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COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AT 13+

ENGLISH

LEVELS 1 AND 2

PAPER 2: WRITING

Tuesday 24 January 2012

Please read this information before the examination starts.

- You have 1 hour 20 minutes which includes planning time.
- The paper is divided into two sections. You should spend about 40 minutes on Section A and about 40 minutes on Section B.
- Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- Vocabulary, spelling, grammar, punctuation and presentation are all important and will be taken into account.

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SECTION B: WRITING TASK

Write on any ONE of the following topics. Each one is worth 25 marks. Credit will be given for good spelling, punctuation and presentation as well as for imaginative and exciting use of vocabulary.

1. 'You surprised me.'

   'I surprised myself.'

   Write a story which includes these two lines of dialogue.

2. Doing the right thing

   Was there a time when you did what you knew to be right, even though it was at your own expense? Or you did not do what you knew to be right, but wish that you had?

   Write about it.

3. Caution and risk

   Either:

   Write an essay in which you discuss the relative merits of being cautious and taking risks.

   Or:

   Write a speech in which you argue the importance of one rather than the other.

   In both cases, you may wish to include:

   - the advantages and disadvantages of each
   - who might be affected, other than yourself
   - examples to illustrate what you are saying

4. Write a story or a description using one of the following titles:

   (a) Junk Food
   (b) The Picnic by the Lake
   (c) A Gift

5. 'Great things come from small beginnings.'

   Write about this in any way you wish.

6. Crossing the Line

(Total marks: 50)