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Lower School Scholarship 2019

ENGLISH

13+

1 Hour

Full Name: _____

Current school: _____

Date: _____

Instructions to Candidates:

- Write your answers in the space provided in this booklet.
- The total mark for the paper is 100
- The first two questions are based on a fiction passage; the final question is to demonstrate your own writing skills.

Read the following poem, 'The Lamentation of the Old Pensioner, by W.B Yeats and answer the questions beneath. In this extract the narrator describes a table tennis tournament at school.

The Lamentation of the Old Pensioner

ALTHOUGH I shelter from the rain
Under a broken tree
My chair was nearest to the fire
In every company
That talked of love or politics,
Ere* Time transfigured me.

Though lads are making pikes** again
For some conspiracy,
And crazy rascals rage their fill
At human tyranny,
My contemplations are of Time
That has transfigured*** me.

There's not a woman turns her face
Upon a broken tree,
And yet the beauties that I loved
Are in my memory;
I spit into the face of Time
That has transfigured*** me.

William Butler Yeats

*ere = before

**pikes = weapons

***transfigured = changed

Question 1

How does the writer show the difference between the old man's past and present life? (20 marks)

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Question 2

The writer attempts to make the pensioner sound bitter and angry. Explain and describe the methods that the writer uses in order to create this bitter and angry tone.
(30 marks)

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Question 3 – Writing task:

Write about a meeting between a young and an old person. This could be an account of something that has really happened to you or something that you have made up. Your writing will be marked for its creativity and imagination as well as your written accuracy. (50 marks)

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