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School

Junior Entrance and Scholarship Examination 2010

ENGLISH

Time allowed: **1¼ hours**

Instructions

- *Answer as many questions as you can*
- *Answer in full sentences*
- *Remember to leave yourself enough time to check your work*
- *Please write your name at the top of each piece of paper you use*

Good Luck

Section A.

Spend approximately 30 minutes on this section.

Read through this passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

- *Make sure you express yourself accurately*
- *Take note of the number or marks available for each question*

Every afternoon, as they were coming from school, the children used to go and play in the Giant's garden.

It was a large lovely garden, with soft green grass. Here and there over the grass stood beautiful flowers like stars, and there were twelve peach-trees that in the spring-time broke out into delicate blossoms of pink and pearl, and in the autumn bore rich fruit. The birds sat on the trees and sang so sweetly that the children used to stop their games in order to listen to them. "How happy we are here!" they cried to each other.

One day the Giant came back. He had been to visit his friend the Cornish ogre, and had stayed with him for seven years. After the seven years were over he had said all that he had to say, for his conversation was limited, and he determined to return to his own castle. When he arrived he saw the children playing in the garden.

"What are you doing here?" he cried in a very gruff voice, and the children ran away.

"My own garden is my own garden," said the Giant; "any one can understand that, and I will allow nobody to play in it but myself." So he built a high wall all round it, and put up a notice-board.

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He was a very selfish Giant.

The poor children had now nowhere to play. They tried to play on the road, but the road was very dusty and full of hard stones, and they did not like it. They used to wander round the high wall when their lessons were over, and talk about the beautiful garden inside. "How happy we were there," they said to each other.

Then the Spring came, and all over the country there were little blossoms and little birds. Only in the garden of the Selfish Giant it was still winter. The birds did not care to sing in it as there were no children, and the trees forgot to blossom. Once a beautiful flower put its head out from the grass, but when it saw the notice-board it was so sorry for the children that it slipped back into the ground again, and went off to sleep. The only people who were pleased were the Snow and the Frost. "Spring has forgotten this garden," they cried, "so we will live here all the year round." The Snow covered up the grass with her great white cloak, and the Frost painted all the trees silver. Then they invited the North Wind to stay with them, and he came. He was wrapped in furs, and he roared all day about the garden, and blew the chimney-pots down. "This is a delightful spot," he said, "we must ask the Hail on a visit." So the Hail came. Every day for three hours he rattled on the roof of the castle till he broke most of the slates, and then he ran round and round the garden as fast as he could go. He was dressed in grey, and his breath was like ice.

1. This story contains a giant, and the wind and the frost are presented as people. What type of story is this? (1 mark)

2. How does the writer make the garden seem beautiful or lovely in lines 3 to 8? There are a lot of marks for this question. Look to make your answer as detailed as you can. Think about the words used and the comparisons. (6 marks)

3. How does the writer present the personality of the giant? Look to make your answer detailed. (3 marks)

4. Explain what "trespassers will be prosecuted" means in your own words. (2 marks)

5. Look at lines 21-22. How does the writer make the road seem unpleasant? (2 marks)

6. What reasons does the writer give in the last paragraph for the birds not singing and the trees and flowers not growing? (3 marks)

7. What does the writer mean when he explains the Frost painted the trees silver? (1 mark)

8. What sort of character or person does the North wind seem to be? Give reasons for your answer. (2 marks)

9. How does the writer suggest that the Hail, the Frost and the North Wind enjoyed themselves in the garden? (3 marks)

10. Explain what you think happens next. (2 marks)

Section B

Spend approximately 20 minutes on this section

Write a short story in which a character is unhappy or lonely. Look to arouse the reader's sympathy and not just explain the circumstances or reasons why the person is unhappy. (20 marks)

Section C

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Spend approximately 20 minutes on this section

Imagine you are the boy below. Write your thoughts. (20 marks)



End of Paper

If you have time left, you should check your work carefully.