogre even though he is a human. [2 marks]

   b) Find **one** of his **personality traits** that might make him seem like an Ogre to the children. [1 mark]

2. The author gives Mr Evans’ full name and title, Councillor Samuel Isaac Evans, in line 3. Explain, **in your own words**, what impression of Mr Evans this gives you. [1 mark]

3. We are told in lines 11-12 that the clicking of Mr Evans’ false teeth stops Nick from feeling scared of him. Give a reason why Nick might feel less afraid, explaining your answer carefully. [3 marks]

4. In lines 15-16, Mr Evans is described as giving 'the kind of grin a tiger might give before it pounced on its prey.' Explain fully, **in your own words**, why his grin is compared with a tiger's. [3 marks]

5. In line 19, Mr Evans uses the phrase "That's a bit of sugar on the pill!" Through this, what do you think he feels about Carrie and Nick coming to stay in his home? [2 marks]

6. Look at paragraphs 4-6 (lines 13-27). The children are clearly uneasy. Find **two** pieces of evidence that show this. Then explain carefully how each example reveals the children's uncertainty and discomfort. [5 marks]

7. In paragraphs 6-8 (lines 20-37), find **three** examples of how Mr Evans expects children to behave. [3 marks]

8. In paragraphs 7-10, (lines 28-40) Mr Evans changes his attitude towards Nick, even though he had called him a “baby”.

   a) Mr Evans is startled by Nick’s comment on line 28, and reacts ‘as if a worm had just lifted its head and answered him back’. Why do you think Nick, is compared to a worm? Explain your reasoning fully. [2 marks]

   b) Mr Evans ‘sucked his teeth for a minute’ in line 32. Why does he do this? [1 mark]

   c) Mr Evans looks at Nick with a ‘grudging respect’ in lines 39-40. Find **three** reasons why you think he feels this respect. [3 marks]

9. We are told that Mr Evans' teeth click 'to attention perhaps' in line 43. Explain, **in your own words**, why you think his teeth are described as clicking in this way. [2 marks]

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10. We are told that Miss Evans 'moved from the sink where she'd been all this time, standing quite still' (lines 46-47). Explain why you think she had been standing still. [2 marks]

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11. Miss Evans has 'bright, squirrel eyes' in lines 50-51. Explain why the author chooses to associate her with a squirrel. [2 marks]

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12. The writer makes you feel sympathy for Miss Evans. Find **two** reasons why you might feel sorry for her and fully explain them. [5 marks]

13. Mr Evans is 'grinning' through much of the passage.

a) Explain fully, **in your own words**, why the children see this as negative [2 marks]

b) Explain fully, **in your own words**, why this could be seen as positive [2 marks]

14. In the last line of the passage, Nick is clearly critical of Mr Evans' manner towards himself and towards Miss Evans.

a) Identify an example of what Mr Evans does that Nick dislikes, and explain, **in your own words**, what Nick finds unpleasant about this behaviour [2 marks]

b) Nick feels very differently about his own father. Find a piece of evidence from the passage that reveals this, and explain fully what feeling he has for his father.
[3 marks]

15. Carrie is the older sister of Nick.

a) What does Carrie think about the way Nick speaks to Mr Evans? Explain your answer fully. [2 marks]

b) How is Carrie's own behaviour towards Mr Evans different from Nick's? Explain your answer fully. [2 marks]

This is the end of the Examination

Use any remaining time to check your work or try any questions you have not answered.

Extra Space for Answers

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