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YEAR 7

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

SAMPLE PAPER

Time allowed: 1 hour 20 minutes

First Name: .....

Surname: .....

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INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF THE PAPER

Part A: Reading (40 minutes)

- Spend 10 minutes reading the passage on the insert and the questions in this booklet.
- You may mark the passage by underlining words and phrases.
- Do not write anything in your booklet during this time.
- You will be told when the 10 minutes are over.

Spend 30 minutes writing your answers in this answer booklet.

- You will be told when 40 minutes are up, but you may start Part B when you are ready.

Part B: Writing (40 minutes)

- Spend 40 minutes writing on the lined paper provided.
- Put your first name and surname at the top of each page.
- If you have time, you may go back to Part A.
- Both questions must be attempted.

YOU MAY WRITE IN EITHER INK OR PENCIL

- You will be told when you have 5 minutes left.

GOOD LUCK!

PART A: READING (40 minutes)

After you have spent about 10 minutes reading the passage, spend about 30 minutes answering the questions.

The mark at the end of each question is an indication of how much you should write for each answer.

1. Lines 1–4.

Why did John find it comfortable to sit by the fire?

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1 mark

2. Lines 1-10.

What two things disturb John in the first paragraph?

(i) .....

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(ii) .....

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2 marks

3. Lines 19–21.

Explain what is meant by the following sentence: '*It was an excitement that we experience on the event of a discovery which we fancy may produce important results*.'

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2 marks

4. Lines 21-30.

In your own words, explain how John gets the cupboard to open.

(i) .....

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(ii) .....

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2 marks

5. Lines 22-24.

In your own words, explain the meanings of these phrases:

a) 'But his instrument was not adequate to such a purpose' (Lines 22-23)

a) .....

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2 marks

b) 'His excitement had now reached an overmastering pitch' (Lines 23-24)

b) .....

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2 marks

6. Lines 32-38.

In your own words explain why John's feelings change from excitement to disappointment on opening the cupboard.

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2 marks

7. Line 44.

At line 44 it says 'John was excited at his discovery, and felt his thoughts confused.' In your own words, explain what this could mean.

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3 marks

8a. Lines 48-58.

How do we know that the violin has survived in good condition? Looking at lines 48-58, find two phrases that tell you this.

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2 marks

ii).....

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2 marks

8b.Lines 57-67

Between lines 57 and 67, what physical feature of the newly found violin seemed different to him?

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2 marks

9. Lines 58-70.

Using lines 58-70, give three examples of how you know the violin has made a positive impression on John.

i)..... ..... 1 mark

ii)..... 1 mark

iii)..... 1 mark

10. Lines 75-77

At lines 75-77 it says 'Under ordinary circumstances it would naturally be concluded that such a label was a forgery.' What does this mean?

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2 marks

11. Using the whole passage, explain how the writer uses language to make the discovery of the violin exciting. Use short quotations to support your answer.

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8 marks

Please turn over the page for the Writing Section

PART B: WRITING SECTION

There are <u>two</u> tasks in this section. You must attempt both of them. Spend 20 minutes on each. The quality of your writing is more important than the length. Aim to write about 1 side.

1. **What do you think happens next? Write the next part of the story.**

20 marks

2. **Some people say learning a musical instrument is a good thing to do when you are young. Do you agree with this statement? Give your personal opinion, backing up your points with examples.**

20 marks

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