



Devonport  
High School  
For Boys

11+ Familiarisation

Saturday 9 June 2018

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:**

### **'War of the Worlds' H.G Wells**

**Early one morning, the residents of Surrey are disturbed by a strange cylinder falling from the atmosphere. Many people witness the 'falling star', but one man called Ogilvy decides to investigate further.**

#### **CHAPTER TWO: THE FALLING STAR**

Then came the night of the first falling star. It was seen early in the morning, rushing over Winchester eastward, a line of flame high in the atmosphere. Hundreds must have seen it, and taken it for an ordinary falling star. Albin described it as leaving a greenish streak behind it that glowed for some seconds. Denning, our greatest authority on meteorites, stated that the height of its first appearance was about ninety or one hundred miles. It seemed to him that it fell to earth about one hundred miles east of him.

I was at home at that hour and writing in my study; and although my French windows face towards Ottershaw and the blind was up (for I loved in those days to look up at the night sky), I saw nothing of it. Yet this strangest of all things that ever came to earth from outer space must have fallen while I was sitting there, visible to me had I only looked up as it passed. Some of those who saw its flight say it travelled with a hissing sound. I myself heard nothing of that. Many people in Berkshire, Surrey, and Middlesex must have seen the fall of it, and, at most, have thought that another meteorite had descended. No one seems to have troubled to look for the fallen mass that night.

But very early in the morning poor Ogilvy, who had seen the shooting star and who was persuaded that a meteorite lay somewhere on the common between Horsell, Ottershaw, and Woking, rose early with the idea of finding it. Find it he did, soon after dawn, and not far from the sand pits. An enormous hole had been made by the impact of the projectile, and the sand and gravel had been flung violently in every direction over the heath, forming heaps visible a mile and a half away. The heather was on fire eastward, and a thin blue smoke rose against the dawn.

The Thing itself lay almost entirely buried in sand, amidst the scattered splinters of a fir tree it had shivered to fragments in its descent. The uncovered part had the appearance of a huge cylinder, caked over and its outline softened by a thick scaly dun-coloured incrustation. It had a diameter of about thirty yards. He approached the mass, surprised at the size and more so at the shape, since most meteorites are rounded more or less completely. It was, however, still so hot from its flight through the air as to forbid his near approach. A stirring noise within its cylinder he ascribed to the unequal cooling of its surface; for at that time it had not occurred to him that it might be hollow.

He remained standing at the edge of the pit that the Thing had made for itself, staring at its strange appearance, astonished chiefly at its unusual shape and colour, and dimly perceiving even then some evidence of design in its arrival. The early morning was wonderfully still, and the sun, just clearing the pine trees towards Weybridge, was already warm. He did not remember hearing any birds that morning, there was certainly no breeze stirring, and the only sounds were the faint movements from within the cindery cylinder. He was all alone on the common.

Then suddenly he noticed with a start that some of the grey clinker, the ashy incrustation that covered the meteorite, was falling off the circular edge of the end. It was dropping off in flakes and raining down upon the sand. A large piece suddenly came off and fell with a sharp noise that brought his heart into his mouth.

For a minute he scarcely realised what this meant, and, although the heat was excessive, he clambered down into the pit close to the bulk to see the Thing more clearly. He fancied even then that the cooling of the body might account for this, but what disturbed that idea was the fact that the ash was falling only from the end of the cylinder.

And then he perceived that, very slowly, the circular top of the cylinder was rotating on its body. It was such a gradual movement that he discovered it only through noticing that a black mark that had been near him five minutes ago was now at the other side of the circumference. Even then he scarcely understood what this indicated, until he heard a muffled grating sound and saw the black mark jerk forward an inch or so. Then the thing came upon him in a flash. The cylinder was artificial--hollow--with an end that screwed out! Something within the cylinder was unscrewing the top!

**Circle the letter of the correct answer:**

1. Where was the first 'falling star' seen rushing over?
  - A. Ottershaw
  - B. Winchester
  - C. Berkshire
  - D. Surrey
  
2. Take another look at this quotation: "leaving a greenish streak behind it that glowed for some seconds." (lines 3-4). What is the purpose of describing the 'shooting star' in this way?

The description suggests:

  - A. that the 'shooting star' was supernatural
  - B. that the 'shooting star' was a firework
  - C. that the 'shooting star' had a glowing light
  - D. that the 'shooting star' could be seen for a few seconds

3. Who stated that the 'shooting star' was 90 to 100 miles high when it was first seen?
- A. Ogilvy
  - B. Albin
  - C. The narrator
  - D. Denning
4. Why did the narrator not see the 'shooting star' fall?
- A. His blinds on his French windows were down
  - B. He did not look up at his window as it passed
  - C. His window faces the wrong way
  - D. He was asleep
5. When Ogilvy is standing at the edge of the pit, what kind of atmosphere does the writer convey through the language used to describe 'The Thing'?
- A. Joyful and exciting
  - B. Dangerous
  - C. Disbelief
  - D. Sad and depressing
6. Why was there gravel and sand flung all over the heath?
- A. There was a high wind
  - B. Men had tried to dig 'The Thing' out of the ground
  - C. The impact that 'The Thing' made had created a large crater
  - D. There had been a storm the night before
7. Which three words were used to describe the incrustation that covered the cylinder?
- A. Small, shiny and round
  - B. Thick, scaly and dun-coloured
  - C. Wicked, silent and tall
  - D. Green, scaly and noisy

8. Which sequence shows the correct order of events?
- A. Ogilvy found the 'shooting star' in an enormous hole near the sand pits; many people saw a 'falling star' early in the morning; the end of the cylinder was being unscrewed from within; the ashy incrustation started falling off the circular edge of the end of the cylinder; Ogilvy climbed down into the pit to get a closer look at 'The Thing'; Ogilvy heard sounds coming from the cylinder.
  - B. Ogilvy heard sounds coming from the cylinder; Ogilvy found the 'shooting star' in an enormous hole near the sand pits; the ashy incrustation started falling off the circular edge of the end of the cylinder; many people saw a 'falling star' early in the morning; the end of the cylinder was being unscrewed from within; Ogilvy climbed down into the pit to get a closer look at 'The Thing'.
  - C. Ogilvy climbed down into the pit to get a closer look at 'The Thing'; Ogilvy found the 'shooting star' in an enormous hole near the sand pits; the ashy incrustation started falling off the circular edge of the end of the cylinder; many people saw a 'falling star' early in the morning; the end of the cylinder was being unscrewed from within; Ogilvy heard sounds coming from the cylinder.
  - D. Many people saw a 'falling star' early in the morning; Ogilvy found the 'shooting star' in an enormous hole near the sand pits; Ogilvy heard sounds coming from the cylinder; the ashy incrustation started falling off the circular edge of the end of the cylinder; Ogilvy climbed down into the pit to get a closer look at 'The Thing'; the end of the cylinder was being unscrewed from within.
9. Which of the following words is closest in meaning to "perceived" (1st line of last paragraph)?
- A. Heard
  - B. Felt
  - C. Realised
  - D. Looked
10. What type of words are the following: black, muffled, grating, hollow?
- A. Noun
  - B. Verb
  - C. Adverb
  - D. Adjective

**Select the correct word to complete the following sentences:**

11. After I entered the pit, I \_\_\_\_\_ that it was not a shooting star.

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

12. My friend and \_\_\_\_\_ both saw a falling star early in the morning.

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

13. My friend lives in the countryside; I love going \_\_\_\_\_.

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

14. \_\_\_\_\_ do you like to play with your friends?

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

15. I would like to go to the beach today \_\_\_\_\_ 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 a meteorite \_\_\_\_

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

17. My favourite flavour of crisps is cheese and onion \_\_\_\_ my brother's is salt and vinegar.

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

18. The police shouted, \_\_\_\_ "Freeze!"

- A. “
- B. :
- C. !
- D. -

19. For your holiday, you will need \_\_\_\_ a suitcase; a swimming costume; some sun-cream and a pair of shorts.

- 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 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 that you are Ogilvy and you have just witnessed the end of the cylinder being unscrewed from within. Write an extract of a story following on from this moment. Describe what comes out of the cylinder; explain how you feel as you see what comes out and describe what happens immediately afterwards. 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 the sighting of the 'falling star'. Include details of the 'The Thing' and the person who first saw it. (You do not have to write in columns.)
3. Write a letter to a friend to try and persuade them to help you try and find the landing site of the 'falling star'. Remember to use persuasive techniques.

Planning space







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