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The Latymer School

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION



ENGLISH PAPER

Part 1 Reading (30 minutes)

Read the extract provided and answer the questions which follow using full sentences where appropriate. Please be careful about spelling and punctuation in your answers.

The marks for each question are indicated and are there to help you.

Part 2 Writing (30 minutes)

The writing section of the paper will ask you to continue the story using a similar style to the writer of the extract. You should allow 30 minutes for this task.

You will be told when you have 30 minutes left.

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Write your answers in the spaces provided after each question. If you run out of space for an answer use the space provided at the end of this booklet, numbering your answers carefully.

Turn the page over for the rest of the question.

Reading Section – 30 minutes

Look carefully at the different sections of the extract to which the questions direct you.

1. Give two quotations from the first paragraph of the extract that stress the intensity of the heat of the sun on the prairie.

i.
ii.

[2 marks]

2. Look again at **lines 9-11** in the second paragraph. Find a quotation that presents the arrival of the hawk. Describe how the quotation presents the impact of the hawk's arrival. **Use these sentence starters to help you. Write in complete sentences.**

<i>The quotation that presents the arrival of the hawk is...</i>
<i>This presents the impact of the hawk's arrival as...</i>

[1 mark for identifying the correct evidence and **2 marks** for explaining the effect of the evidence. A total of **3 marks** available]

3. Give two quotations from lines 12-18 of the extract that show that Pa's work on the prairie is challenging.

ii.
iii.

[2 marks]

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4. What simile in lines 23-24 does the writer use to describe the heat?

[1 mark]

5. What simile in lines 27-28 does the writer use to describe Laura's feelings upon seeing the snake?

[1 mark]

6. Give three reasons why Laura is not afraid of the snake.

i.
ii.
iii.

[3 marks]

7. Look again at lines 45-51. Explain in your own words how you know the muskrats have built their house expertly.

[1 mark]

8. Decide whether the following statements are true or false and put a tick in the correct box.

	True	False
The muskrats' house has no protection from the rain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pa has left a stack of hay whilst working on the prairie.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pa is glad there are no trees on the prairie.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

[3 marks]

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9. Look again at lines 58-62 in the extract, where the writer describes the routine and lifestyle of the muskrats:

“All night long, in the starlight or moonlight, they swam and played along the edges of the water, feeding on roots and stems and leaves of the water-plants and grasses. When dawn was coming ghostly grey, they swam home. They dived and came up through their water-door. Dripping, they went up the slope of their hallway, each to his own grass-lined room. There they curled comfortably to sleep.”

Think of **two adjectives of your own** that **you** could use to describe the routine and lifestyle of the muskrats. Do not use words in the description.

i.
ii.

[2 marks]

10. Write down the meaning of the following words. (They are underlined in the passage.)

i. gauzy	
ii. formidable	
iii. resplendent	

[3 marks]

11. Look again at the whole extract. The writer makes the reader have a deep appreciation and admiration for nature. Choose two pieces of evidence (you can summarise in your own words or use quotations) where you think the writer makes you feel like this. Then describe how the writer creates this effect.

Evidence	Effect/reasons
	Here, the writer makes the reader have a deep appreciation and admiration for nature because...

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[2 marks for each explanation
4 marks available in total]

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