



Devonport
High School
For Boys

11+ Familiarisation Paper

2022

English Test

Time Allowed: One Hour

Section A

Read the extract and then answer the 20 multiple-choice questions that follow.

Circle the letter of the answer that you think is correct.

(30 minutes)

Section B

Choose one of the writing tasks. Plan and write in response to the task that you have chosen. (30 minutes)

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Section A: Spend 30 minutes on this section (20 marks)

Read the extract below and then answer the multiple-choice questions that follow:

'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' by L. Frank Baum

This extract comes from the start of the story when a farm is struck by a storm.

Dorothy lives at the farm with her Uncle Henry and Aunt Em, as well as her dog Toto. The wind is very strong and lifts the house up. A 'cyclone' is a swirling, rotating wind which can also be called a 'whirlwind'.

From the far north they heard a low wail of the wind, and Uncle Henry and Dorothy could see where the long grass bowed in waves before the coming storm. There now came a sharp whistling in the air from the south, and as they turned their eyes that way they saw ripples in the grass coming from that direction also.

Suddenly Uncle Henry stood up.

"There's a cyclone coming, Em," he called to his wife. "I'll go look after the stock."

Then he ran toward the sheds where the cows and horses were kept.

Aunt Em dropped her work and came to the door. One glance told her of the danger close at hand.

"Quick, Dorothy!" she screamed. "Run for the cellar!"

Toto jumped out of Dorothy's arms and hid under the bed, and the girl started to get him. Aunt Em, badly frightened, threw open the trap door in the floor and climbed down the ladder into the small, dark hole. Dorothy caught Toto at last and started to follow her aunt. When she was halfway across the room there came a great shriek from the wind, and the house shook so hard that she lost her footing and sat down suddenly upon the floor.

Then a strange thing happened.

The house whirled around two or three times and rose slowly through the air.

Dorothy felt as if she were going up in a balloon.

The north and south winds met where the house stood, and made it the exact centre of the cyclone. In the middle of a cyclone the air is generally still, but the great pressure of the wind on every side of the house raised it up higher and higher, until it was at the very top of the cyclone; and there it remained and was carried miles and miles away as easily as you could carry a feather.

It was very dark, and the wind howled horribly around her, but Dorothy found she was riding quite easily. After the first few whirls around, and one other time when the house tipped badly, she felt as if she were being rocked gently, like a baby in a cradle.

Toto did not like it. He ran about the room, now here, now there, barking loudly; but Dorothy sat quite still on the floor and waited to see what would happen.

Once Toto got too near the open trap door, and fell in; and at first the little girl thought she had lost him. But soon she saw one of his ears sticking up through the hole, for the strong pressure of the air was keeping him up so that he could not fall. She crept to the hole, caught Toto by the ear, and dragged him into the room again, afterward closing the trap door so that no more accidents could happen.

Hour after hour passed away, and slowly Dorothy got over her fright; but she felt quite lonely, and the wind shrieked so loudly all about her that she nearly became deaf. At first she had wondered if she would be dashed to pieces when the house fell again; but as the hours passed and nothing terrible happened, she stopped worrying and resolved to wait calmly and see what the future would bring. At last she crawled over the swaying floor to her bed, and lay down upon it; and Toto followed and lay down beside her.

In spite of the swaying of the house and the wailing of the wind, Dorothy soon closed her eyes and fell fast asleep.

Circle the letter of the correct answer:

1. What did Uncle Henry and Dorothy see coming from the south?

- A. A herd of cows
- B. Cars lifted by the cyclone
- C. Ripples in the grass
- D. Waving tree branches

2. Take another look at this quotation: "Aunt Em dropped her work". What is the effect of describing her in this way?

The description suggests:

- A. The situation is urgent and needs all of Aunt Em's attention
- B. Aunt Em is careless and easily drops things
- C. It was dark and an accident happened
- D. Her work is heavy and difficult

3. Where did Uncle Henry go?

- A. Through the trap door
- B. Into the kitchen
- C. To the sheds
- D. To the fields

4. Which statement is most accurate to describe Toto's reaction when he jumps out of Dorothy's arms?

- A. He is excited and wants to get a closer look at the storm
- B. He is nervous and wants to find shelter
- C. He is amused and being playful
- D. He is angry and wants to get away from Dorothy

5. Why does Dorothy think she has lost Toto?
- A. The dog stayed under the bed
 - B. The dog was in the shed
 - C. The dog kept running around
 - D. The dog fell in the trap door
6. Why does Dorothy feel she was being 'rocked gently, like a baby in a cradle'?
- A. Because she is quite young
 - B. Because she was riding the storm in the house quite easily
 - C. Because she is being comforted by her uncle and aunt
 - D. Because she is enjoying playing on a swing
7. When Dorothy 'resolved to wait calmly and see what the future would bring' what does it mean?
- A. It means she is determined to be patient and hopeful
 - B. It means she hates waiting and is impatient
 - C. It means she is looking forward to getting a present
 - D. It means she thinks something terrible is going to happen
8. Which sequence shows the correct order of events?
- A. The house whirls around and rises in the air. Dorothy enjoys the ride but Toto does not like it in the house. Dorothy falls asleep. The family hear the storm. Uncle Henry, Aunt Em and Dorothy get split up.
 - B. The family hear the storm. Uncle Henry, Aunt Em and Dorothy get split up. Dorothy falls asleep. The house whirls around and rises in the air. Dorothy enjoys the ride but Toto does not like it in the house.
 - C. The family hear the storm. Uncle Henry, Aunt Em and Dorothy get split up. The house whirls around and rises in the air. Dorothy enjoys the ride but Toto does not like it in the house. Dorothy falls asleep.
 - D. The house whirls around and rises in the air. Dorothy enjoys the ride but Toto does not like it in the house. Uncle Henry, Aunt Em and Dorothy get split up. The family hear the storm. Dorothy falls asleep.
9. Which of the following words is the closest in meaning to 'bowed' in the quotation: 'the long grass bowed in waves'?
- A. Played
 - B. Bent
 - C. Shouted
 - D. Fell

10. What type of figurative language is used in the quotation: the house 'was carried miles and miles away as easily as you could carry a feather'?

- A. Personification
- B. Metaphor
- C. Pathetic fallacy
- D. Simile

Select the correct word to complete the following sentences:

11. There were hundreds of _____ in the barn to store the family's belongings.
- A. box
 - B. boxies
 - C. boxes
 - D. boxs'
12. _____ need a bandage to cover the wound on his foot.
- A. He'll
 - B. Heel
 - C. Heal
 - D. He
13. The family _____ split up in three different places.
- A. were
 - B. we're
 - C. where
 - D. wear
14. Toto would have fallen through the trap door _____ Dorothy had not caught him.
- A. so
 - B. but
 - C. and
 - D. if
15. Dorothy and Uncle Henry were _____ to the wind.
- A. listen
 - B. listened
 - C. listening
 - D. listning

Circle the letter of the sentence that has an error or mistake:

16. Question mark

- A. Would you like to go to a zoo?
- B. I wonder if you have ever eaten a starfruit?
- C. How do you feel about the dark?
- D. Tell me what your favourite hobby is.

17. Semi-colon

- A. My brother can run really fast; I prefer swimming.
- B. My teacher; shouts loudly.
- C. I have to wash the car tonight; I will probably get soaking wet.
- D. When I'm doing my homework, I need: music playing; a cool drink; my favourite pen.

18. Speech marks

- A. The waiter asked, "What can I get you?"
- B. "Don't tell me," said Mo. "You forgot again."
- C. "What on earth is going on here"? asked the assistant.
- D. "I would like you to carry this bag," my grandad insisted.

19. Apostrophe

- A. You wouldn't enjoy eating locust ice-cream.
- B. Its wonderful when you can explore.
- C. The toy's battery has run out.
- D. You'll be busy this summer.

20. Commas

- A. Despite all the rain, the plants still needed watering.
- B. The chef, who was inventing a new menu, rummaged in the cupboard.
- C. You should try, to tidy your room.
- D. I felt excited on my way to the fair.

Section B: Spend 30 minutes on this section

Choose one of the tasks below and plan a piece of original writing based on that task. You must show your planning in the box below before writing an accurate response on the page opposite. Write a minimum of half a side of A4 and a maximum of one side of A4.

You have 30 minutes to plan, write and check your work for its accuracy. Leave time to check your spelling, punctuation and grammar.

1. Imagine you are Uncle Henry. Write a statement which recounts the storm from his point of view; remember that Uncle Henry went out to the barn and was not inside the house when it blew away.
2. Write a newspaper article which reports information about how extreme weather has affected a place. You can base it on the story or write about a different place; it can be real or imagined.
3. Write the opening of a new adventure story. You should include a description of a suitable setting, introduce the main characters and start the action.

Planning space

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