

11+ ENTRANCE EXAM

English Sample Questions

Time allowed: 1 hour 20 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE ANSWER BOTH PARTS OF THE EXAMINATION

Part A: Reading (approx 30 minutes)

- Spend 5 minutes reading the story and the questions in the booklet.
- You will be told when the 5 minutes are over.
- You can mark the story by underlining or highlighting words and phrases.

Spend about 25 minutes writing your answers in the answer booklet.

Part B: Writing (approx 50 minutes)

There are two writing sections: you should spend 30 minutes on Section 1 and the remaining 20 minutes on Section 2.

- Please start each Section on a separate sheet of paper.
- Make sure you put your name at the top of each sheet of paper.

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THE QUESTIONS**

Part A - Reading (30 minutes)

1. Considering the passage as a whole, why do you think that certain areas of the caves have been given names such as 'The Drawing Room,' 'The Cathedral' and 'Aladdin's Palace'?

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2. Why do you think the narrator refers to these names as being 'over-descriptive'?

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3. In the second paragraph, we are told that Tom and Becky wander off from the others. How does the writer communicate their separation from the rest of the party? [2]

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4. Looking again at the descriptions of the caves in the 3rd and 5th paragraphs, what do you find interesting about the language and sentence structures in these passages?

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5. In the description of the bats at the start of the 6th paragraph, what aspects of the creatures' character and behaviour does the writer try to capture?

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6. Why do you think Becky and Tom are referred to as 'fugitives' in the 6th paragraph?

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7. At the end of the passage, we are told that ‘the deep stillness of the place laid a clammy hand upon the spirits of the children’. What are the implications of this phrase and what do you find interesting about the writer’s use of language?

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- **Writing – 50 minutes.** You will be marked for the quality of your expression as well as what you write in this section.
- You should spend around 30 minutes on Section 1 and the remaining 20 minutes on Section 2.
- Please write on the lined paper provided and put your first name and surname at the top of each page.
- You should start each section on a separate page of lined paper.

Writing – Section 1 (30 minutes)

Continue the story from the point at which it ends.

20 marks

Writing – Section 2 (20 minutes)

'Many people argue that children are not given enough freedom to explore the world and are over-protected these days.' Write your thoughts in response to this statement. You may choose to agree or disagree or consider more than one viewpoint.

20 marks

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