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Junior Entrance and Scholarship Examination 2013

English

Time allowed: **1 hour**

Instructions

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

Good Luck

Section A - You should spend approximately 35 minutes on this section.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Please note some questions have more marks than others.

I really want to tell you about my grandad first. You see, he was also my very best mate. Maybe you think that's a bit unusual. I suppose there aren't many people who have best friends who are fifty-two years older than they are.

One day, I remember, Grandad said to me, very seriously, "I want you to know, Gareth, I'll always be there for you." And I just said, "Cool" or something like that. But I liked him telling me that so much.

Grandad taught me how to make a tree-house and how to play pool and golf. Later we went to football matches and films and were always making jokes about each other. I did this wicked impression of him. First time he saw it he laughed. And he didn't just go, "Hee, hee." He put back his head and gave a deep, rumbly laugh.

Actually, he was the first person to encourage me to do my impressions. He said I had an ear for people's voices, just like some people have an ear for music (which I most definitely haven't'.)

Then, two and a half years ago, Mum, my older sister Lisa and me moved to a little village in Norfolk and Grandad came as well. He'd been living on his own for centuries (Grandma died before I was born) so it seemed a great idea for him to live with us too.

I remember coming home after my first day at school and seeing Grandad waiting in the doorway for me. Straightaway we went out to the back garden and had a kick about before tea. Other days, after school, I'd find Grandad in the kitchen cooking the meal. And I'd chat away to him for ages about…well, everything really.

I'll tell you my absolute favourite time with him, though: when I was all tucked up in bed and he'd come in and tell me a story. He'd sit on this rocking-chair and I'd settle down, all snug and cosy, while he told me tales of 'ancient times' when he was an amateur wrestler.

Funnily enough, wrestling was the only interest Grandad and I didn't share. He'd tell me how it was the oldest sport in the world and that Henry VIII liked a good wrestle. Not to mention Richard the Lionheart, and …oh, he'd reel off all these names. But I just wasn't convinced. I'd love hearing about Grandad's wrestling experiences, though. He'd tell me how he used to watch these lads wrestling in the Town Hall on a Saturday afternoon and wish more than anything else that he could join them. He had the knowledge all right – he knew all the moves and throws and how not to fall on your head (very, very important). But he just had not belief in himself.

You see, Grandad was small and very scrawny and no one thought he had a chance. Especially the other boys at the wrestling club. They were always taunting him with nasty jibes. Took away all his confidence.

1. What does the writer think is unusual about his relationship with his grandad? (2 marks)

2. And I just said, “Cool”. (Line 5) Why do you think the boy responds to his grandad in this fashion? (2 marks)

3. “He said I had an ear for people’s voices”. (Line 10) Explain what this means in your own words. (2 marks)

4. “He’d been living on his own for centuries.” (Line 13) This cannot be true. Why does the boy express how long his grandad had been living alone in this way? (2 marks)

5. Explain what these words mean:
    - To encourage (line 10)
    - Absolute (Line 19)
    - Convinced (24)
    - Jibes (Line 30) (4 marks)

6. How was Grandad treated by boys when he was young? (2 marks)

7. Why do you think Grandad was keen to tell the boy about his wrestling? Explain your views fully. (3 marks)

8. What impressions do you have of the boy’s grandad? Explain your views fully. (5 marks)

9. What impressions do you have of the boy? Explain your views fully. (3 marks)

TURN OVER FOR SECTION B

Section B.

You should spend approximately 35 minutes on this section.

Choose **one** of the following:

1. Write about one of the members of your family in an interesting manner.
2. Explain why you enjoy a sport or activity you do in your own time.
3. Write a short imaginative piece with the title “The Gang.”

Now check your work.