



Devonport
High School
For Boys

11+ Familiarisation

Saturday 10 June 2017

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:

'To Kill a Mockingbird' Harper Lee

Scout Finch lives with her brother, Jem, and their widowed father, Atticus, in the sleepy Alabama town of Maycomb. One summer, Jem and Scout befriend a boy named Dill, who has come to live in their neighborhood for the summer, and the trio acts out stories together. Eventually, Dill becomes fascinated with the spooky house on their street called the Radley Place.

The Radley Place fascinated Dill. In spite of our warnings and explanations it drew him as the moon draws water, but drew him no nearer than the light-pole on the corner, a safe distance from the Radley gate. There he would stand, his arm around the fat pole, staring and wondering.

The Radley Place jutted into a sharp curve beyond our house. Walking south, one faced its porch; the sidewalk turned and ran beside the lot. The house was low, was once white with a deep front porch and green shutters, but had long ago darkened to the color of the slate-gray yard around it. Rain-rotted shingles drooped over the eaves of the veranda; oak trees kept the sun away. The remains of a picket drunkenly guarded the front yard- a "swept" yard that was never swept-where johnson grass and rabbit-tobacco grew in abundance.

Inside the house lived a malevolent phantom. People said he existed, but Jem and I had never seen him. People said he went out at night when the moon was down, and peeped in windows. When people's azaleas froze in a cold snap, it was because he had breathed on them. Any stealthy small crimes committed in Maycomb were his work. Once the town was terrorized by a series of morbid nocturnal events: people's chickens and household pets were found mutilated; although the culprit was Crazy Addie, who eventually drowned himself in Barker's Eddy, people still looked at the Radley Place, unwilling to discard their initial suspicions. A Negro would not pass the Radley Place at night, he would cut across to the sidewalk opposite and whistle as he

walked. The Maycomb school grounds adjoined the back of the Radley lot; from the Radley chickenyard tall pecan trees shook their fruit into the schoolyard, but the nuts lay untouched by the children: Radley pecans would kill you. A baseball hit into the Radley yard was a lost ball and no questions asked.

"Wonder what he looks like?" said Dill.

Jem gave a reasonable description of Boo: Boo was about six-and-a-half feet tall, judging from his tracks; he dined on raw squirrels and any cats he could catch, that's why his hands were bloodstained- if you ate an animal raw, you could never wash the blood off. There was a long jagged scar that ran across his face; what teeth he had were yellow and rotten; his eyes popped, and he drooled most of the time.

"Let's try to make him come out," said Dill. "I'd like to see what he looks like."

Circle the letter of the correct answer:

1. Where would Dill stand to look at the Radley house?
 - A. On the porch
 - B. Under the light-pole on the corner
 - C. On the other side of the street
 - D. In the Radley's front garden

2. Take another look at this quotation: "it drew him as the moon draws water"(lines 1-2). What is the purpose of describing Dill's attraction to the Radley house in this way?
The description emphasises:
 - A. that Dill's attraction to the house is natural and uncontrollable
 - B. that Dill is carried to the house by water
 - C. that Dill is lead to the house by the moonlight
 - D. that Dill drew a picture of the house

3. Who said that Boo Radley dined on squirrels and cats?
 - A. Dill
 - B. Crazy Addie
 - C. A person from the town
 - D. Jem

4. What would happen to a baseball that was hit into the Radley yard?
 - A. Boo Radley would throw it back
 - B. It was lost and no questions were asked
 - C. The person who hit it would enter the yard to get it back
 - D. The police would be called

5. What kind of atmosphere does the writer convey through the language used to describe the house?
 - A. Joyful and exciting
 - B. Dangerous
 - C. Neglected and depressing
 - D. Spooky

6. Why would the school children not eat the pecan nuts that fell from the Radley's tree into the schoolyard?
 - A. The chickens ate them all
 - B. The nuts were rotten
 - C. It was believed that Radley nuts would kill you
 - D. The headteacher told them not to

7. Which two words were used by Jem to describe Boo (lines....)?
 - A. Small and round
 - B. Rotten and blood-stained
 - C. Wicked and tall
 - D. Green and toothless

8. Which sequence shows the correct order of events?
- A. The superstitions about Boo are described; Dill wonders what Boo looks like; The Radley Place is described; Dill stares at The Radley Place; Jem describes Boo; Dill suggests trying to make Boo come out.
 - B. Dill stares at The Radley Place; Dill suggests trying to make Boo come out; the superstitions about Boo are described; Jem describes Boo; The Radley Place is described; Dill wonders what Boo looks like.
 - C. Jem describes Boo; The Radley Place is described; Dill wonders what Boo looks like; Dill stares at The Radley Place; the superstitions about Boo are described; Dill suggests trying to make Boo come out.
 - D. Dill stares at The Radley Place; The Radley Place is described; the superstitions about Boo are described; Dill wonders what Boo looks like; Jem describes Boo; Dill suggests trying to make Boo come out.
9. Which of the following words is closest in meaning to “malevolent” (line ...)?
- A. Scary
 - B. Ugly
 - C. Evil
 - D. Mysterious
10. What type of words are the following: ‘rotten’, ‘yellow’, ‘cold’, ‘jagged’?
- A. Noun
 - B. Verb
 - C. Adverb
 - D. Adjective

Select the correct word to complete the following sentences:

11. After I entered the house, I _____ that I was in danger.

- A. realised
- B. realising
- C. realise
- D. realises

12. My friend and _____ both love to make up spooky stories.

- A. me
- B. I
- C. mine
- D. my

13. Long, hot summers in Spain are the best. I love going _____.

- A. there
- B. their
- C. theyre
- D. they're

14. _____ do you like to go on holiday?

- A. Were
- B. We're
- C. Where
- D. Wear

15. I would love to come to your party _____ I'm not feeling well.

- A. but
- B. because
- C. and
- D. so

Choose the correct punctuation mark to place in the blank space:

16. Have you ever seen the school that looks like Hogwarts____

- A. !
- B. .
- C. ,
- D. ?

17. My favourite pizza topping is ham and cheese ____ my brother's is pepperoni.

- A. ,
- B. ;
- C. .
- D. !

18. The referee shouted, ____ Stop!"

- A. “
- B. :
- C. !
- D. -

19. For the camping trip, you will need____ a tent; a sleeping bag; some wellies and a warm coat.

- A. ;
- B. :
- C. .
- D. ?

20. DHSB ____ Devonport High School for Boys) is a fantastic school!

- A. ...
- B.)
- C. (
- D. :

Section B: Spend 30 minutes on this section

Task: choose one of the tasks below and plan a piece of imaginative writing based on that task. You must show your planning in the box below before writing an accurate response on the next page. 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 that you are Dill and you and Jem approach the Radley house one summer evening to try and make Boo Radley come out so that you can get a look at him. Write an extract of a story about that evening. Describe what the house looks like from close up; explain how you feel as you approach the house and describe what happens as you and Jem try to get Boo to come out. Remember to use descriptive words to make your writing vivid and interesting for the reader.
2. Write an article for a newspaper that informs your readers of a sighting of the mysterious Boo Radley. Include details of the house and the person who saw Boo. (You do not have to write in columns.)
3. Write a letter to a friend to try and persuade them help you find out what Boo Radley looks like. Remember to use persuasive techniques.

Planning space

