



## **Crystal Tuition: Creative Writing**

### **'King's College School Wimbledon (KCS) English Section A 2020 – Unofficial Mark Scheme'**

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<https://www.kcs.org.uk/media/4082/english-section-a-11plus-pre-test-specimen-paper-for-2020-exam.pdf>

#### **A brief comment on strategy for SPAG for independent schools**

The number of marks allocated here is 10 marks for the entire section A, which contains five questions. This implies it is two marks per question. Each question has five SPAG errors in total. A good tip for students sitting independent school exams, where the number of marks per question is unclear (especially for SPAG), is tally up how many SPAG errors they can spot for each question. If there are multiple errors, then this method means that your child is less likely to miss any of them.

(Note that the format for grammar schools tends to be one SPAG error per question)

E.g. If your child spots five errors in total on four questions, but only initially sees three errors on one question, it is likely that he/she has missed two errors. Therefore, this strategy can be useful for students who are unsure if they have spotted all the SPAG errors or not.

I've listed what the correct sentences should look like and have tallied up all the errors to make it easier to spot them. I hope you find this useful! Please give my FB page 'Crystal Tuition' a 'like', so you don't miss any additional free material.

#### **KCS Sample A 2020 – Unofficial Answers from Crystal Tuition**

1) You're likely to make mistakes in French, if you don't practise speaking it.

Tally: 11111 (your, too, missing comma, don't, practice)

2) "My friend and I have never seen that film!" said John excitedly.

Tally: 11111 (and me, has, exclamation mark, comma outside, excitedly)

3) In the market, they were selling: carrots, potatoes and cauliflowers.

Tally: 11111 (comma, was, colon, comma, potatos)

4) It's not surprising that our dog doesn't like wearing its collar.

Tally: 11111 (Its, suprising, dosent, missing apostrophe, waring)

5) "How shocking!" said my mother, when she opened my report. "Why are your grades so bad?"

Tally: 11111 (exclamation mark, comma, full stop, open speech marks, close speech marks)