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Entrance Examination 2016
English Section B - Comprehension
Comprehension Answer Booklet

45 minutes + 5 minutes reading time

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 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 line 4 we are told that the old man "would stop every now and then".

   a. What is he stopping doing? [1 mark]

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   b. In your own words, explain why he stops. [1 mark]

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2. What is it that the old man "satisfied himself" about on line 5? [2 marks]

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3. We are told on line 10 that Oliver is only "half conscious" of what was happening around him. Why do you think this is? [2 marks]

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4. Looking at paragraphs 5 - 8, explain what you think Fagin feels about the watches and jewels. Give two pieces of evidence that show what he feels. Explain your reasons for choosing each piece of evidence. [6 marks]

5. Fagin says on line 33 that "It's a fine thing for the trade!"

   a) What is the trade he is referring to? [1 mark]

   b) Explain in your own words why Fagin might think that the death penalty is a "fine thing". [2 marks]

6. We are told that Fagin "got furiously up" on line 39. Find two pieces of evidence that show he is furious. [2 marks]

7. Fagin behaves in a threatening way in the passage. Find two examples of how he talks or acts that give this impression. Then explain your reasoning carefully for each example. [5 marks]

8. In the passage as a whole, find two pieces of evidence that Fagin is being secretive. Explain in your own words why each detail shows this. [5 marks]

9. Look at the conversation between Oliver and Fagin from line 41 to the end. The characters show what they think of each other in the ways in which they speak.

a. How does Oliver generally respond to Fagin? [1 mark]

b. Write down a short example of Oliver's speech that best shows his attitude to Fagin. Explain carefully why you have chosen this example. [3 marks]

10. Fagin treats Oliver differently from line 49.

a. What is different about his attitude now? [2 marks]

b. Find one example of what he says to him that is different to before. Explain carefully why you have chosen this example. [3 marks]

11. In line 58, Fagin tells Oliver that "people call me a miser".

a) Find one piece of evidence that suggests he **is** miserly. Explain your reasoning carefully. [3 marks]

b. Find one reason that shows he might **not** be miserly. Carefully explain your reasoning. [3 marks]

12. Fagin experiences different feelings in this passage. Write down three of the feelings he has and explain in your own words what causes each. [6 marks]

13. Fagin sends Oliver to the corner for the jug of water at the end of the passage. Explain why you think he does this. [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.