

Paper B. 2015

ENGLISH 11+



Name:

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You have 40 minutes in which to complete this paper.

Focus on using correct spelling and punctuation.

Make sure that your work is original.

Read the questions carefully.

Total marks available are 50.

25 marks in section 1 and 25 in section 2.

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Section 1 (25 marks out of 50)

Read the following poem and then answer the questions.
Make sure you answer in full sentences.

**What are you able to build with your blocks?
Castles and palaces, temples and docks.
Rain may keep raining, and others go roam,
But I can be happy and building at home.**

**Let the sofa be mountains, the carpet be sea, 5
There I'll establish a city for me:
A kirk and a mill and a palace beside,
And a harbour as well where my vessels may ride.**

**Great is the palace with pillar and wall,
A sort of a tower on the top of it all, 10
And steps coming down in an orderly way
To where my toy vessels lie safe in the bay.**

**This one is sailing and that one is moored:
Hark to the song of the sailors aboard!
And see, on the steps of my palace, the kings 15
Coming and going with presents and things!**

**Now I have done with it, down let it go!
All in a moment the town is laid low.
Block upon block lying scattered and free,
What is there left of my town by the sea? 20**

**Yet as I saw it, I see it again,
The kirk and the palace, the ships and the men,
And as long as I live and where'er I may be,
I'll always remember my town by the sea. 24**

by Robert Louis Stevenson

1. Supply a suitable title for the poem. (1 mark)

2. Where is the palace of which the author speaks? (2 marks)

3. How did the “city” come into existence? (line 6) (2 marks)

4. Explain what action took place in the fifth verse. (2 marks)

5. How is the author able to “see it again”? (line 21) (2 marks)

Section 2 (25 marks out of 50)

The following story is an Aesop's Fable. Aesop was famous for writing stories with morals. Fables are often short, entertaining tales designed to teach children the difference between right and wrong.

Read the story and then answer the questions that follow.

A Shepherd Boy tended his master's sheep near a dark forest not far from the village. Soon he found life in the pasture very dull. All he could do to amuse himself was to talk to his dog or play on his shepherd's pipe.

One day as he sat watching the sheep and the quiet forest, and thinking what he would do should he see a wolf, he thought of a plan to amuse himself.

His master had told him to call for help should a wolf attack the flock, and the villagers would drive it away. So now, though he had not seen anything that even looked like a wolf, he ran toward the village shouting at the top of his voice, "Wolf! Wolf!"

As he expected, the villagers who heard the cry dropped their work and ran in great excitement to the pasture. But when they got there they found the boy doubled up with laughter at the trick he had played on them.

A few days later the Shepherd Boy again shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!" Again the villagers ran to help him, only to be laughed at again.

Then one evening as the sun was setting behind the forest and the shadows were creeping out over the pasture, a Wolf really did spring from the underbrush and fall upon the Sheep.

In terror the boy ran toward the village shouting "Wolf! Wolf!" But though the villagers heard the cry, they did not run to help him as they had before. "He cannot fool us again," they said.

The wolf killed a great many of the boy's sheep and then slipped away into the forest.

