8 + Entrance Examination

Paper 7

English - Comprehension and Composition

Total marks: 45

Time allowed: 45 minutes

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Comprehension (21 marks)

Read this passage very carefully and then answer the questions that follow. Remember to answer in full sentences.

Lost!

Jack was halfway out of the door when his mum called him back. “Are you sure you know the way?” she asked.
“Mum, of course I do. I’ve been to the shop loads of times with you.”
“Well make sure you take a coat. It looks like it’s about to rain.”

Jack ignored her and stepped out on to the street, slamming the door behind him. He was sick of being treated like a baby just because he was the youngest in the family. If Susy and Adam could go to the shop on their own, then so could he.

Jack reached the end of the road and looked around him. Lights were beginning to go on in the windows of the tall, grey houses that lined the street. There was a queue of cars waiting at the junction ahead, driven by tired adults returning from work. Jack turned right and strode confidently on. He thought about what he was going to buy when he got to the shop. He pictured the gooey, golden toffees in their shiny wrappers. He imagined a smooth, sweet chocolate button melting on his tongue. His mouth watered at the thought of it.

Jack stopped suddenly. He’d been so busy dreaming about what he would buy that he hadn’t been paying attention to where he was walking. Was this the

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right road? The houses looked different to how he remembered. Looking up, Jack saw dark, purple clouds looming above him and felt a drop of rain land on his nose. Clenching his fists tightly, he gave a loud sniff and bravely continued walking.

When he got to the bottom of the road, Jack's stomach sank and his heart began to pound. In front of him was a green house with a red front door. He had definitely never seen that before! The rain had begun to come down heavily and Jack shivered in his sodden t-shirt. Lip trembling, he began to cry. He was lost! How would he ever get home?

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1. Where was Jack when his mum called to him?

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(1 mark)

2. Why did Jack think he could go to the shop on his own? Give two reasons.

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(2 marks)

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3. Read lines 9-12 again. What time of day do you think it is? Explain why you think this.

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(3 marks)

4. Find and copy three **adjectives** that the author uses to describe the sweets in Jack's imagination.

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(3 marks)

5. The text says, *'Jack reached the end of the road, turned right and strode confidently on.'* (line 12). What does the word 'strode' mean in this sentence?

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(1 mark)

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6. What distracted Jack from thinking about where he was walking?

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(1 mark)

7. Read lines 23 - 27 again. Find and copy one phrase that shows that Jack is feeling scared at this point in the story.

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(1 mark)

8. Imagine that someone lends Jack a phone to call his mum when he realises he is lost. What do you think Jack would say to his mum?

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(1 mark)

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9. Decide if these sentences are **True**, **False** or if it **Does not say in the story**. Put T, F or D by the side of each sentence:

   a. Jack took his mum's advice when he left the house. _____

   b. The sky was clear and the sun was shining as Jack left the house. _____

   c. Jack walked past a swimming pool on his way to the shop. _____

   d. Jack realised he was definitely lost when he saw the green house. _____

(4 marks)

10. Read the whole passage again. Describe how Jack's thoughts and feelings change as the story goes on.

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(4 marks)

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Composition (24 marks)

Write at least one side on one of the following tasks. Remember to use accurate punctuation and interesting adjectives and vocabulary. Write in paragraphs and make your story as exciting as you can!

Either

1. **Continue writing the story 'Lost!'**

   Before you start writing, think about:
   - What Jack will do to get himself out of the situation.
   - Where Jack will go next.
   - Remember to think about how you will describe the scene.
   - How Jack will be feeling in the next part of the story

or

2. **Write about a time when you have been lost.**

   Before you start writing:
   - Think about where you were and what happened.
   - Remember to describe the scene using lots of description.
   - How did you feel?

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Comprehension (21 marks)

In all answers, deduct half a mark for answers that aren't written in full or punctuated sentences.

1. Jack was halfway out the door when his mum called to him. (1 mark)
2. Jack thought he could go to the shop on his own because he'd been there loads of times before with his mum (1 mark) Susy and Adam could go there on their own (1 mark).
3. I think it's the afternoon/ evening (1 mark) because lights were going on in the houses (1 mark) and people were driving home from work (1 mark).
4. Award a mark for any three of the following: gooey, golden, shiny, smooth, sweet. (3 marks)
5. The word 'strode' means that he walked quickly/ took long steps (award mark for any similar answer). (1 mark)
6. He was thinking/dreaming about the sweets he was going to buy (1 mark).
7. Award a mark for one of the following: Jack's stomach sank and his heart began to pound. Lip trembling, he began to cry. (1 mark)
8. Award a mark for any valid answer. Examples: You were right that I should have brought a coat. Can you come and help me get home? I am next to a green house with a red door. (1 mark)
9.
   a. Jack took his mum's advice when he left the house = T (1 mark)
   b. The sky was clear and the sun was shining as Jack left the house = F (1 mark)
   c. Jack walked past a swimming pool on his way to the shop = D (1 mark)
   d. Jack realised he was definitely lost when he saw the green house = T (1 mark)
10. Award a mark for any of the following points (or similar answers) up to 4 marks:
    - At the beginning Jack is feeling certain that he can find his way to the shop.
    - At the beginning Jack is angry with his mum for nagging him.
    - After Jack leaves the house he is still feeling confident.
    - After Jack leaves the house he is distracted by thinking about sweets.
    - Towards the end of the story Jack starts to become worried and uncertain.
    - At the end of the story Jack realises he is lost and is very upset.

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Composition (24 marks)

Structure (4 marks)	
Is there a clear beginning, middle and end? (Note: task 1 should include just a middle and end)	
Has an attempt been made to add a problem or dilemma into the story?	
Has an attempt been made to resolve the problem at the end of the story?	
Has clear paragraphing been used?	
Vocabulary (4 marks)	
Have a variety of adjectives and/or adverbs been used to add detail?	
Have a variety of sentence openers been used? (“First”, “then”, “next”, “finally”, “eventually”, “suddenly” etc.)	
Have a variety of conjunctions been used to link ideas? (“So”, “because”, “and”, “even” though”, “although”, “besides” etc.)	
Does the story include evidence of alliteration, similes or metaphors?	
Content (5 marks)	
Is the content relevant to the topic?	
Is the plot coherent, with ideas clearly explained?	
Have characters been described through dialogue, narration and action?	
Has the setting been described in detail, perhaps by using senses? (what the scene looks like, sounds like etc.)	
Is the content imaginative and creative?	
Punctuation (4 marks)	
Are full stops and capital letters (including proper nouns) used consistently and correctly?	
Has speech been punctuated correctly?	
Have apostrophes been used consistently and correctly?	
Have exclamation marks, commas or questions marks been included?	

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Grammar (2 marks)	
Has a consistent tense been used throughout the text?	
Does the choice of words make sense and are sentences written in the correct order?	
Spelling (2 marks)	
Are common words spelled correctly?	
Has an attempt been made to spell tricky words phonetically?	
Presentation (3 marks)	
Is writing legible and neat?	
Is writing consistently joined correctly?	

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