

The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School
Elstree, Herts

11+ Entrance Examination 2011



ENGLISH

Time : One Hour

There are two parts to this examination:

Section A tests your Reading

Section B tests your Writing

Allow yourself 30 minutes for each part. In addition, you will have 10 minutes reading time at the beginning of the examination.

Please follow these instructions

- Write your name and examination number at the top of this page, AND at the top of each sheet of lined paper you use for Section B.
- Write in ink, and remember that handwriting and neatness will be taken into account.
- Answer Section A (Reading) in this booklet. You will be given lined paper for Section B (Writing).
- Do not take your Reading Passage away from the examination room.

SECTION A: Reading (30 mins)

For questions 1-9, write your answer in the box. DO NOT use full sentences. Make your answers as short as possible, using exact words from the text if you can.

e.g. Q: Who is driving the car at the beginning of the extract?
A: Mr. Boggis

1. Find an example of body language in lines 1-6 which shows that Mr. Boggis is 'comfortable'.

ANSWER:

2. What two plants are mentioned in lines 1-6?

ANSWER: _____ and _____

3. In lines 8-12, how far is Boggis from Brill Hill?

ANSWER:

4. Find a piece of information in lines 8-12 which tells you something about what the village of Brill looks like.

ANSWER:

5. What day of the week does this story take place on?

ANSWER:

6. Find a piece of evidence from lines 14-19 which shows us that Boggis does NOT stop the car in the middle of the village.

ANSWER:

7. What is described as being like 'a huge green carpet'?

ANSWER:

8. What kind of trees does Boggis see around the Queen Anne house?

ANSWER:

9. In lines 21-33, how many buildings in total are we told about IN TOTAL?

ANSWER:

For questions 10-12, CIRCLE the correct answer.

10. What word is closest in meaning to the word 'Studied', as it is used in line 31?:

- a. *examined*
- b. *ignored*
- c. *noticed*

11. Complete this sentence with the most accurate statement, based on the information in the passage:

The house mentioned in lines 23-24...

- a. *is a royal residence.*
- b. *was built during the reign of Queen Anne.*
- c. *is called 'Queen Anne's House'*

12. Why does he decide NOT to call on the house at the end of the story?

- a. *Because he is tired.*
- b. *Because the owners look too rich.*
- c. *Because the house is Georgian.*

For questions 13-15, first circle the correct answer, and then write a short paragraph in the box to explain how you came to this answer. You SHOULD use full sentences.

e.g. Pick the most accurate statement, based on the information in the passage:

- a. *Mr Boggis is driving along a motorway.*
- b. *Mr Boggis has a fast car.*
- c. *Mr Boggis is not in a hurry.*

REASON: I think Mr Boggis is not in a hurry because we are told that he 'was driving the car slowly'. There is no evidence in the writing that his car is fast. The passage seems very calm, and so I don't think he is on a motorway.

13. Pick the most accurate statement, based on the information in the passage:

- a. *It's unclear why Boggis has come to the countryside.*
- b. *Boggis has come to visit friends.*
- c. *Boggis is a painter.*

REASON:

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14. Pick the most accurate statement, based on the information in the passage:

- a. *Boggis is here for fun.*
- b. *Boggis has some kind of job to do.*
- c. *Boggis is a policeman.*

REASON:

15. Pick the most accurate statement, based on the information in the passage:

- a. *Boggis likes to help people.*
- b. *Boggis is a little bit sinister.*
- c. *Boggis likes to have a good time.*

REASON:

Check your answers for Section A carefully. When you are certain that you want to move on to Section B, read the instructions which follow very carefully.

SECTION B: Writing (30 mins)

Use A4 lined paper for your answer. MAKE SURE you write your name and candidate number at the top.

Choose just ONE of the following topics and write about it as interestingly and carefully as you can. Make sure your spelling and punctuation are as accurate as possible.

Either

1. Imagine that Mr. Boggis has chosen a house to visit, and has driven there. Write about what happens next.

OR

2. Describe a place that you particularly like, and explain why it means so much to you.

OR

3. Write a story about exploration.