The Junior King's School
Canterbury

2011
Year 7
Entrance Examination (12+)
English

One Hour
(2 x 30 minutes)

Section A	**Reading**	**25 Marks**	**30 Minutes**
Section B	**Writing**	**25 marks**	**30 Minutes**

Please answer sections A & B on SEPARATE sheets of paper

Section A **Comprehension** **30 minutes**

*Read the following passage **twice** and then answer the questions below.*

"Three cheers for the dogs," said Lord Curzon at the end of his speech.

Roald Amundsen, sitting beside him, flushed brick-red. He had never felt so insulted in his life.

The famous Norwegian explorer had come to London, at the invitation of the Royal Geographical Society, to lecture on his journey to the South Pole. He had said he could not have reached the Pole without his teams of powerful Greenland dogs.

Curzon was hardly tactful, though he meant no offence. Unfortunately, great offence was taken. Amundsen said it had been an insult to him and his men, and he demanded a public apology. He was not a vain man, and he thought less of his achievement than anyone else. From boyhood his ambition had been to go to the North Pole. After long preparation he was about to set out when the news came that an American explorer, Robert E. Peary, had reached this Pole.

Amundsen changed his plans and sailed to the Antarctic. The South Pole was still unconquered. However, he knew he would have to hurry to get there first. A British expedition led by Captain Scott was already on the way.

Amundsen was a sportsman. When Scott arrived in Melbourne, Australia, he found a telegram waiting for him. It was short and to the point: "Am going south. Amundsen."

When Captain Scott and his team reached the Pole, the Norwegian flag was already flying over a snow-bound tent. Inside Scott found some equipment and an envelope addressed to himself. He opened it and read:

Dear Captain Scott,

As you are probably the first to reach this area after us, I will ask you kindly to forward the enclosed letter to King Haakon VII.

If you can use any of the articles in the tent, please do not hesitate to do so. The sledge outside may be of use to you. With kind regards I wish you a safe return.

Yours truly,

Roald Amundsen

Scott died in the Antarctic on his return from the South Pole. Amundsen and his companions got back to their ship after an absence of ninety-nine days. Upon their return to Norway they were celebrated as national heroes.

Yet he was disappointed. "I could not have gone further from my goal," he said wryly.

Now answer these questions in full sentences.

Consider carefully how many marks are available. Some answers will need to be more detailed and longer than others. The marks will <u>help</u> you.

1. Who was Roald Amundsen? (You need to make three separate points.) (3 marks)

2. From whom did he demand an apology? Why? (2 marks)

3. Can you think of (and then explain fully) two ways that the dogs had helped Amundsen? (3 marks)

4. Who got to the South Pole first. How do you know? (2 marks)

5. Who, do you think, was King Haakon VII? (1 mark)

6. Can you think of (and then explain fully) two reasons that Amundsen had asked Scott to forward a letter to King Haakon VII? (4 marks)

7. Explain **fully** what Amundsen meant by his last statement in this passage. (3 marks)

8. From the information in the passage write down four words **<u>of your own</u>** to describe Amundsen's character, (the sort of person you think he is). (2 marks)

9. In a table of three columns, write down the list of the five underlined words in the passage. In the second column, state what part of speech each word is. In the third write a different word or expression that means more or less the same.

	Part of Speech	Synonym
flushed		
lecture		
tactful		
hesitate		
absence		

(5 marks)

(25 marks)

Section B Writing 30 minutes

Produce **ONE** piece of creative, imaginative writing from the following options.

a) Write a letter from Scott to a friend or family member detailing his disappointment. If you attempt this, remember to set your work out correctly – address, date, greeting, parting.
b) Describe a time you were really disappointed by something.

(25 marks)