



## **7 Plus examination**

### **Paper 8**

### **English**

**Total marks: [30]**

**Time allowed: [45]**

#### **Instructions**

- You have 45 minutes
- Dictionaries are not allowed
- There are 30 marks available. If you get stuck, go onto the next question and come back at the end
- Use either pen or pencil and write your answers on lined paper
- You should write in full sentences.

**Full name** \_\_\_\_\_

## Section A: Comprehension (20 marks)

Read the following extract from “The Tale of Peter Rabbit” by Beatrix Potter, and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time, there were four little Rabbits, and their names were Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail, and Peter. They lived with their Mother in a sand-bank, underneath the root of a very big fir tree.

'Now my dears,' said old Mrs. Rabbit one morning, 'you may go into the fields or down the lane, but don't go into Mr. McGregor's garden: your Father had an accident there; he was put in a pie by Mrs. McGregor.'

'Now run along, and don't get into mischief. I am going out.'

Then old Mrs. Rabbit took a basket and her umbrella, and went through the wood to the baker's. She bought a loaf of brown bread and five currant buns.

Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail, who were good little bunnies, went down the lane to gather blackberries. But Peter, who was very naughty, ran straight away to Mr. McGregor's garden and squeezed under the gate!

First, he ate some lettuces and some French beans, and then he ate some radishes. And then, feeling rather sick, he went to look for some parsley. But round the end of a cucumber frame, whom should he meet but Mr. McGregor!

Mr. McGregor was on his hands and knees planting out young cabbages, but he jumped up and ran after Peter, waving a rake and calling out, 'Stop thief!'

### Questions

1. What are the names of Peter's three sisters? (3 marks)
2. What time of day is it when the story begins? (1 mark)
3. What happened to Peter's father? (2 marks)
4. Where was Peter's mother going and what did she buy? (3 marks)
5. Why do you think Peter felt sick when he was in Mr McGregor's garden? (1 mark)
6. Why did he look for some parsley? (1 mark)
7. Choose one of the exclamation marks from the extract and explain why the writer uses it. (2 marks)

8. How do you think Mr McGregor feels when he sees Peter? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

9. What kind of rabbit is Peter? Use quotations from the extract to explain your answer. (5 marks)

### Section B: Creative Writing (10 marks)

Continue the story and write two paragraphs about what happens next. You should try to include:

- Exciting vocabulary (for example, adjectives and adverbs)
- A simile, metaphor or personification
- Full stops and capital letters
- Commas and an exclamation mark
- Some dialogue (speaking)

Think about your spelling, grammar and punctuation. Check your work carefully when you have finished.



### Section A: ANSWERS

1. Peter's three sisters are called Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail. (1 mark each)
2. It was in the morning.
3. He was put into a pie (1 mark) by Mrs McGregor. (1 mark)
4. Peter's mother went to the baker's (1 mark) and bought a loaf of brown bread and five currant buns. (2 marks)
5. Peter had eaten too much
6. He looked for parsley to stop himself feeling sick.
7. One mark for correctly identifying the exclamation mark; one mark for explanation (for example, adds drama or makes the story exciting).
8. He feels angry (1 mark) because the rabbit is eating his vegetables (1 mark).
9. He is 'naughty' (1 mark). He disobeys his mother (1 mark). He is different to his sisters (1 mark). He eats too much (1 mark). He takes risks and makes mistakes (1 mark). He gets 'into mischief' (1 mark). Any three characteristics supported by quotations = 5 marks.

### Section B: Mark Scheme

This section has ten marks to be awarded as suggested below. Choose a band first (e.g. 7-8) and then decide whether the writing is at the top or bottom of that band.

Marks	Explanation
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9-10	A very exciting story which has all the bullet points included and is written in paragraphs. There may be small errors but these do not impede communication.
7-8	A good story which uses three or four of the bullet points and is mostly accurate in terms of SPaG.
5-6	You can understand what's happening in the story but it only includes one or two bullet points from the list. SPaG sometimes impedes communication.
3-4	One paragraph with a few references to the previous story (perhaps a name) but no features of the bullet point list. SPaG is largely inaccurate.
1-2	One or two sentences with no punctuation; difficult to work out what's happening from reading the story. No reference to the previous story.
0	Nothing written

